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Franciscan Sister Mona Wingert shares a moment with Bishop William G. Curlin following a jubilee Mass in honor of her golden anniversary. Sister Mona is assistant superintendent of diocesan schools.

## Martin Luna's Family Circle Grows At St. Eugene Parish

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

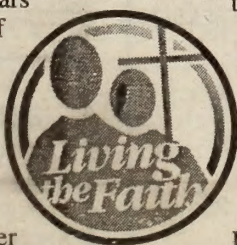
Last August, the N.C. Office of Minority Health reported the number of Hispanic and Latino births in Buncombe County rose by 28 percent over four years (1990-94), and the number of Hispanic and Latino students rose 135 percent. In this same time frame, the number of migrant or seasonal farm workers in the area remained virtually unchanged. Yet many people in the greater Asheville area remain largely unaware of the growing "resident" Hispanic population around them. In most instances, the perception focuses exclusively on migrant farm workers.

This no longer surprises Martin Luna and his wife Christine, members

of St. Eugene parish, who have been "catalytic," according to Father Frank Cancro, in their care of the growing Hispanic community here in recent years. They themselves were surprised to realize how many Hispanics were in the area at the time of their wedding in 1987.

Since moving to the U.S. in 1985, Luna, who was born in La Barca, Jalisco, Mexico, has become the "Padrino" of sorts to an increasing number of Hispanic parishioners at St. Eugene Church. Christine, a native of Miami who grew up in Asheville, shares a Columbian heritage from her mother and is also bilingual. Together they expend much of their time,

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## Cardinal Calls Terminal Cancer 'God's Special Gift'

By BILL BRITT

CHICAGO (CNS) — Less than 48 hours after learning he was dying of liver cancer, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago called it "God's special gift to me."

"I have been told that it is terminal and my life expectancy is one year or less," he said at a press conference Aug. 30 at the archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

The news of the recurrence of Cardinal Bernardin's cancer — for which he underwent surgery in June 1995 — prompted expressions of sorrow by other religious leaders.

"I have been assured that I still have some quality time left," Cardinal Bernardin said at the press conference. He pledged to "keep a full schedule for as long as I can" and to "keep everyone informed of my health."

The day after the press conference, Cardinal Bernardin participated in a previously planned anointing service designed to build on his ministry to those suffering from cancer. The Aug. 31 service at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield was the second of three such services; Cardinal Bernardin was the first person anointed.

The cardinal, who turned 68 in April, said blood tests done only three weeks earlier had indicated he was cancer-free. But the spread of pancreatic cancer to his liver was discovered during tests done Aug. 28 in preparation for back surgery in September.

Five tumors, each one to two inches in diameter, were found on the cardinal's liver. According to doctors, this stage of the disease is advanced and inoperable. The planned back surgery was canceled.

Flanked by his auxiliary bishops, Cardinal Bernardin told a crammed gallery of journalists and photographers that he would begin a different form of chemotherapy called Gemzar, or gemcitabine, immediately. "If successful," he said, "this therapy may increase my time somewhat but it will not effect a cure."

"We can look at death as an enemy or a friend," he said. "As a person of faith, I see death as a friend, as the

transition from earthly life to life eternal."

Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the U.S. bishops' twin conferences, said it was "with great sorrow that I have heard from Cardinal Bernardin about the recurrence of his cancer."

In an Aug. 30 statement issued in Washington, Bishop Pilla called the cardinal "a great human being and a great Christian."

He said Cardinal Bernardin "has endured this suffering with great faith, hope and love; and — true pastor that he is — he has used his time of sickness to reach out and comfort other victims of cancer."

"He will be constantly in our prayers," Bishop Pilla said.

In Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger M. Mahony said Aug. 30 that Cardinal Bernardin's "spiritual fortitude will be an inner strength to so many people across the country who, possibly even today themselves, received similar news from their doctors."

It is providential, he said in a statement, that Cardinal Bernardin, "so well known for his healing, mediating and reconciling efforts," recently announced "the Common Ground initiative to bring about greater unity within the Catholic community across the country."

Cardinal Mahony expressed confidence that "this latest initiative will serve as a clear testament to (Cardinal Bernardin's) lifelong work to bring about harmony and peace among all peoples, especially within the church."

Linda Pieczynski, president of the Chicago-based Call to Action, praised Cardinal Bernardin's "openness and grace in dealing with this very painful discovery."

"I hope people will take the time to reflect on how blessed we are to have him in Chicago as a great leader and to appreciate his deep love of the church and concern as a pastor for all people," she said in a statement Aug. 30.

Richard Weinberg, president of the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee, called Cardinal

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# Cardinal Says He's "At Peace," Talks About Illness, from page 1

Bernardin "a loyal friend of the Jewish community and an instrumental figure in the furthering of Catholic-Jewish relations."

"To use an old Yiddish term," he said in a statement Aug. 30, "he is truly a 'mensch,' an entirely decent human being. We look forward to working with the cardinal and supporting him in any possible way we can."

At his press conference, Cardinal Bernardin said the future of the Catholic Common Ground Project, a call for dialogue within the church, "is not dependent on me." He said the project, launched earlier in August, will go forward and he will continue to be a part of it for as long as he can.

All questions of a successor are premature, he said, adding that he had informed Rome of his condition. He would not comment on whether he would request a coadjutor, a bishop appointed as a special assistant who then would have automatic right of succession.

"I hoped throughout my ministry, my life, that I would leave a community that would be more gentle, more loving, more compassionate," he said.

As the disease progresses, the cardinal likely will lose his energy and appetite and eventually be bedridden. But he said he wants to stay active and productive.

"I would like to go to Rome again," he said. "And to my family's home in northern Italy."

In closing, he asked for unity, community and prayer.

He asked the priests and people of Chicago to "pray that I may continue to serve you and the broader church with understanding, compassion and fidelity."

He also asked members of the media — with whom he said he enjoyed "a good professional relationship" during his 14 years as archbishop of Chicago — to pray for him. "And, in return," he said, "I will pray for you and your loved ones."

*Here is the text of Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin's Aug. 30 statement on his new battle with cancer:*

Since I was diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer last June and, later, various spinal difficulties, I have kept everyone fully apprised of my health. In keeping with that policy I come to you again today to give you an update.

On Wednesday of this week, examinations conducted at Loyola Medical Center indicated that the cancer has returned, this time in the liver. I have been told that it is terminal and my life expectancy is one year or less. I will indeed begin a different form of chemotherapy entitled Gemzar (gemcitabine). If successful, this therapy may increase

my time somewhat but it will not effect a cure.

In light of this latest diagnosis, the back surgery for the spinal stenosis has been canceled. Such surgery is usually done only when the prospects for life are more promising. Moreover, were the surgery to take place, it would delay the chemotherapy.

I have been assured that I still have some quality time left. My prayer is that I will use whatever time is left in a positive way, that is, a way that will be of benefit to the priests and people I have been called to serve, as well as to my own spiritual well-being.

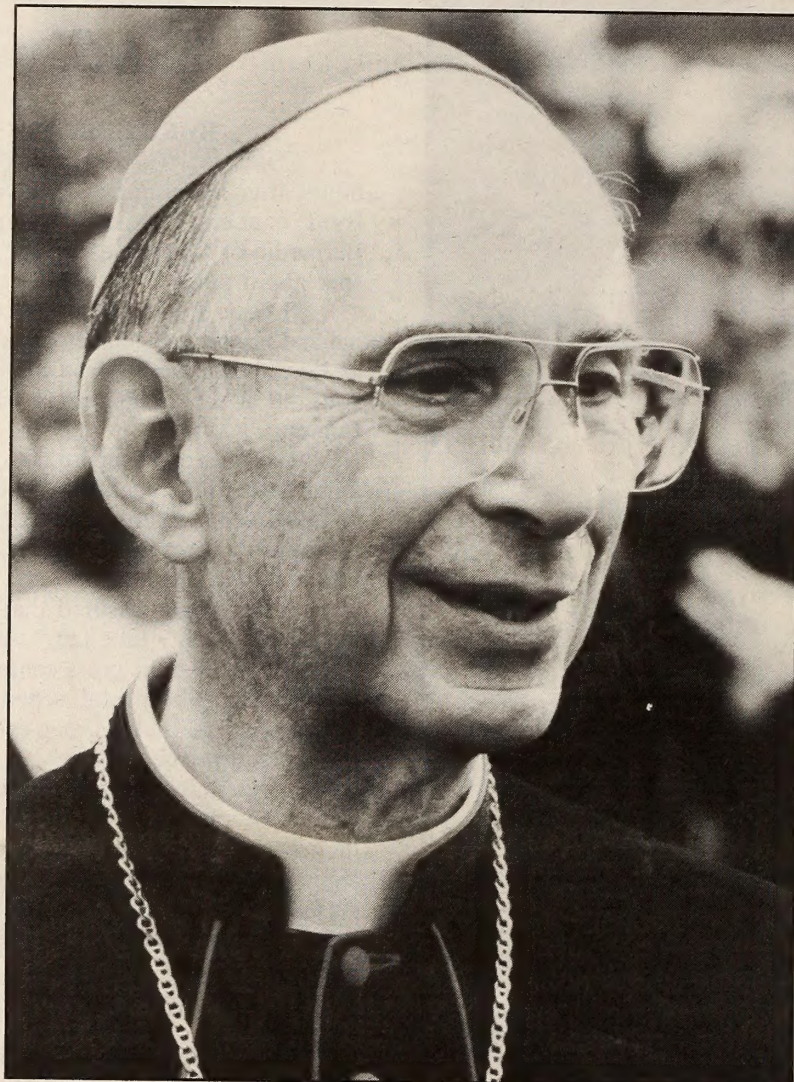
Over the past year, I have counseled the cancer patients with whom I have been in touch (the prayer list now numbers over 600) to place themselves entirely in the hands of the Lord. I have personally always tried to do that; now I have done so with greater conviction and trust than ever before. While I know that, humanly speaking, I will have to deal with difficult moments, I can say in all sincerity that I am at peace. I consider this as God's special gift to me at this moment in my life.

There is another thought I have shared with my friends who have cancer and I would like to share it with you; indeed it follows from what I have just said. We can look at death as an enemy or a friend. If we see it as an enemy, death causes anxiety and fear. We tend to go into a state of denial. But if we see it as a friend, our attitude is truly different. As a person of faith, I see death as a friend, as the transition from earthly life to life eternal.

In the coming months I will continue to serve the archdiocese in the way I have in the past. I will keep a full schedule for as long as I can. Moreover, as appropriate, I will keep everyone informed of my health.

In conclusion, I wish to speak two brief words. First, to my priests and people whom I love so much. Pray that I may continue to serve you and the broader church with understanding, compassion and fidelity. Through our solidarity and mutual support and trust, may we give a credible witness to God's love for all of us.

My second word is to you, the members of the media. We have enjoyed a good professional relationship in the years I have been archbishop of Chicago — and this will continue. Now I ask that you stand with me personally. Whatever your religious affiliation may be, I ask that you say a prayer for me. And, in return, I will pray for you and your loved ones.



Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin smiles after greeting Pope John Paul II at Newark International Airport last October. CNS photo

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## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
September 8 - 14



Sunday:	Exodus 33: 7-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20
Monday:	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8 Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11 Luke 6: 12-19
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31 Luke 6: 20-26
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 8: 1-7, 11-13 Luke 6: 27-38
Friday:	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27 Luke 6: 39-42
Saturday:	Numbers 21: 4-9 Philippians 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17

## Cornelius and Cyprian



These two martyrs promoted a policy of mercy toward Christians who had fallen away during the persecution of Decius. Cyprian, a bishop and friend of Pope Cornelius, supported the pope's condemnation of Novatian. The pope died in exile in 253.

Cyprian was beheaded in 258 for his refusal to worship pagan gods. Their feast is Sept. 16.



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Please pray for the  
following deceased priests  
during the month of  
September

September 17  
Reverend James King, 1978

September 26  
Reverend Msgr. Hugh Dolan,  
1981



## Mother Teresa Eager To Leave Hospital

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa has been pressing doctors to release her from the hospital, but still needs time to regain her strength, her doctors said Sept. 3.

One of the doctors treating Mother Teresa, Dr. Sudipta Sen, said the Nobel laureate's release from the hospital "depends on how long we take to make her a little bit stronger."

Mother Teresa remained in intensive care after a two-week struggle with an irregular heartbeat and malaria, as well as a lung infection caused by a respirator that helped her to breathe during her hospitalization.

Sen said that the lung infection was "nothing to worry about" and was being treated with antibiotics. An X-ray taken Sept. 1 revealed no new lung infections.

Doctors were debating the use of electric shock treatment to stabilize Mother Teresa's heart rhythm. However, Sen said an irregular heartbeat would not prevent her from returning to the Calcutta headquarters of her order, the Missionaries of Charity.

"There are many heart patients who move around with irregular rhythm," he said.

"She is pressing us every day to release her," said Sen, director of Woodlands Nursing Home, where Mother Teresa has been hospitalized since Aug. 20. "It is virtually a tug of war every day, and every day we are telling her that we are going to release her tomorrow."

An altar and small statue of Jesus were provided for Mother Teresa inside the intensive care unit.

"She gets tremendous power from the prayers," Sen said.

Plans to move Mother Teresa out of the intensive care unit were postponed because of cardiac irregularity, her doctors said Aug. 30.

"Her heart is still fragile and cardiac irregularity is still persisting," Dr. Asim Kumar Bardham told Reuters, the British news agency.

"The chances of her being discharged within a week are very high," Sen said Aug. 30.

Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta visited Mother Teresa Aug. 29 and said: "She was sitting in a chair when I entered and seemed happy. She said, 'I want to go home, there is so much to do.' I'd say she's well enough."

Dr. Dinamani Banerjee, a third doctor treating Mother Teresa, said: "She is talking every five minutes. She is saying the same thing over and over again: 'I have a lot of work. Now there is no need for me to stay here.'"

Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York told *Catholic New York*, the archdiocesan newspaper, that he sent a fax message to associates of Mother Teresa in Calcutta saying that she "does not have my permission to die."

Mother Teresa was admitted to the hospital Aug. 20 with a fever. Doctors discovered she had malaria, and at one point her heartbeat was irregular for a few seconds before doctors corrected it. She also received antibiotics for the lung infection.

Mother Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity, celebrated her 86th birthday in the hospital Aug. 26. On that day, she sat up in bed.

"It's almost like a resurrection," said Missionary of Charity Sister Andrea.

Meanwhile, Father Eduard le Joly, spiritual adviser to Mother Teresa's order for more than 30 years, said the possibility of a new superior general will be discussed when 160 of the order's nuns from around the world meet in Calcutta in early October.

Father le Joly said church law allows a superior general to be elected only once.

"Mother Teresa has been re-elected several times but each time the Holy See gave permission for her to continue. This time 'round, the Vatican may not give permission," he said.

## Bishop To Lead Marian Pilgrimage In France

CHARLOTTE — A diocesan pilgrimage to Marian shrines of France will be led by Bishop William G. Curlin in April 1997.

Beginning in Paris, the 10-day trip winds south to Lourdes, concludes with a tour across the Pyrenees Mountains, stops in the tiny country of Andorra, and includes a visit to Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain. Travelers will conclude their journey in Barcelona.

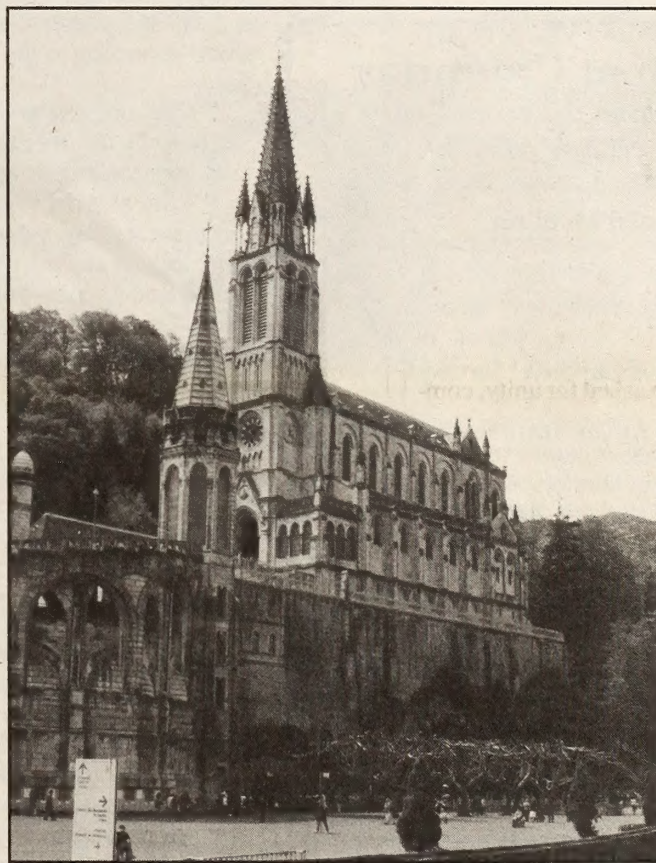
The Marian shrines include those of the Immaculate Conception at Lourdes; and Liseux, where St. Therese of the Little Flower lived and entered the Carmelite Order; and Rue de Bac Chapel with the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Laboure.

Ample time is given to explore magnificent churches such as Sante Chapelle, often called one of the greatest architectural masterpieces in the Western world, the 12th century Gothic cathedral of Chartre, and the grand cathedral of Paris Notre Dame.

A major focus of the pilgrimage is the two-day visit to Lourdes, a special place of prayer, and one of Bishop Curlin's favorite holy sites. Every spring, the bishop travels with Knights of Malta, taking dozens of sick to the healing waters. On arrival in Lourdes, pilgrims will participate in the candlelight procession. Time is allocated for individual prayer and devotions.

The 10-day pilgrimage is \$2,350. This price includes round-trip airfare (from Charlotte or Washington, D.C.), first class hotels (except in Lourdes where superior tourist class will be utilized), continental breakfast and dinner daily, all entrance fees, luggage handling and all transfers, personal guides aboard motorcoaches along with local guides where needed, and TGV train service from Paris to Lourdes. Plans call for a maximum of 100 pilgrims, who will depart April 7 and return April 17.

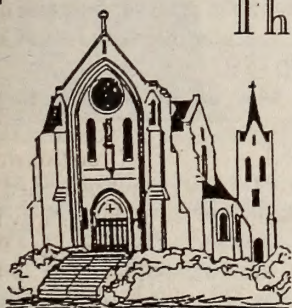
For more information on Marian Shrines with Bishop Curlin, call Joann Keane, (704) 331-1731.



Immaculate Conception Basilica in Lourdes was built on the rock above the grotto where Bernadette experienced apparitions of the Blessed Virgin. The basilica was completed in 1870, and is one of the pilgrimage sites for the Spring 1997 pilgrimage.

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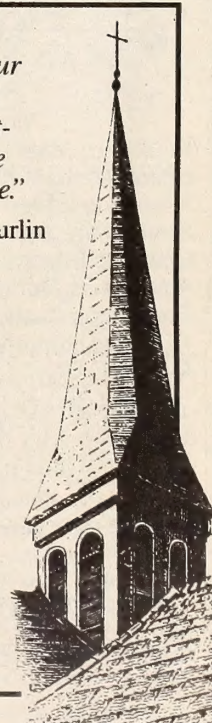
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

**September 10**  
Presbyteral Council Meeting  
Hickory

**September 12**  
5 p.m. Mass  
Golden Jubilee of Cardinal James Hickey  
with brother bishops  
National Shrine of the Immaculate  
Conception  
Washington, D.C.

**September 13**  
Candidates Day  
Knights of Malta  
Washington, D.C.

**September 14**  
Investiture of new Knights and Dames of  
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## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Pope Says Divine Motherhood Consecrated Mary To Christ's Mission

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Aug. 28.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Church has always professed belief in the perpetual virginity of Mary. In the first centuries of Christianity, this was expressed by the term "ever virgin" used to describe Mary. The church has traditionally presented Mary as a virgin "before, during and after" giving birth. Confirming this doctrine, the Second Vatican Council states that "the birth of our Lord ... did not diminish his mother's virginal integrity but sanctified it" ("Lumen Gentium," 57). The Gospels themselves imply that Mary remained a virgin even after Jesus' birth: for there is no indication that her choice to remain a virgin, which had been clearly expressed at the time of the Annunciation, had changed. The fact that Jesus, dying on the cross, entrusted the beloved disciple to Mary as a son (cf. Jn 19:26) seems to indicate that Mary had no other children. Indeed, when the Gospel texts mention Jesus' "brothers and sisters," the reference is to cousins or other close relatives, according to the language and custom of Jesus' time.

The singular privilege of Mary's perpetual virginity is the result of the divine motherhood which totally consecrated her to Christ's mission of salvation.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking visitors present today, especially those from England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States: May your pilgrimage to Rome renew you in faith and strengthen you in Christian fervor and zeal. Upon all of you I invoke abundant grace and peace in Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### Pope Praises Eastern Christianity's Generous Cultural Influence

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Humanity is indebted to Eastern Christianity for the influence it has had on art, architecture and literature, Pope John Paul II said.

From the church buildings that grace Eastern Europe's cities to the literary masterpieces of Feodor Dostoevski, the Orthodox faith is reflected in culture and witnesses to the beauty and truth of God, the pope said Sept. 1 during his midday Angelus address.

Pope John Paul said the same "great alliance of faith and culture" is evident at the Benedictine's Pannonhalma Abbey, which he was to visit during a Sept. 6-7 trip to Hungary.

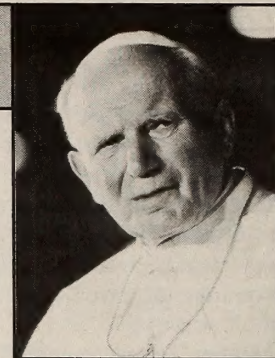
The pope was to help celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the abbey, which he called a "prestigious center of western monasticism on the border with the Eastern Christianity."

During the Angelus in the courtyard of his summer residence, the pope prayed that all Christians would discover how to "deeply incarnate" their faith in their cultures.

A dialogue about the influence of Orthodoxy on East European culture and of Catholicism on West European culture is another way in which members of the two churches can move toward their hoped-for unity, he said.

#### Pope To Highlight France's Catholic Legacy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — France's Catholic legacy and the future of the faithful are to be among the main points during Pope John Paul II's upcoming trip to that country. The schedule for the Sept. 19-22 visit, as released by the Vatican Aug. 27, includes an address to young people, a meeting with young couples and their children and prayer before the relics of a French saint. One point in the schedule, a visit to the place where Frankish King Clovis was baptized, has been the source of controversy. Various groups are planning to boycott the pope's visit, and some Catholics are demanding to be taken off the rolls in protest of the mixing of church and state in the papal trip.



## Guest Column

*Father John C. Aurilia*

### Seductive Substitutes

Dr. Gerald G. May, in his book *Addiction and Grace*, points out that addiction describes the compulsive means we use to calm our restlessness. "Spiritually, addiction is a deep-seated form of idolatry. The objects of our addiction become our false gods. They are what we worship." (pg. 13)

In our Christian journey, oftentimes, we join the ranks of the seekers in quest of a spirituality which will satisfy their longings. Hence we seek the proliferation of programs of meditation, psychological self-improvement, new-age philosophies, and new religious movements that offer methods to contact and get guidance from the transcendent realm.

The spiritual culture around us is very reminiscent of the words of St. Paul: "...following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and be diverted to myths." (2 Timothy 4: 3-4)

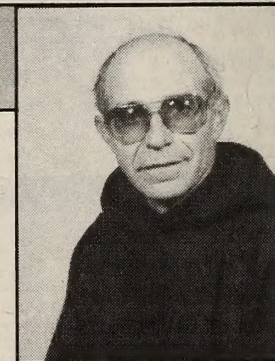
The prophets were constantly warning God's people against the idols of their neighbors. There was a natural desire in the people to want to be just like everyone else and worship the same gods. We have the same condition in our own day. It is hard to be set apart from the rest of the world for religious reasons. The temptation is great to blend in and have the same attitudes and values as the rest of society. Our belief that salvation lies only in Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 1: 23), whom we are to imitate

(Luke 9: 23), sets us at variance from the rest of the world, even to the point of making us look foolish and invite its ridicule, if not persecution.

The psalmist derides the idols of his day, saying: "...They have mouths but speak not; they have eyes but see not; they have ears but hear not; nor is there breath in the mouths." (Psalm 135). The idols of our day, however, are constantly in our face with their incessant demands. They do have speech, sight, hearing, and are interactive. In many cases the talking idol is enshrined in living rooms and bedrooms proclaiming a constant litany and catechism of the world and chronicling the advance of it. Unfortunately, our beliefs may be shaped by the media rather than by the teaching of the church.

It takes consistent prayer and contemplation of the Word of God to stay in the state of conversion, enabling us consistently to turn away from the things of the world and toward the things of God. We want to make sure that the object of our devotion is the true God, not the seductive substitutes which our culture offers.

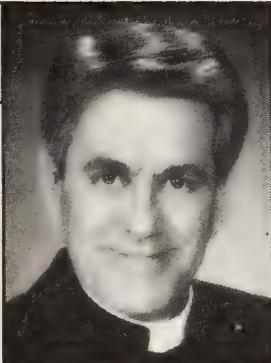
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# Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



## Labor: Whole And Holy

"Work positively fascinates me — I could watch it all day." The humor of Jerome K. Jerome's observation is based on the popular view of labor as drudgery.

It is, strangely enough, a notion reinforced by a basic misunderstanding of the biblical story of the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve lost the fruits of Paradise through the original sin of not letting God be God. Whereupon, we are told, they were driven from the garden to toil by the sweat of their brows. Where we go wrong in our interpretation of this story is the belief that after evil came into the world, work was given as a punishment. In fact, it was given as an antidote to evil, a blessing. That is, you and I toiling on this earth are actually toiling for heaven. Our everyday work becomes Jacob's ladder reaching nearer to God.

"What is the use of health, or of life, if not to do some work therewith?"

asked Thomas Carlyle. "Having a purpose in life, through into your work such strength and muscle as God has given you."

We all have a purpose in life. The problem is, we don't always recognize it. I am fortunate in loving my life as a priest, now at The Christophers and before that teaching on college campuses. That in itself is a gift from God. But, when the alarm clock goes off in the morning, even those of us who have work we love may not always leap out of bed with joy. The day-to-dayness of a job gets tough.

That's true whether you're blazing an executive career path or holding down a couple of jobs that barely make ends meet. There is no honest work that cannot be as spiritual as it is ordinary. Waiting on tables, studying spreadsheets, emptying bedpans, building houses, talking with customers — each of these can be lifted from the mundane. Transform your job into something that feeds your soul as well as putting food on your table and you earn far more than a paycheck.

Unfortunately, that's not the end of the story.

"Life is built up every day from work," wrote John Paul II in his encyclical *On Human Work*. "From work it derives its specific dignity, but at the same time work contains the unceasing measure of human toil and suffering, and also of the harm and injustice, which penetrate deeply into social life within individual nations and on the international level."

It's a good reminder. For too many people in America and around the world, labor isn't a question of job satisfaction

but simple survival. And it isn't pretty.

Go to a job that doesn't pay a living wage or where conditions are demeaning or unnecessarily dangerous and it seems more a curse than a blessing. When dignity and security are strangled by a bottom line, it's tough to be grateful. And then there's the terrible burden of not having a job to go to at all.

Labor is holy. But not when it is dehumanizing. That was the last thing the Creator intended. The only way to change things is to speak up for justice on the job. Not only for ourselves, but all who want the right to be whole people and holy workers.

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# Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



## Biblical Fundamentalism

*Q. The book our Bible study group is using refers to a "fundamentalist interpretation of Scripture." What exactly does that mean?*

One member says it means a literal interpretation of the Bible, but no one knows more than that. If that is the meaning, what's wrong with a literal interpretation?

A. Fundamentalism is a hard concept to nail down, but certain basic characteristics can be nailed down, especially as they relate to the Bible.

The topic is dealt with at some

length in the 1993 document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission titled "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church."

In 1895, conservative Protestant scholars at the American Bible Congress in New York defined "five points of fundamentalism," the first of which was the verbal inerrancy of Scripture, that there is no error in the Bible.

Obviously we share with them the belief that the word of God in Scripture is without error. They, and other fundamentalist scholars today, mean something much more rigid and restrictive, however, than most Catholics would understand by inerrancy.

The biblical commission cites several basic problems with fundamentalist interpretation, which refuses, for example, to admit that the inspired word of God has been expressed in human language, by human authors with limited capacities and resources.

This sacred word comes to us, therefore, in language and expressions that are conditioned by the times in which they were formulated and written.

In other words, strict fundamentalist understanding "makes itself incapable of accepting the full truth of the incar-

nation itself," since it cannot accept the word of God "made flesh" in the limited condition of our human natures.

In addition, staunch fundamentalism claims as unquestioned historic or scientific truth parts of Scripture which, when they were written, never claimed to be historical.

Fundamentalism does not admit that stories like Jonah in the whale, or Noah's ark, or the creation of the world in six days, might be symbolic or figurative, or anything other than straight history.

Another concern is fundamentalism's refusal to accept the development of the Gospel tradition. Fundamentalism "naively confuses the

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# Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



**Staying Out Of The Marriage Rut**

What does it take to keep a marriage fresh, alive and exciting? Why do so many marriages succumb to the doldrums of the "old ball and chain"? What can a couple do to get out of a rut? We have found new life in our relationship through newness in ourselves. When we found our marriage in a rut we chose to learn something new, do something new, or even eat something that is new to us.

Living near a large cultural center as Chicago has given opportunities to take classes (together and apart) that have broadened our interests. And with the many ethnic restaurants in the area, experiencing different, exotic cuisine is far from exhausted in our nearly 21 years of marriage.

However, one doesn't have to live

near a major city to find newness in their lives. There was one situation that happened about 20 years ago that is an excellent case in point. A friend was planning a couples' canoe trip to the Wisconsin river. Over a weekend the trip would cover about 28 miles on the river and camping out midway.

Our friend relentlessly goaded us about being part of the trip. Neither of us had any experience in a canoe. Andrew's camping experience was an overnight in a tent in Washington Park when he was nine. Terri had never camped. Though the idea of the trip offered no promise of a good time to either of us, we relented to our friend's exuberance, trusting his assurances to a degree. But mostly to get him off our backs.

To our surprise, we not only found the experience enjoyable, we were pretty good at canoeing and found camping to be a refreshing escape from our daily routine. We saw newness in each other and in ourselves. What is more important is that we experience each other in a new situation. In some ways it was like meeting each other again for the first time. Since then we have been avid campers.

When we find our relationship stuck in a rut, we know that we need to rediscover each other in a new way. Finding newness rekindles excitement in

married life. It also reminds us that we are so much more than what we see. As long as there is life, there is learning, new discoveries and, if we're open to it, adventure to enjoy in marriage. Over the years together we have discovered passion in skiing, traveling, Mexican food, Oriental cooking, good wine, poetry, the symphony, the love of children, the beauty of nature, hosting parties, and the unending, inexhaustible love of God.

Marriage is meant to last a lifetime — a lifetime in which to learn, grow and become. Being open to new learning is being open to the wonder of life and grace. We come to know that marriage is not just a result of our own creativity, but a creation of God that has potential of adventure beyond what we've ever known.



## St. Leo Church Forms Respect Life Committee



Members of the Respect Life Committee at St. Leo Church hold signs that promote respect for the sanctity of all human life.

WINSTON-SALEM — A Respect Life Committee has been formed at St. Leo Church. Initiated by president and coordinator Marianne Donadio, the group promotes respect for the sanctity of all human life from conception. "Our Holy Father asked us to uphold this principle in his recent encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*," Donadio said. She noted that the Respect Life Committee encourages support for any pro-life activities already in existence in the Winston-Salem area, including Birthright, The Life Chain and the pro-life booth at the fair.

The committee, made up of more than 20 parishioners, was created in response to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' call for increased pro-life activity in every parish. "It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm and dedication demonstrated by these faithful members," Donadio said.

The group holds bi-monthly prayer vigils outside an abortion clinic in Winston-Salem, and hopes to start a regular prayer vigil outside other abortion providers in the area.

On July 11, Father Mark Lawlor, parochial vicar at St. Leo, celebrated Mass and led the rosary to commemorate the National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life.

## Questioning Capital Punishment: N.C. Council Of Churches Conference Explores Issues Of Death Penalty

GASTONIA — A conference on the death penalty is Sept. 28 from 1-5 p.m. at St. Michael Church.

The "Questioning Capital Punishment: People of Faith Respond" Conference will have two tracks. "Issues of the Death Penalty" is for those who are not sure how they feel about the death penalty but want information. "Effective Change for Abolition" is for those opposed to the death penalty who want to know more about effecting change.

The conference is a program of the

N.C. Council of Churches and is sponsored by People of Faith Against the Death Penalty and St. Michael Church.

Correction: In the last issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* the ad for Music & Electronics listed Morganton as the location of their new facility. The store is actually located in Mooresville on the corner of Oak & Broad Streets. Our apologies for the error.

## Retired Bishop, Two Others Arrested At Abortion Clinic

By JOHN BURGER

DOBBS FERRY, N.Y. (CNS) — A retired bishop and a Franciscan priest and brother will stand trial Oct. 17 on charges that they disturbed the peace while blocking the entrance to an abortion clinic parking lot in Dobbs Ferry.

Father Benedict J. Groeschel, a well-known speaker and author of books on spirituality, was arrested Aug. 24 with retired Bishop George E. Lynch and Brother Fidelis Moscinski.

Father Groeschel, director of the Office of Spiritual Development of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Larchmont, said his action was prompted by debate over the legality of partial-birth abortion.

"Partial-birth abortion has made it absolutely clear that nobody can say that a fetus is not a child," Father Groeschel told *Catholic New York*, newspaper of the New York Archdiocese.

The three blocked the entrance to the clinic parking lot from 7:30 to 8 a.m., when they were ordered to disperse and placed under arrest. They pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct and were released on their own recognizance.

Father Groeschel was arrested in a similar protest in 1988 in Manhattan. Bishop Lynch, a retired auxiliary bishop of Raleigh, N.C., who lives in his native Bronx, and Brother Moscinski, who is studying for the priesthood in the Franciscan Friars of Renewal, have been arrested at the Dobbs Ferry clinic and others numerous times in the past few years.

In February, Bishop Lynch and Brother Moscinski were convicted in federal court of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. They have appealed part of that ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

All three said they blocked the entrance on Aug. 24 to save the lives of

unborn children. Several cars attempting to enter the parking lot had to be diverted while the men were sitting there.

Father Groeschel, who is also diocesan postulator for the cause for canonization of Cardinal Terence Cooke, said he chose to engage in the protest because of President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

The legislation vetoed by Clinton would have banned a procedure used in late-term abortions in which the unborn child is partially delivered before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the rest of the body.

In a statement to the press after his arrest, Father Groeschel said, "The whole moral fabric of our American society is unraveling before our eyes. Evidence of this decline can be observed by any person of reflection.... The most appalling symptom of this decline is the killing of unborn children with the connivance and even special protection of civil law.

"I learned long ago in the civil rights struggle that civil disobedience to unjust laws is often the only way to expose their wickedness. I hope that my arrest and subsequent imprisonment will awaken some of my fellow citizens to the hypocrisy of the Roe vs. Wade decision and similar invalid and inhuman statutes," Father Groeschel added.

In addition to the three arrested, about 30 people participated in the Aug. 24 demonstration, praying the rosary on the sidewalks. They included four Sisters of Life; Father Martin P. Keegan, a Maryknoll missionary to Mexico now on sabbatical; and about 10 Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a congregation co-founded by Father Groeschel in 1987.

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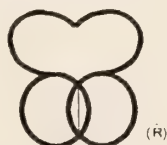
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## Videos

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### "For the Moment" (1996)

Doomed romances bloom at a pilot training school for Allied flyers in 1942 Manitoba when the American flight instructor and an Aussie recruit (Russell Crowe) fall in love with two married women whose husbands are fighting abroad. Writer-director Aaron Kim Johnston gingerly explores bitter-sweet relationships and wartime anxieties in an otherwise formula story. Recurring sexual innuendo with fleeting nudity, brief violence and minimal profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Muppet Treasure Island" (1996)

Daffy mix of people and puppets cavort on sand and sea as a plucky lad (Kevin Bishop) outsmarts a treasure-hungry pirate (Tim Curry) with a little help from dauntless Kermit and starry-eyed Miss Piggy. Director Brian Henson's musical take on the Robert Louis Stevenson adventure classic is goofily entertaining in sporadic, tongue-in-cheek spurts. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**

### "Sgt. Bilko" (1996)

The money-making schemes of an Army supply sergeant (Steve Martin) and his loyal underlings are jeopardized when a major (Phil Hartman) with a grudge against the sergeant turns up on base to expose Bilko's scams — and steal his fiancée. With only a wafer-thin narrative, director Jonathan Lynn relies heavily on Martin to carry off this genial but unremarkable movie adaptation of the 1950's TV sitcom. Comic depiction of gambling and minimal crude expressions. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**

### "The Truth About Cats & Dogs" (1996)

Insecure about her looks, a radio talk show host (Janeane Garofalo), persuades her gorgeous girlfriend (Uma Thurman) to impersonate her when an admiring radio fan (Ben Chaplin) asks her out. Director Michael Lehmann's contrived, mistaken identity comedy essentially stresses the value of friendship, love and inner beauty although it

is marred by a gratuitous, phone-sex scene. Implied masturbation, some sexual innuendo, occasional profanity and an instance of rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Up Close & Personal" (1996)

Romantic fluff about a novice TV journalist (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a veteran correspondent (Robert Redford) who becomes a bullying mentor, then marries her as his career spirals downward while she is groomed for a network anchor spot. Directed by Jon Avnet, the romance is credibly developed within the tension-filled world of live news, resulting in a bittersweet, sentimental crowd-pleaser. Several restrained bedroom scenes, brief violence and minimal rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Breaker Morant" (1980)

During the Boer War, three officers of an Australian unit (led by title character Edward Woodward) are court-martialed for shooting prisoners. Despite uniformly fine performances and well-staged action scenes, Australian director Bruce Beresford's fact-based courtroom drama never quite comes to grips with the issues raised about the irregular nature of combat against guerrilla forces as well as the defense of following orders. Mature themes and battlefield violence. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**



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Ed Burns, Cameron Diaz and Mike McGlone star in the comedy "She's the One."

### *She's The One*

## Film Takes A Comic Look At Matters Of The Heart

NEW YORK (CNS) — Striking similar chords to his debut feature, "The Brothers McMullen," writer-director Ed Burns takes a comic look at serious domestic and moral problems in "She's the One" (Fox Searchlight).

This time the New York Irish Catholic family is "The Fighting Fitzgeralds," as the name Dad's boat proclaims.

While long-suffering Mom is never seen, Dad (John Mahoney) is a bullish presence who raised his two twentysomething sons, Mickey (Burns) and Francis (Mike McGlone), to look out for No. 1 first and foremost.

Cabdriver Mickey's been adrift a few years, ever since walking out on his promiscuous fiancée, Heather (Cameron Diaz).

But younger brother Francis has taken Dad's advice to heart, with a six-figure Wall Street job to prove it. Yet his life's a mess since he's ignoring his lovely wife (Jennifer Aniston) in favor of his coldly ambitious mistress — who just happens to be none other than Heather.

As cowardly Francis secretly plots to divorce his wife to marry Heather, Mickey surprises everyone by impulsively marrying a grad student-waitress (Maxine Bahns) he picked up as a fare. It's an uneasy adjustment for Mickey, moving into her cold-water walk-up in the Village, but her belated announcement that she's going to study at the Sorbonne for a year really shakes his confidence in their relationship.

Adding to his confusion is a chance meeting with Heather, who makes it clear she's still interested — whether Mickey's married or not. Discovering that his brother has been sleeping with her is the last straw, but Mickey's anger is so intense his bride suspects he's still not over Heather and decides to go solo to Paris.

With both brothers facing marital breakups, Dad learns that while he was

neglecting Mom, she found romance with an unhappily married hardware salesman.

Whether the fighting Fitzgeralds learn anything from their troubled relationships with women is glossed over as Burns is more concerned with witty exchanges than moral insights.

But as a writer, his script is patently contrived, with all three Fitzgeralds simultaneously about to lose their wives — and two sets of siblings squabbling over old flames.

Catholic viewers may not see the supposed humor in characterizing Dad as someone who "doesn't believe in God, but that never stopped him from being a good Catholic."

On the other hand, these characters are not one-dimensional; we get inside their skulls and see how they view themselves and what they want out of life.

The cast does a good job of bringing them to life, giving warmhearted performances that make the human failings of chauvinistic Dad and self-obsessed Francis seem consistent with their me-first outlooks.

In fact, Dad comes to regret having stressed that attitude to his sons. Mickey as well maintains his integrity and points out to Francis that he deserves to feel guilty over cheating on his wife.

Thus a moral viewpoint is expressed, even if the movie concentrates more on its comedic charms than on serious issues of honoring vows.

The result is a lighthearted romantic comedy that is short on substance but engaging in its genial approach to matters of the heart.

Due to its adult theme of infidelity, numerous sexual references and frequent rough language and profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



# What it takes to be an evangelizer



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By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

Have you ever thought of yourself as an evangelizer, as one who spreads the Gospel? If not, if you are interested or at least curious about it, take the following simple test, answering each question with yes or no:

Are you baptized?

Does Jesus Christ make a difference in your life?

Are you Catholic?

Do you belong to a parish?

Is Sunday Mass important to you?

Do you care about people?

If your answer to each question is "yes," you are an evangelizer! You obviously have heard the Gospel. More than that, you are already passing it

You may not ever have thought of yourself as an evangelizer. It may be you are uncomfortable with the term and wonder, "Why do some people wear their religion on their sleeve?"

To be an evangelizer, you do not even have to quote the Bible. You do not have to say anything. Most people are a bit self-conscious talking about their faith or religion. They leave that to priests, nuns, people teaching religious education and missionaries. It is those people's job to spread the faith.

A lot of people consider faith a private matter. The topic of faith is reserved for conversations with their close, intimate friends.

You have to trust someone quite a lot to share your faith. No one wants to be laughed at.

Actually, in order to evangelize, all you have to do is be yourself, no more, no less. If you are baptized, if Jesus Christ makes a difference in your life, if you are Catholic, belong to a parish, if Sunday Mass is important to you and you care about people, your very life is good news.

Evangeliza-

tion is some thing you are, not something you do. What you do flows from who you are.

If you answered "yes" to each of the six questions in our simple test, you embody the good news and are a living sign of the Gospel.

Look around. Consider all those other good, ordinary people in your parish. Knowing they really want to live a Christian life and be good Catholics makes a difference to all of us. We are strengthened by their sincerity and their efforts. They give us hope. They are evangelizers to us and to others, and so are you.

Perhaps you want to do more to evangelize. Here are a few simple suggestions:

First of all, think! What is most important for you in life? You can do that kind of thinking while commuting to work by bus or subway, where

everyone gets lost in his or her thoughts, or while taking a walk or working out. Perhaps what you consider most important is family, your spouse, your children, your own parents, brothers and sisters.

Then it is a matter of talking! This is the second point.

Talk with close friends about what you think is most important in your life. You can do that over lunch or over a cup of coffee. You may be surprised at the reaction.

A lot of people are very grateful for an opportunity to share the things that are important for them. Sooner or later, the topic turns to faith, the place of God and Jesus Christ in your life.

The third suggestion is to read. Do you have a Bible? Perhaps you have an old

one tucked away someplace. Take it out. Turn to one of the Gospels.

After "thinking" about what is most important to you, and "talking" about that to close friends, the Bible, like Jesus' teaching in the New Testament, will provide words and images for those things closest to you.

Very likely you will be surprised at what you find, and you will want to tell people.

Consider, for example, Jesus calming a storm on the Sea of Galilee: "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there followed a great calm (Mark 4:39).

Two thousand years later you can still feel the great calm. Jesus' presence brings peace to the heart.

Or consider these words from St. Paul to the Philippians (1:6), "I am



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on to others.

Another word for "evangelizer" would be "evangelist." But a lot of people connect the term "evangelist" with religious TV personalities or with a preacher who attracts large crowds. I am thinking of the Rev. Billy Graham. For that reason, I prefer to avoid the word "evangelist."

What I am referring to as evangelization and being an evangelizer is the common garden variety: someone like you and me.

To be an evangelizer, you do not have to know you are one. Most people do not.



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confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Those are words for the times when your spirits are low, or when you're a little down on yourself and it is good to recall your reasons for hope.

With that, you are on your way to being a pretty articulate evangelizer.

How about that?

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of *Emmanuel* magazine.)

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### Tell of a time you felt you did your best to pass faith on. What did you do?

"When my eldest son was confirmed last year, I wrote him a personal letter encouraging him to keep his faith. I passed along what my faith means to me and how I hope his faith would be important in his life too, ... (not as) an end but a beginning." — Kathy Long, Eau Claire, Wis.

"The last time it happened was with a friend who was going through a period of terrific family stress: the death of his father from cancer, and just six months later the death of his mother. As a friend, I tried to ... help him see that God always gives us the strength to handle whatever we have to, if we rely on him." — Tom Stoeckle, Topeka, Kan.

"I think mostly of the times I was teaching religious education to young deaf people.... I think the struggles I had communicating with young deaf children, trying to pass on the complexities of faith in a language not my own, ... unexpectedly prepared (me) to accept the totally unexpected deafness of my own first child." — Mary Siegle, Minneapolis, Minn.

"As a social worker I recently answered a call from a young woman who was seeking healing in an abortion situation. She needed someone to listen.... I hope ... that I can help her through this difficult situation to know that God doesn't condemn her, that she can heal." — Kate Hanson, Fargo, N.D.

"Most recently, it's when I work with my kids ... at CYO. When you talk with them about free will, ... and when you can see in a kid's eye that he understands making the choices Jesus wants us to make is the right thing to do, then you know you've passed on faith in an important way." — Frank Kontor, Crown Point, Ind.



An upcoming edition asks: What could you tell your children about what makes marriage work? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



# The invisible evangelizers

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

When I was growing up, just a few notches from the buckle of the Bible belt, Saturday's newspaper featured a religion page filled with ads for evangelists.

I imagined their voices from snippets I'd heard on the radio. They studied their preaching with biblical citations and emotional pleas.

To a boy from a Catholic ghetto, they seemed the very embodiment of everything non-Catholic. Perhaps that's why, in spite of knowing better, these vivid early images of evangelists still pop into my mind whenever I hear the word "evangelization."

Yet dozens of church documents, from the documents of Vatican Council II to the new catechism, make clear that evangelization — proclaiming the good news about God's unquenchable, merciful love — is at the heart of the church's mission.

Some people have a special call to the work of evangelization. It is among the clergy's defining tasks, and many

they evangelize nonetheless.

Often these people decisively influence someone. Is it because their lives aren't segmented into unconnected categories of work, family, leisure, religion?

—For some people everything is shot through with faith and spirituality. They are likely to talk as easily about Jesus, prayer or the Bible as about work and their vision for their family.

—Some people's openness and generosity give credibility to their words.

—Some people live in a way that is both attractive and visibly Christian in its inspiration.

Evangelizing is mostly about "living" our faith, but that doesn't mean we never have to "talk" about it. When appropriate — perhaps an interest is expressed, a need is voiced — we have to be able to talk about what faith means to us:

- Who Jesus is.
- How we came to believe in him.
- How faith is challenged.
- How we pray.

It's relatively easy to talk about Christ in the abstract, as we might about the latest scientific discoveries

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lay people have been called to a public ministry of evangelization.

But that doesn't let everyone else off the hook. We may not be called to preach or work in the mission fields, but the rest of us have daily opportunities to be what we might call "invisible evangelizers."

These evangelizers aren't employed by the church. They work in commerce and industry, government, the arts and education. Some are leaders within parishes, others might not be easily recognized by the pastor; but

or public-policy issues. It's harder to talk about one's own life and relationship to Jesus. To do that, you have to examine your life.

The best way to get stronger in evangelization is by living in a way that is consistent with faith in Jesus. It's not automatic. We know how easy it is to read Scripture, hear a homily, say a prayer and still behave badly.

The connection has to be cultivated between faith and day-to-day living: work, family, watching television, making investments, voting and everything else we do.

The point to realize is that the way we live speaks volumes about our values: what we treasure, what moves us to courage, what opens us to love. And others get the message.

(Luby is director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*If only a one-size-fits-all approach could guarantee success in passing faith on to the people we want to pass it on to! But passing faith on is not a matter of just following "the directions." That doesn't mean, however, that passing faith on is beyond the reach of "ordinary" people — like most of us.*

*One risk to avoid is believing we can force faith into someone else and thus to become "driven to succeed" and perhaps somewhat self-righteous. Ultimately, this is God's enterprise, not one we control.*

*Scripture provides a clue to passing faith on in saying others found it remarkable to see how the early Christians loved each other. It is important to allow others to "see" our faith in action: that we forgive; bear the poor well in mind; solve problems nonviolently; act to heal relationships; take God's presence seriously; love.*

*But what about the days I have a headache or arrive home from work not feeling like much of a model of faith — when others see that I'm imperfect?*

*Passing faith on involves imperfect people. Over time, people do "see" what you truly believe. More times than you imagine, they will find it remarkable.*

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

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## What astounded others in the first days

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

One of the most effective means of advertising is by word of mouth. Of course, this calls for personal contact.

The first Christians, deeply convinced of Christ's paramount importance in their lives, were eager to share the good news with others. Personal witness was the only way they could do this.

They had no printing presses, and even had they had them, relatively few people could read. In a preliterate culture, ideas were communicated orally by directly sharing experiences and by the direct witness of believers' lives.

The amazing spread of the Christian movement was the result of such witness. Different people carried this out in different ways.

Priscilla and Aquila, for instance, were a very mobile couple. Either by choice or force of circumstances, they moved about quite a bit — from the shores of the Black Sea to Rome, to Corinth, to Ephesus. They had their own trade, and simply set up shop wherever they happened to be.

Constantly meeting new people, Priscilla and Aquila took advantage of these contacts to share their faith. At Ephesus they met a man named Apollos, who himself was actively preaching about Jesus. But it was clear to the couple that Apollos' knowledge of Jesus was rudimentary; he had gotten no farther than accepting the baptism preached by John the Baptist.

So "they took him aside and explained to him the way (of God) more accurately." When the man moved on to Achaia (Greece), Priscilla and Aquila, and the members of the local community "wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. After his arrival he gave great assistance to those who had come to believe" (Acts 18:24-27).

What was involved here was a network of communities that facilitated the spread of God's word, leading to strengthened faith among those who already believed.

The community's involvement was vital to this process. No wonder that in giving a thumbnail sketch of the first Christians' life, Luke included "communal life" as one of its basic elements (Acts 2:42). One wasn't exactly an "individual" Christian, or individual evangelizer, since Christians owed their very existence to belonging to and being ac-

tively involved in a community.

The Eucharist itself was a celebration of community: "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Associations of various kinds were common in the society of biblical times; usually these associations were based on common interests: trades, ethnic background and the like. But Christian communities were unique in being composed of people who, in different settings, might have been expected to be at odds with each other:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

In terms of evangelization, the life of the people together astounded and attracted others. It elicited this reaction: "Look at these Christians, how they love one another!"

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

## FAITH IN ACTION

Evangelization is directed not only to non-Catholics but to three categories of Catholics themselves, writes Regina Coll in *How to Understand Church and Ministry in the United States* (Crossroad Publishing Co., 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017, 1996. Paperback, \$16.95). She says: "For those who are attempting to practice their faith, it is a call to ongoing growth and conversion; for Catholics who are so in name only, it is a call to re-evangelization; and for those who have altogether stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to reconciliation."

*Reflection: One study showed that as many as 800 inactive Catholics — defined by the study as people who did not attend church twice in the past year — live within the boundaries of the average parish. Ms. Coll writes: "Various called lapsed, fallen-away, nominal, alienated or marginalized, they are nevertheless Catholic. We would do better to focus on the noun 'Catholic' rather than on the negative adjectives."*

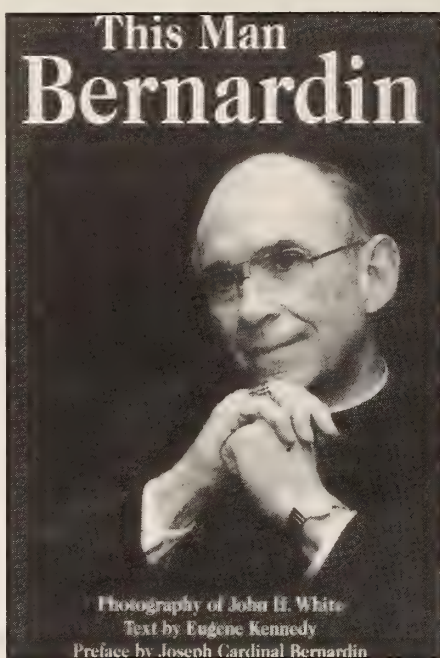
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## People In The News

### Photographic Memoir On Cardinal Bernardin Called 'Assignment From God'

CHICAGO (CNS) — John White, the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer for the Chicago Sun-Times daily newspaper, called his new photographic memoir of Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin "an assignment from God." "This Man Bernardin," to be published in hard cover Sept. 9 by Loyola Press in Chicago, contains 186 black-and-white photos of the cardinal, most taken by White over a 14-year period, with a few from the cardinal's family album. Eugene Kennedy, a Catholic writer, commentator and consultant, wrote the book's chapter openings. "A photographer can be the eyes for the world," White said in an interview. "It's a privilege and a tremendous responsibility."



## Sister Mary Francis Dorcé, Formerly Of High Point, Dies

Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Sister Mary Francis Dorcé, who taught at Christ the King School in High Point from 1953-57, died Aug. 18. She was 89.

Born Dec. 1, 1906, in Pointe à Pitre, Guadeloupe, French West Indies, Sister Francis was the daughter of Rollin and Dominique Dorcé. Her early education was obtained on her native island before she immigrated to the United States.

In 1935, she became an American citizen, and she joined the Congregation of the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary on Oct. 1, 1939. Her final vows were made Aug. 22, 1947. She earned a B.A. degree from Fordham University, and a Master's degree from the Catholic University of America.

From 1942-53, she served as the cook at St. Benedict Day Nursery, Mother Theodore Residence, and then at Mother House. During those years, she also did catechetical work and cooked at Camp St. Edward during the summer of 1951-53.

After teaching in High Point for four years, she was transferred to St. Cyprian School in Georgetown, S.C., where she served as teacher and the Superior of the Convent.

In 1962, Sister Francis was assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle School in Wilmington, N.C. After the merger of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Schools to achieve integration, she coordinated a program for Opportunities, Inc., from which emerged St. Thomas Pre-School Child Development Center, the first Catholic institution of its kind in North Carolina.

In 1980, she returned to St. Cyprian School in Georgetown, where she served as teacher and principal. Whether as a teacher or administrator, Sister Francis always found time to distribute food and

clothing to the poor, and to give a listening ear to those in need.

Sister "formally" retired in 1992, and returned to the Motherhouse in Harlem, New York City. She continued, however, to serve the children and their parents at St. Benedict Day Nursery by her loving presence: in her own words, "...still trying to touch as many children and adults who are shedding silent, unseen tears."

On May 22, 1994, Sister Francis received the President's Medal from St. John's University for her outstanding service to the education of children and the poor.

Sister Francis is survived by a brother, Emil Dorcé of Guadeloupe; a sister, Colette Dorcé of Paris, France; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grand-nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 24 in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Aloysius, New York, N.Y. Interment followed at Resurrection Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island.

### Bishop Urges Courage In Face Of Obstacles To Faith

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Catholics need spiritual courage to face the "uncommon power of a number of cultural intimidators that surround us," Arlington Bishop John R. Keating said in "A Pastoral Letter on Courage." Among intimidating factors in contemporary life that he cited in the pastoral were radical feminism, sexual permissiveness, political correctness and the "culture of death." "If courage is the strength to overcome fear in order to do what is right, then I pray that the Holy Spirit will sear into your soul a recurring refrain to sustain you the rest of your life: 'Be not afraid,'" Bishop Keating wrote. "At the heart of Jesus' message is his call to courage."

### Cardinal Bernardin's Oncologist Is Dominican Sister

CHICAGO (CNS) — The oncologist who is treating Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago is well-known in the medical community as a cancer specialist at Loyola University Medical Center in the Chicago suburb of Maywood. But Dr. Ellen Gaynor also is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wis. At separate press conferences Aug. 30, Cardinal Bernardin announced that the pancreatic cancer for which he underwent surgery in June 1995 has recurred and is considered terminal, and Sister Gaynor answered medical questions. In a phone interview with Catholic News Service, she said she doesn't see any particular relevance between her vocation as a religious and her care of the cardinal. "The cardinal knows I am a religious sister," she said, "and we share the same beliefs and values — our belief in eternal life, and that this is a passage from one to the other."

### Ohio Priests Compete For Best Spaghetti Sauce

CLEVELAND (CNS) — No one knows if there is Italian food in the afterlife, but in Cleveland's Little Italy section folks got to sample two of the most heavenly spaghetti sauces during the annual Assumption weekend festival at Holy Rosary Church. In the end, Father Angelo Caserta's Italian Supreme

Spaghetti Sauce edged out Father Wally Hyclak's Secret Recipe Spaghetti Sauce, 878-867. Voters got each sauce in a paper cup and a bread stick to dip into the sauces, plus a ballot to indicate their favorite. The Aug. 16-18 contest was one way to bring people out to celebrate the reason for the festival: the Assumption of Mary. After sampling sauces, people were able to walk over to the shrine at Holy Rosary, light a candle, pray, and perhaps buy rosaries or medals.

### Turn-Of-Century Parish Convent In Illinois Now A Family Home

OAK PARK, Ill. (CNS) — The former 20-room convent of St. Edmund Parish in Oak Park is now home to Sandy and John Troelstrup and their family of eight children. After the Dominican sisters who lived in the convent left the Chicago suburb, the parish sold the property to raise money for capital improvements needed at its school and church. According to Sandy Troelstrup, the stately, turn-of-the-century brick house suits them just fine. "We were under construction for eight months after moving in," she said. "We had to remove 150 feet of wall, because the small, cell-like rooms that served as the nuns' bedrooms weren't practical for us."

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Retired Bishop Michael J. Begley, left, and Bishop William G. Curlin pause in the chapel during Begley's recent visit to the Catholic Center.



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## Catholic Daughters Of The Americas Set New Agenda For The Future

TAMPA, Fla. — During their International Convention the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) introduced a new social action plan for the future entitled, "The Circle of Love."

The program will help members who are working with the church and within their communities to address the needs of society, particularly those affecting the elderly, human life issues, family values, community, youth and health issues.

CDA worldwide charitable projects include support of the Adopt-a-Child program of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Catholic Relief Services and Project Handclasp, a cooperative effort to collect, donate and transport needed items overseas.

Nationally, CDA supports Catholic Relief Services, Covenant House, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, Habitat for Humanity, SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), The Apostle of the Seas and disaster assistance.

The full slate of national officers was reelected to second terms: Grace Rinaldi, National Regent; Eunice Riles, First Vice-Regent; Grace DiCairano, Second Vice-Regent; Maria Loeffler, Third Vice-Regent; and Rose Tomassi, Secretary-Treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors for the 1996-98 term were: Maureen Daughtry, Marie Davoli, Helen Johnson, Carmen A. Ortiz, Dolly Pena, Mary Gail Peters, Sally Tyrlowski, Joann Schaefer and Janice Wallace.

The delegates passed resolutions decrying physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia; denouncing the burning of houses of worship and calling for the advancement of social justice, particularly in Central and South America.

CDA is the largest Catholic laywoman's organization in the country. It was founded by the Knights of Columbus in 1903 and has since grown to 1,476 courts in the U.S., Mexico, Guam, The Dominican Republic, Saipan, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. During the 1994-96 term they collectively contributed more than five million dollars to charitable causes.

## Former Superintendent Elected To Notre Dame Sisters Government Team

STEVENSON, Md. — A former superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Charlotte was among the five sisters chosen to lead the 2,000 members of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for the next six years.

Sister Marie Kelly, SND, who served as diocesan superintendent from 1976-84 and is currently the Provincial Moderator of the Maryland Province, was elected to the General Government group.

Born in Philadelphia, she attended West Catholic High School for Girls. Sister Marie received a B.A. in French from Trinity College, Washington, D.C. She also holds an M.A. in Educational Leadership from the University of Scranton (Pennsylvania) and an Ed.D. (Doctor of Education) from Nova University in Florida.

"I am very excited and challenged by the directions coming from the 14th General Chapter and look forward to moving them from words to a living experience for myself and all my sisters of Notre Dame," Sister Marie said.

During the recent chapter meeting, delegates elected the first African — Sister Honorine Yamba of Zaire — to the General Government group.



## VA Medical Center Honors Catholic War Veterans Post



Pictured left-to-right: R. Lynn Ryan, associate director, VA Medical Center, Asheville; Herbert W. Reith, Commander of the Rev. Ralph F. Neagle Catholic War Veterans Post 1914; Mary Robertson, post historian; and James A. Christian, director of the Medical Center. Not shown are John J. Short and Oswald H. Spinks.

ASHEVILLE — Four members of the Rev. Ralph F. Neagle Catholic War Veterans Post #1914 were recently recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

John J. Short, Post Commander Herbert W. Reith, Mary Robertson and Oswald Spinks were honored at a dinner for outstanding volunteer service to the Medical Center's patients.

Short received a certificate of outstanding service for more than 14,000 volunteer hours. Reith was recognized for 10,000 hours of volunteer service, and Robertson and Spinks were recognized for 3,000 hours and 800 hours of volunteer service, respectively.

Post 1914 members have donated 873 hours to the VA Medical Center since the start of the federal fiscal year last October.

Five other members of the post were recognized as "regularly scheduled volunteers." They include Marjorie Thomas, Thomas McIlwain, James Mulligan, Patricia Smith and Jack Vaughan. Their assignments range from providing military graveside interment rites at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain to taking veteran in-patients to various locations within the medical center for tests, x-rays and similar procedures.

Catholic War Veterans Post 1914 is named for Father Ralph F. Neagle, a combat Army Chaplain in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, he served as chaplain in the VA Medical Center for many years — first in Bath, N.Y., then in Asheville.

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## Couple Helps Hispanic Community Grow In Faith, from page 1



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Martin Luna with daughter Jessica Marie and wife Christine (right) at St. Eugene Church.

talent, and energy facilitating the growth of an active faith community among Hispanics in the Asheville area.

Martin Luna first came to the U.S. in 1985 after completing an engineering degree at the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico. After working for two years at Arcadia Farms (a beverage processing plant in Arden), he took a job with TELEMONT Corporation in Hendersonville as an employment counselor because he preferred being "involved with people." He assisted Hispanic workers — mostly seasonal farm workers — looking for full-time, year-round employment. It was through this work he met Wilfredo Morel, the first outreach minister to Hispanics from the Diocese of Charlotte, who was in Asheville conducting an assessment of needs among Hispanics in the area. Morel, who stayed only a few months before moving to New York, recognized Luna's bilingual abilities, inter-

personal skills and sincere concern for the Hispanic community, and recommended Luna as his replacement.

When he began working for Catholic Social Services in 1991, Luna continued to work on the assessment. He recalls "offering all sorts of services to Hispanics but primarily being involved with immigration procedures." It soon got around that he was accessible and willing to help, he says, and, "I was called upon to help with all sorts of translations, language problems, and difficulties in communication between Anglos and Hispanics."

Luna looks back on his work with CSS with satisfaction and a seasoned sensitivity, too. The "funniest" episodes he recollects now were often those that frightened him at the time because "I didn't know what to do," he admits apologetically. "Keep in mind that I never studied social services or any related courses, so through most of this I just used my common sense and my heart." While he worked for CSS, people

routinely called him at home at all hours for help. Difficult as this was for his family, often interfering with his home life, he accepted it as "a part of what we're called to do as Catholics — to be there for others when you are needed."

Though Martin no longer works for CSS, he and Christine — who now have two children, Jessica Marie (8) and David Martin (3) — remain as involved as ever in the concerns of a growing Hispanic community. Initially the Lunas helped with a monthly Spanish Mass that was celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Church. During that same period, they also assisted with a similar Mass that has since become a regular weekly liturgy at Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville.

When Father Cancro became pastor at St. Eugene, the ministerial needs among the Hispanics in the immediate vicinity were becoming more evident. Scheduling a regular monthly liturgy in Spanish has helped immensely, says Luna. "Having Mass in Spanish has drawn people from Spain, Columbia, Argentina, and Puerto Rico in addition to the Mexican majority." Both he and his wife believe the formation and development of a mature faith community will depend on the availability of a regular weekly liturgy.

Recently a parish task force has been organized to better assess current needs among the Hispanic population. The results, according to Father Cancro, reveal at least 75 stable Hispanic families interested in religious education and sacramental preparation for their children as well as Bible study, in addition to weekly liturgy and celebration of sacraments. Father Cancro's regard for the lay ministry of couples like the Lunas is high: "They are well respected in the community, their ministerial intuitions are accurate, and they are talented at empowering others to become involved and assume leadership."

## Singer-Songwriter Brings Message Of Jesus' Love

FORT MILL, S.C. — Christian musician Bob Colasanti, whose self-distributed debut recording has sold more than 22,000 copies, will present a love offering concert Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Grand Ballroom.

Colasanti, a south Florida resident, found music as his ministry after personal tragedy caused him to question his faith. He looks at music as a means of healing — and of conveying a message celebrating the love of Jesus.

His first album, *It is the Season*, has received airplay on WMIT/WFGW radio station in Black Mountain, and sales and support of the record have been steady. A new recording is scheduled for release in February, 1997.

Colasanti has performed with other contemporary Christian artists such as Phil Keaggy, First Call and Tony Melendez. In addition, he has appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and other syndicated radio and television programs.

For information, call Mary Ciminelli, (704) 841-0986.

## Annual CRISM Day Of Reflection Is Oct. 21

HICKORY — The annual CRISM Day of Reflection for the Diocese of Charlotte is Oct. 21 (instead of Oct. 14) at the Catholic Conference Center. Continental breakfast, lunch, fellowship and faith enrichment are offered. Father Richard Hokanson from St. Joseph Church in Newton is chaplain. Registration form available in Sept. 20 and 27 issues of *The Catholic News & Herald* and in church offices. Cost is \$10. For information, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871 any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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# Church Aid To Migrants Must Be Linked To Evangelization, Says Pope

**By JOHN THAVIS**  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The church's aid to the millions of non-Christian migrants around the world must be linked to evangelization efforts, Pope John Paul II said in his 1997 World Migration Day message.  
"The urgency of helping migrants who often find themselves in precarious conditions should not hinder the announcement of those ultimate realities upon which Christian hope is founded," the pope said.  
"The true pastor, even when besieged by enormous practical problems, never forgets that migrants have need of God and that many are seeking him with a sincere heart," he said.  
The text, released at the Vatican Sept. 3, cited the growing number of people fleeing situations of war, hunger and ethnic conflict. The situation clearly challenges Christians to work for social justice on behalf of refugees, it said.  
It also highlights a special responsibility to "transmit the faith," it said.  
"The church's commitment to mi-

grants and refugees cannot be reduced to simply organizing structures of welcome and solidarity," the pope wrote.  
Nor is the church merely called to transmit authentic values to people, but "above all to unveil the mystery of Christ," he said.  
He cited the words of Pope Paul VI, saying that the Church must never back off from announcing the Gospel to non-Christians.  
Today's migration patterns make that advice particularly significant, he said. In recent years, most modern migrants have been non-Christians arriving in traditionally Christian countries in search of better living conditions.  
He noted that some of these host countries have taken measures to ensure legal recognition for the non-Christian groups and to provide protection, freedom of activity and economic support for their cultural activities.  
The church supports such legislation because it favors freedom of worship for every human being, he said.



Members of St. Peter's Church in downtown Charlotte are shown getting things in order for their "Garden of Eden" before the Carolina Panthers Sept. 1 season opener against the Atlanta Falcons. The group sold between 220-230 barbecue and hot dog box lunches to fans headed to the game. Parishioner Jan Kelly said the fund-raiser grossed \$1,445 (not including start-up costs). All profits will be given to feed the poor of the city. She added that parishioners plan to have the pre-game food and fun before one game each month. Free apples were also provided, "in keeping with the (original) Garden of Eden," Kelly said.

## Stewardship Day: Promoting Discipleship

MORGANTON — Stewardship — the planned, proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure in return for God's many blessings — has become a priority in the Diocese of Charlotte. This year's Parish Stewardship Day, one of many diocesan efforts to promote stewardship as a way of life, is Sept. 20-21 at St. Charles Borromeo Church and will focus on designing and expanding programs that enhance stewardship in diocesan parishes.  
Father George Kloster of St. Michael Church in Gastonia, diocesan Director of Development Jim Kelley, and Associate Director Barbara Rohrman will be workshop speakers.  
Father Kloster, a leader in stewardship efforts, is keynote speaker. He will address theological and spiritual elements of stewardship and takes the place of Bishop J. Kevin Boland of the Savannah Diocese, who suffered a recent accident and is unable to attend.  
Following the keynote speech, participants can choose from workshops on a variety of themes. Those new to the concept of stewardship may choose to attend Kelley's workshop on building stewardship committees in parishes. Rohrman's session, which will focus on creative ideas for stewardship renewal, is recommended for those parishes that have been active in stewardship efforts for several years.  
Afternoon workshops will also offer choices. Kelley's session centers on welcoming new parishioners, while Rohrman will discuss incorporating stewardship in the lives of young people.  
Kelley and Rohrman, along with seminarian Arturo DeAguilar, Father Ken Whittington of the Office of Liturgy and Worship, and Diocesan Director of Justice and Peace Joanne Frazer will also host roundtable discussions. Topics will concentrate on introducing stewardship in the parish, stewardship in the Hispanic community, liturgical expressions of stewardship parish tithing committees, and discernment of gifts and talents.  
For participants' convenience, the same program is offered both days. To register or for more information, contact Barbara Rohrman, (704) 331-1710. Registration deadline is Sept. 11.

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final stage of this tradition" (what the evangelists finally wrote) with the initial stage (the actual words and deeds of Jesus), and thus ends up misrepresenting God's call that is voiced by the Gospel itself.  
Finally, because of its attachment to the "Scripture alone" principle, "fundamentalism is often anti-church." Creeds, doctrines, liturgical practices and the teaching function of the church are considered of little importance.  
By the "literal" sense of Scripture, Catholic teaching and scholarship generally mean the answer to the question, "What precisely did the author of this book or passage mean when he wrote it?" (It seems unlikely that any biblical books as we have them were written by women.)  
The answer to that question is of fundamental importance in interpreting the Bible. This literal meaning, expressed directly by the inspired human authors, is, we believe, the understanding intended by God, the principal author.  
This differs significantly from the "literalist" sense proposed by fundamentalists. Word-for-word translations don't always give the real literal meaning.  
When God tells people in Scripture to "gird their loins," he's not giving them direction about clothing. He's telling them metaphorically to prepare themselves for action.  
One needs to understand the text according to the literary custom of the time, a serious project which means using all available findings of literary and historical research.

As you see, the elements of fundamentalism can be complicated. But these thoughts may give some ideas of how that approach to the Bible contrasts with the major thrust of Catholic and other Christian understanding of the Bible during most of this century.  
The quotes and explanations given here are generally from the biblical commission's document, primarily in the section titled "Fundamentalist Interpretation." The document is available from the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington, D.C.  
A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the Holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

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### RCIA Begins

MINT HILL — RCIA classes for Catholics and non-Catholics interested in learning more about the faith begin Sept. 8 and continue on Sundays from 9:30-11 a.m. until Easter at St. Matthew Church. Call (704) 543-7677 for information.

### Post-Abortion Counseling

WINSTON-SALEM — Dr. Martha Shuping presents a workshop on ministering to women who have had abortions Sept. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Charter Hospital. To attend, call Brigetta Beck, (910) 774-3273, or (800) 441-2673, ext. 3273, by Sept. 17.

### Christian Mothers Meet

CHARLOTTE — The first meeting of the Christian Mothers is Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Leo Church in the activity center. For information, call Susie Hemler, (704) 768-5731.

### Franciscan Fraternity Meets

ASHEVILLE — The St. Clare Secular Franciscan Order of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis meets 9 a.m. the second Saturday each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, DM. The fraternity had been dormant for 25 years before recently being officially reactivated. For information, contact Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

### Music Fundamentals Course

CLEMMONS — Holy Family Church offers a course on The Fundamentals of Music from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays in September. Dr. Alan Innes, minister of sacred music and liturgy at Holy Family, will conduct the sessions. For information or registration, call the church, (704) 766-8133.

### Retrouvaille Session

Retrouvaille begins Oct. 11. Retrouvaille is designed to help married couples heal and renew their loving relationships. For information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

### Fall Luncheon

MAGGIE VALLEY — St. Margaret Church women's annual fall luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Sept. 12 at Laurel Ridge Country Club. Cost is \$7. Tickets are available after Masses. For information, call Martha Martin, (704) 452-0882.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

### Many Gifts, One Spirit

ASHEVILLE — A Diocesan Retreat of the African-American Ministry for people of all racial and ethnic groups directed by Reverend Mr. Marvin Threath of Lemon Grove, Ca. is Sept. 13-14. For registration and information, call the African American Ministry, (704) 377-6871.

### Missionary To Speak

Reverend Roland Hautz of the Glenmary Home Missioners will speak Sept. 14 and 15 at Sacred Heart Church in Brevard and Sept. 21 and 22 at St. Barnabas Church in Arden.

### Bible Study

HIGH POINT — Monthly Bible Study begins in October at Christ the King Church. For information, call the office, (704) 884-0244.

### Dramatic Presentation Of Gospel

CLEMMONS — Television actor Frank Runyeon stars in "Afraid," a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark, 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Holy Family Church. For tickets, call Holy Family, (910) 766-8133, Our Lady of Mercy, (910) 722-7001 or St. Leo, (910) 724-056. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

### Golf Outing

GREENSBORO — The St. Pius X School 10th Annual Great Golf Outing is Oct. 4 at the Greensboro National Golf Course. Cost is \$85 and includes golf, refreshments and dinner. For information, call Darrel Kerr, (704) 282-4925.

### Class of '76 Reunion

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School 20 year reunion is Oct. 12. For information, call Beth Herlocker, (704) 544-0345.

### St. John Neumann Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Women's Club Craft Bazaar is Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is \$25 per table, plus a handmade item. For details, call (704) 573-1994.

### Youth Program Begins

CHARLOTTE — A city-wide Catholic Youth Group for mentally handicapped students is being formed. For information, call Anne, (704) 523-2774, or Sue, (704) 545-0242.

### Spanish Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A Spanish Charismatic prayer group meets 7:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Patrick Cathedral in the parish center.

### Healing Mass

ASHEVILLE — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is 7 p.m. the second Thursday each month at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

### Fall Festival

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church Fall Festival is Oct. 11-12. Donations are needed for the flea market. For information, call Deb Carley, (910) 334-3007.

### Blessed Sacrament Exposition

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information, call the

office, (704) 252-3151.

### Symposium Focuses On Aging

HENDERSONVILLE — The 11th Annual National Symposium Ministry With the Aging, sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte CRISM office, is Oct. 1-4 at Kanuga Conference Center. For information, call (704) 251-0428.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools.

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month.

ARDEN — Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at St. Eugene Church.

CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets 7 p.m. the third Saturday each month at St. Ann Church. Leaders' School is 7 p.m. the second and fourth Friday each month.

### Jesuit House Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — "Christ With Me, Christ Before Me, Christ Above Me" is a Sept. 13-15 retreat directed by Jesuit Father Joseph McGovern for men of Irish descent to reflect on the call to be Christ's companion on the journey to God.

"Spirit Without the Spirits" is a Sept. 20-22 retreat for recovering alcoholic women involved in A.A.

"Dreams: A Call to Wholeness" is a Sept. 27-29 retreat focusing on the place and value of dreams in our lives.

For information regarding these retreats, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-7366.

### Carmelite Retreat

APEX — The Secular (Third) Order Discalced Carmelites silent retreat directed by Discalced Carmelite Father Keiran Kavanaugh to open the celebration for the Centennial of St. Therese is Oct. 17-20 at the Avila Retreat Center. Cost is \$105 for three days, \$150 for four days (Thursday is optional). To register, send a \$15 check payable to OCDS to Sandra Malkovsky, 2131 Eastridge Dr., Apex, N.C. 27502. For information, call (919) 772-2067.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

CHARLOTTE — The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Sept. 20-22. To register, call Tom and Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steven and Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

### Holy Angels Golf Tournament

CRAMER MOUNTAIN — A golf tournament to benefit Holy Angels is Sept. 23 at Cramer Mountain Country Club. For information, contact Josh at (704) 825-4161.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Drink the Living Water" is a Sept. 19-26 active, interactive, inner-active retreat with nature directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Robert Rosseau and Sisters of Charity Sister Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

"Francis, Go Repair My Church" is an Oct. 4-6 weekend retreat celebrating the feast of St. Francis including a dramatization of the Transitus directed by Conventual Franciscan Father Alfred Sartor. Cost is \$85.

"Songs are for Singing" is an Oct. 11-13 weekend retreat in the colorful surroundings of the Smokies in autumn directed by Dominican Father Michael Burke. Cost is \$85.

"The Stillness of the Forest" is an Oct. 14-20 nature retreat directed by Father Eric Pitre, John Boyles, and Frank and Brenda Petras. Cost is \$235.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" is an Oct. 25-31 retreat of exploration and prayer inspired by the beauty of the mountains in autumn directed by Sisters of Charity Sisters Gloria Solomon and Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

"Let Us Celebrate" is a Nov. 11-17 retreat for those who like to mingle with spirituality, Eucharist and Thanksgiving directed by Conventual Father John Quigley, Joanne Wheller and Gus Tamborello.

To register for these retreats, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### St. Ann Bingo

CHARLOTTE — Bingo sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 770 is played 7 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 9 at St. Ann Church in the Activity Center. Cash prizes, including a \$500 jackpot, will be given away each week.

### Institute Rescheduled

"Focus on Initiation, 90 Days Institute" has been rescheduled for Jan. 17-19, 1997. Register by Oct. 17 for extra savings. Call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499 for details.

### Day Of Reflection

GREENSBORO — A CRISM (Catholic Retired Invited to Special Ministries) Day of Reflection for the Greensboro Vicariate is 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sept. 24 at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Franciscan Father David Hyman will conduct the program.

### Silver And Gold

CHARLOTTE — The annual diocesan celebration for couples married 25 or 50 years is 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at St. John Neumann Church. Contact your parish office to be included.

*The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, also are welcome. Please submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the date of publication.*



# World And National News Briefs

## Churches In Miami On Security Alert In Scare Over Stickers

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Miami placed all of its parishes on a special security alert in late August after two Catholic churches in Pembroke Pines were defaced with stickers reading, "If you love God, burn a church." Six stickers, measuring about 4 inches by 1 inch, were plastered on an automobile and buildings at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church before 7 a.m. Aug. 25. Four more stickers, which also included a drawing of a burned church, were found at another Broward County church, St. Boniface, about two miles away. Although Jewish houses of worship have been defaced by hate messages in South Florida, it was the first time that local Catholic churches had been the target of such actions.

## Priest Flooded With Donations After Returning Senator's Check

NORTH GROSVENORDALE, Conn. (CNS) — A Connecticut priest who gained national attention in April for returning a pro-abortion lawmaker's \$5,000 donation to a Catholic school has

received more than 10 times that amount from pro-lifers who are lauding the priest's actions. Father George H. Parker, administrator of St. Joseph Parish in North Grosvenordale, told Hartford's archdiocesan paper, *The Catholic Transcript*, that he had received \$56,300 in donations to St. Joseph's School as of Aug. 22. All of the donations were from people who supported Father Parker's refusal to accept money from Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., an advocate of keeping abortion legal.

## Cardinal Bernardin Answers Critics On Dialogue Plan

CHICAGO (CNS) — Answering his critics, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago said Aug. 29 that his call for dialogue in the church was not an invitation to dissent or compromise with the truth. In a 10-page written statement on the wide reactions to his Catholic Common Ground Project and its framework statement, "Called to Be Catholic," the cardinal said that when he unveiled the project Aug. 12 he expected criticisms "from some groups on the right or left" who judge everything in terms of their own agenda. "More troubling," he said, "is the criticism that mixes arguable points with what I believe are grave misunderstandings." He expressed concern that "even a carefully framed appeal for dialogue coming from an archbishop and seconded by a broad range of distinguished advisers was met with immediate suspicion." To some extent the criticisms themselves "confirm the need for this initiative," he said.

## Young Adults Want To Feel 'At Home' In Church, Bishop Says

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Young

adult Catholics are "looking for a church where they really feel they belong and ... feel at home," a Los Angeles auxiliary bishop said at a conference for young adults. Auxiliary Bishop Stephen E. Blaire spoke to some 800 Catholics about "mature discipleship" at the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Young Adult Conference '96, held Aug. 24-25. This November, Bishop Blaire and the rest of the U.S. bishops will vote on a pastoral plan to reach out specifically to Catholic young adults, many of whom leave the church after high school or college but later find themselves wanting to come back.

## Chicago Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Highlights Unity Theme

CHICAGO (CNS) — Quoting Scripture and hearing responses of "Amen, brother," Vice President Al Gore put on his preacher's hat at an interfaith prayer breakfast held in conjunction with the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. "God bless you for pitching in to this American effort to heal our nation and bring people together," he told 2,000 cheering clergy and lay leaders who gathered Aug. 27 for the event "Celebrating Democracy Through Diversity" at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Gore, who once attended divinity school at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, reminded members of the predominantly African-American audience that they must "live in faith but under public policy."

## New Study To Analyze Anglo, Latino Catholic Young Adults

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A team of researchers headed by sociologist Dean R. Hoge is launching a major study

of young adult U.S. Catholics with a \$494,905 grant from the Lilly Endowment. They will research the spiritual needs and values, the religious training and the sense and character of Catholic identity among Anglo and Latino Catholics in the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups. The researchers are starting from an assumption that "a strong Catholic identity probably will be harder to achieve in the future," Hoge said. "This is a gradually growing problem for American Catholics," he said. "There is strong debate in Catholic circles about religious education, Catholic identity and the best approach in the future."

## Bosnian Elections Require International Support, Says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ensuring free and fair elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina is the obligation of the international community, said a Vatican diplomat. Speaking to the permanent council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Aug. 29, Msgr. Mario Zenari said the OSCE — the trans-Atlantic body responsible for overseeing the mid-September vote — faces "a challenge and a responsibility." However, he added, the Vienna-based organization does not face this job alone: Its member-states, which include the United States and Canada, must pitch in.

## Sudanese Rebels Free Missionaries, One Chooses To Stay At Mission

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Five missionaries who had been detained since Aug. 17 by Sudanese rebels in Mapourdit, Sudan, arrived in Nairobi Aug. 30. A sixth detainee, Sudanese Father Raphael Riel, 48, vicar general of the Diocese of Rumbek, Sudan, was also freed but chose to stay in Mapourdit to keep the mission open. The five who arrived in Nairobi were reported in good health. They were not tortured, but said they were physically mistreated while being held captive by members of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, or SPLA.

## Argentina's Bishops Say Program Must Defend Dignity

CORDOBA, Argentina (CNS) — Argentine bishops and lay leaders, gathered at a three-day meeting in Cordoba, said Aug. 25 that the government's new economic program must defend human dignity. At the seventh Meeting of Constructors of Society, held Aug. 23-25, the Catholic prelates urged government authorities to "humanize the economic system" so that it promotes human dignity. "We must not consider human beings as robots ready to produce money," said Cardinal Raul Primatesa of Cordoba. The meeting was held two weeks after Argentina's government announced its new economic program aimed at lowering the deficit.

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## St. Aloysius Church

**HICKORY** — Although there existed a small Catholic presence in Catawba County during the late 19th century, the first Mass was not celebrated in the area until Dec. 7, 1913. Benedictine Father Celestine Bache, a missionary assigned by Bishop Leo Haid to confirm the existence of a Catholic population in the region, gathered a dozen or so Catholics together in a Hickory home, where Mass was celebrated for almost two years.

In April 1915, Bishop Haid dedicated a former Seventh Day Adventist Church as the new St. Aloysius Catholic Church. The building and property had been purchased by the Catholic residents the year before. Benedictines from Belmont Abbey visited Hickory to celebrate Mass from that point, although the liturgy was said only four times that year. Soon Masses were said monthly, and in 1928, Benedictine Father Anthony Mayer celebrated on a weekly basis.

By that time, some 50 Catholics lived in the Hickory area. The congregation looked to expand its facilities, and property was bought in April 1937. A year later, which marked the Silver Jubilee of the St. Aloysius community, a new, brownstone church was dedicated.

The years during World War II saw Masses added for the Naval Cadets who were stationed at Lenior-Rhyme College. Parish growth continued through the next two decades; organizations and programs were developed and a newly built rectory enhanced parish life. Previously, Catawba County had fallen under the jurisdiction of Belmont Abbey, but in 1944 was welcomed into the Diocese of Raleigh. The first resident pastor of the now-diocesan church, Father William T. McShea, also began celebrating Mass in Burke County and in Morganton, thereby establishing missions there.

By the early 1960s parishioners again saw the need to build a larger church, thanks in part to an increased Catholic population due to expanded industrialization in the area. More than 400 people made up

the congregation, and on May 10, 1963, then-Msgr. Michael J. Begley — later to become the founding bishop of the Charlotte Diocese — preached the sermon at the dedication Mass of the new red-brick St. Aloysius Church.

St. Aloysius parish continued to thrive. During the 1970s, the parish established a new church in Newton. The church, St. Joseph the Worker, was dedicated on Labor Day, 1978, and remained a mission of St. Aloysius until attaining parish status in 1980.

Continued expansion during recent years has most notably included a new multi-purpose, three-story complex which houses a sanctuary with a capacity of 750 people. The complex, dedicated in 1993, also is home to classrooms, offices, meeting rooms, a nursery, a music room and a parlor. Plans continue for the renovation of the original church building, which parishioners hope to transform into a day chapel. Also, the red-brick church will be converted to a parish hall.

Both within the St. Aloysius family and in its community, parishioners have dedicated themselves to a number of ministries and outreach programs, including youth ministry, Knights of Columbus, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Newman Club, Co-operative Christian Ministry, the Hickory Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, N.C. Right to Life, Pregnancy Care Center, the American Red Cross and the Department of Social Services.

Although the beginnings of St. Aloysius parish were meager back in the early years of the century, the parish family has grown to include some 2,600 people. Much has occurred in Hickory since that group of 12 celebrated Mass for the first time in 1913, and St. Aloysius Church stands as a monument to the enterprising spirit of this church community.



### St. Aloysius

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Tri-State Rally participants joined for the closing Mass at Carowinds Paladium on September 8. "In his homily, Bishop William G. Curlin reminded youth from the dioceses of Charleston, Charlotte, Savannah and the archdiocese of Atlanta, "Never forget that Jesus is alive in our world. He's alive in you; and as long as God is living in you, it's going to be a great world."

## Tri-State Youth Rally Cranks Up The Faith

By JOANN KEANE  
 Associate Editor

LAKE WYLIE, S.C. — "How many have been told you are the future of the church?" Hundreds of youthful hands shoot skyward in response to Anna Scally's question. Wrong, she says. "You are the church *today*, and we are counting on you."

With that in mind, 1,200 of today's church kicked off the Tri-State Youth Rally. Sponsored by the office of youth ministry, teens from the dioceses of Charleston, Charlotte, Savannah, and the archdiocese of Atlanta, jump-started their weekend with a dance hosted by Scally, a disc jockey and producer for Cornerstone Media's *Burning Issues*, an audio program focusing on current youth issues.

Dozens of teens begin to move to

the rhythm. As a video camera projects dancers onto a wide-screen TV, more and more join in until the grounds of Camp Thunderbird resemble a toned-down version of *The Grind* (a 90s rendition of *American Bandstand*).

Don't just stay with your parish group, urges Scally. You need to meet 100 people tonight. As the music pumps to levels guaranteed to please the teens, they scatter to form new friendships.

For the next two hours, chart-topping tunes reverberate across Lake Wylie.

Scally hits the kids where they live: music. She gains their trust with a key-note that weaves elements of faith through a music needle. As soft refrains permeate the evening air, she calls teens

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## Bishop Dedicates Chapel At Maryfield Nursing Home

By MIKE KROKOS  
 Editor

HIGH POINT — Frank Deal takes pride in saying he is a convert to the Catholic faith.

Like many other converts, the parishioner at Christ the King Church enjoys sharing because "it is a way for expressing our thanks to God for bringing us here."

Deal, who became a Catholic nearly 50 years ago, continues to develop a closer relationship with the Lord. He was among the 300 people who filled the main ecumenical chapel at Maryfield Nursing Home Sept. 8 for a Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin dedicating the new Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel.

In the devotion, the consecrated Eucharist remains exposed on the altar in the monstrance for veneration by the faithful in the chapel, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Adorers commit to a specific day and time to ensure that our Eucharistic Lord is never left alone. People use the time they commit for prayer and reflection.

Deal said Perpetual Adoration provides a "bottomless well of grace."

"To go into the chapel, to kneel, say your rosary, say other prayers, to read, to look at our Lord in the

monstrance is such a consolation; it is such a manifestation of His immense love for us," Deal said.

"This chapel is being dedicated that we may come and see the Lord. We reflect, worship and are renewed by His presence here," Bishop Curlin said. "We are comforted by the fact that in this special house of prayer we can find the Lord, but we are also challenged to find Christ in our lives and the lives of those around us."

The sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, who operate the nursing home, established Perpetual Adoration at Maryfield in June, 1994. Faithful come from Greensboro, Kernersville, Thomasville and Winston-Salem. As part of the dedication ceremony, Bishop Curlin carried the monstrance in procession from the main chapel to the adoration chapel.

The building of the Perpetual Adoration chapel was a yearlong project. "This tremendous and most important undertaking has been a success because of the strong support that has been received — financially, and equally significantly, spiritually and physically," said Poor Servants of the Mother of God Sister Lucy Hennessy.

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# Parish Nurse Is Minister Of Health

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

HENDERSONVILLE — "A parish what?" Some parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church are still puzzled when Mary Scillieri introduces herself as the parish nurse. The pastor, Capuchin Father John Aurilia, admits the idea is new to him, too. "I learned of this program only last year. It was a shocking experience in the good sense of the word — ministering to both the body and the soul. The parish nursing program involves a holistic approach to health. It's a blessing for our parish because so many of our parishioners are older people."



Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

Mary Scillieri charts the growth of a student at Immaculata School.

Mary Scillieri recalls her first thoughts upon learning of the position. "A parish nurse — that's something new?" Further thought, she says, led her to realize that while this particular position made possible by Park Ridge Hospital with a grant from Duke University is very recent, the inspiration is actually quite old.

"The Church has always ministered to the sick," she says. Scillieri situates her role as a nurse at the very heart of Jesus' own ministry. "The Church has been involved in healing and holistic growth since the moment Jesus said to one man who could not walk, 'Your sins are forgiven,' while to another he said, 'Get up and walk.'" In her view, the fact that Jesus always addressed the whole person illuminates the basic character of nursing as ministry over the centuries.

Today, health care systems are often criticized for having grown too complex and depersonalized in the past 50 years. Scillieri believes that, as hospitals work to become more decentralized, health care providers will find the Church as a natural environment for bringing services into local communities. "The Church has always affirmed the faith-health connection," she told the assembled congregation at Mass. "Our spirituality corresponds with our overall health. As our heart and spirit goes, so our body will go as well."

A native of Erie, Pa., Scillieri worked as a psychiatric nurse in Flagstaff, Ariz., for more than three years before coming to North Carolina. She credits her commitment to affirming the Church's role in healing to her Catholic upbringing and education at Villa Maria

Elementary School and later at Gannon University in Erie. "When I was educated as a nurse at Gannon University, nothing that was taught that did not have some element of spirituality about it. You can't separate a person's body and emotions from their spirit — and I was looking for a way to integrate this."

Scillieri now occupies a small office on the parish grounds and is deciding just how to best use the 20 hours per week for which she has been hired. On examining the variety of parish ministries currently serving the needs of the homebound, those in hospitals and nursing homes and the recently bereaved, she reports, "It's already happening — the corporal works of mercy. My job is to coordinate what's happening...to discover the needs of people here and connect them with resources available in the Church or in the larger community."

Noting that more than 60 parishioners are currently in nursing homes and the list of homebound is seldom less than 30, she sees herself in the role of liaison and advocate as well as nurse; an expansion that might be better termed "minister of health" than parish nurse.

Even now Scillieri knows she wants to spend at least part of the week across the street at Immaculata School with the children. Congregation of the Sisters of Holy Cross Sister Judith McKenna, principal, has already indicated to Scillieri that, although first-aid is routinely handled by teachers who are also nurses, and vaccinations administered by county nurses, there is plenty of health-related screening and education to be done.

The variety in Scillieri's nursing background is already extensive. Her experiences in medical, surgical, childbirth education, involvement with hospice and work with victims of alcohol and chemical dependency have equipped her with a considerable range of skills. This will prove an even greater asset as she responds to a diversity of needs in the faith community. "I was a generalist in the age of specialists," says Scillieri, adding with a smile, "and it has brought me to parish nursing."

## Greatest in the Kingdom



The disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:1-4

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"We are also grateful to the strong corps of adorers, who so faithfully come here to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. It is your devotion to our Lord, and to the extra effort you expend in coming out here to adore him, that is the reason for our celebration today," Sister Lucy added.

Bishop Curlin praised the work of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God and volunteers of Maryfield. "I think your greatest work is your care for the aged and sick. Your ministry can be unbelievably difficult," he said.

"Perhaps the single greatest thing that you have done in your ministry is to enthrone Jesus in our midst," the bishop added. "He is the source from whom grace and strength for ministry flow. Sisters, I thank you on behalf of the diocese for visibly reminding us that Jesus is the center of our lives."



The faithful come from High Point, Greensboro, Kernersville, Thomasville and Winston-Salem to take part in Perpetual Adoration at Maryfield.

Photos by MIKE KROKOS



Bishop Curlin kneels in prayer after dedicating the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel at Maryfield Nursing Home.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
September 15 - 21



Sunday:	Sirach 27: 30 -- 28: 7 Romans 14: 7-9 Matthew 18: 21-35
Monday:	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33 Luke 7: 1-10
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31 Luke 7: 11-17
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 12: 31 -- 13: 13 Luke 7: 31-35
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 7: 36-50
Friday:	1 Corinthians 14: 12-20 Luke 8: 1-3
Saturday:	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9: 9-13

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# Scholarship A Testimonial Of Students' Faith, Leadership

Catholic Campus Ministry and the Foundation make a presentation honoring the life of UNCC student Kim Piccolo.

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — More than eight years have passed since Barbara Neff-Hutchison's first effort to establish an Endowed Catholic Scholarship Fund for Catholic students attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Some \$10,000 later, the UNCC Catholic Campus Ministry chaplain, along with Diocese of Charlotte Foundation Executive Director Jim Kelley, presented Cynthia Soderholm the Kim Piccolo Endowed Scholarship. Soderholm, a senior double-majoring in accounting and management information systems, received the scholarship during a presentation at the Catholic Center Aug. 13.

"I'm honored and touched to have been chosen," said Soderholm, a parishioner of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. "It makes me feel very humble."

The scholarship honors the life of Kim Piccolo, a UNCC business major and a member of the Catholic Campus Ministry who in January 1989 was mur-

dered in her apartment. Her parents, Bonnie and John Piccolo, are former parishioners of St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

The endowment has been in place within the diocese since July 1994. It was one of the first four endowments — and the first scholarship — set up by the Foundation, and has since grown by 74 percent thanks to both income earned as

well as the contributions of individuals and organizations. The Foundation currently comprises 24 endowments, with assets totaling \$2.56 million.

The \$600 scholarship is directed at tuition costs as Soderholm finishes her final year of school. With it, she and future recipients will receive funds to ease their financial burden during college years. Both Kelley and Neff-Hutchison hope to see the endowment — and

thereby, the scholarships — continue to grow over time.

"The purpose of the endowments is not only to provide money, but to provide a means of changing lives," said Kelley. "This particular endowment marks the first grant made from the Foundation to help an individual, rather than a parish or school or other entity. As the Foundation continues to grow, we

hope to continue providing such distributions throughout the diocese."

"The important thing," added Neff-Hutchison, "is that we've

reached our goal — we've been able to give honor to Kim's life."

Neff-Hutchison, who worked with parochial vicar Franciscan Father Tom Crangle of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in deciding on a recipient, said Soderholm was the obvious choice. The determined 21-year-old has worked her

way through school, and as a member of Catholic Campus Ministry, better known as Chi Rho, Soderholm took on leadership responsibilities which further identified her as a caring person of faith — much like Kim Piccolo herself. "We wanted a financial need, we wanted scholarship, and we wanted Catholic loyalty to campus ministry," she said. "Cynthia met that criteria, and she also is someone with the same personality traits as Kim — that same goodness and faith. Presenting the scholarship to her just felt as if it was in the spirit of the entire project."

In that endowed scholarships rely on consistent contributions to grow, Neff-Hutchison and Kelley remind people that the scholarship fund is always open to expansion. To make tax-deductible contributions to this memorial celebrating the life of a faithful Catholic and student, make checks payable to The Kim Piccolo Endowed Scholarship Fund and send them to Jim Kelley, Executive Director of the Foundation, 1524 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.

*"... we've reached our goal — we've been able to give honor to Kim's life."*



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend William G. Curlin,  
is pleased to announce the following  
appointments in the Diocese of Charlotte:

**Effective September 8, 1996**  
**Reverend Francis X. Reese, S.J.**  
Has been granted Sabbatical leave

**Effective September 6, 1996**  
**Reverend Edward Ifkovits, S.J.**  
Pastor, St. Andrew the Apostle and  
Sacred Heart Parishes



Photo by JOANN KEANE

UNCC senior Cynthia Soderholm receives the Kim Piccolo Endowed Scholarship in the Catholic Center chapel. Pictured left to right are: Jim Kelley, executive director of the Foundation; Barbara Neff-Hutchison, UNCC campus minister; Soderholm; and Father Tom Crangle, parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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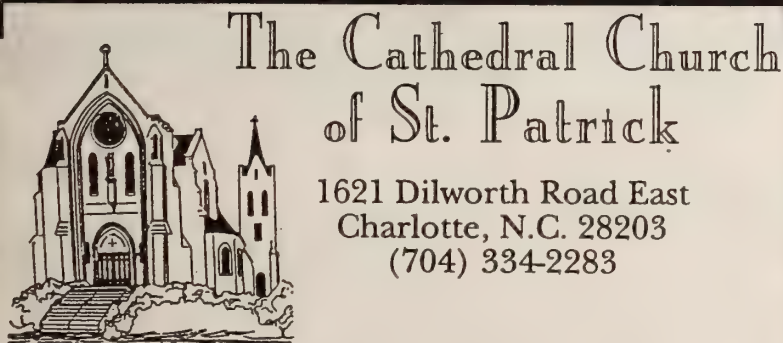
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

### September 20

10 am  
Diocesan Educational Retreat  
Charlotte Catholic High School

### 11:30 am

Mass with diocesan support staff

### September 21

5 p.m.  
Holy Angels Church  
75th anniversary celebration  
Mount Airy

### September 22

11 am  
Confirmation  
St. John Lee  
Korean Catholic Center, Charlotte

### 5 pm

Cursillo closing ceremonies  
Holy Family Church  
Clemmons

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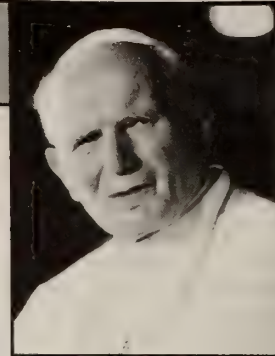
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Mary Embraced Role Of Servant To Which God Calls All, Says Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Sept. 4.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our catechesis today deals with Mary's response to the angel at the Annunciation, an act of free submission to God and a conscious giving of herself to his will. In this, she shows her complete willingness to be "the handmaid of the Lord." In fact, her words anticipate those of Christ himself, who declared: "The Son of Man has come not to be served, but to serve." (cf. Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45). Thus, from the outset, there is a marvelous correlation between Mother and Son in their interior disposition to serve and to give themselves totally to God's will. Indeed, it is as Christ himself said: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work" (Jn 4:34). In total and loving obedience to the divine will, Mary had an intimate share in her Son's passion and death, so much so that "a sword pierced her own soul also" (cf. Lk 2:35).

I extend a special greeting to the representatives of the Department of Religious Affairs of the government of Thailand: I hope that your visit to Rome will give you a renewed appreciation of the church's mission at the service of the human family. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the groups from Sweden, Thailand, Japan and the United States, I invoke the peace and grace of Jesus Christ, our lord and savior.

### Pope, Church Leaders Condemn Change In Poland's Abortion Law

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Pope John Paul II and Polish church leaders have condemned a vote by Parliament to permit more legal abortions. "Parliamen-

tarians elected to defend society and safeguard human life have declared themselves in favor of the death of

innocent, helpless people," said Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, secretary-general of the Polish bishops' conference. "It is horrifying that someone can coldbloodedly calculate the death of another," he said. At the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo Sept. 1, Pope John Paul told Polish pilgrims: "I am filled with sadness by the fact that in our homeland, which suffered so much during the Second World War, the drama of the death of thousands of innocent and defenseless human beings continues."

### Pope Visits Ancient Monastery, Meets With Elderly In Hungary

PANNONHALMA, Hungary (CNS) — Pope John Paul II visited an ancient, mountaintop monastery in Hungary, meeting with some ill and elderly people under care there. Upon his arrival in Budapest on the morning of Sept. 6 and throughout the day, he spread an unceasing message of hope. Speaking often in Hungarian, he encouraged the victims of unexpected economic hardship and other disappointments in post-Cold War Hungary not to abandon faith. And he underscored the importance of this message in personal encounters along the way. Whether from emotion or the fresh mountain air on a crystalline day, the color rose in the pope's cheeks as he greeted a receiving line of religious who worked in the 1,000-year-old Benedictine monastery at Pannonhalma. Glancing at the identification tags hung about their necks for the occasion, he took trouble to pronounce some first names, to the delight of the people filing by.

## Letters

### Partial-Birth Abortion Is Wrong

On Sept. 19, Congress will attempt to override the veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Bill. Eighty-six percent of Americans believe this type of abortion is morally wrong when it is explained to them, yet our president vetoed the wishes of the American people as expressed through their elected officials in Congress.

The media has misled us because they refer to it as a "late-term abortion." Only 26 percent of Americans know the nature of this brutal, barbaric procedure, according to Carol Everett, a former owner of several abortion clinics. Of 35,000 abortions performed in her clinics, Everett has stated that not one was ever done for the health of the mother.

Medical journals state that the only reason for this kind of abortion is to ensure a dead baby since some abortions produce live babies. How can anyone sanction a procedure where a living baby is drawn feet first through the birth canal while its head remains within the birth canal, and scissors are inserted into the base of the skull and the brain suctioned?

This procedure is never necessary for the "health" of the mother since it takes 72 hours to prepare her body, and it actually endangers her life. If a woman were at risk, a doctor would normally do a C-section.

Abortionists can do three of these procedures in an hour and get paid \$750 to \$4,000 cash for each one, often avoiding income taxes. If we took the money out of abortions, the number of them would be drastically reduced. When society condones the behavior of abortion, is it any wonder that the value of life has declined and social problems have increased since Roe vs. Wade?

Time is short. Call your representative in Congress and both senators: Sen. Lauch Faircloth, (202) 224-3154, or (704) 375-1993; Sen. Jesse Helms, (202) 224-6342; Rep. Sue Myrick, (202) 225-1976, or (704) 362-1060; Rep. Mel Watt, (202) 225-1510, or (704) 344-9950; or Rep. Bill Hefner, (704) 332-9369.

Mary Harmon  
Charlotte

## Express Yourself

### Write a letter to THE CATHOLIC NEWS & HERALD

We welcome letters from readers. Letters must be signed originals of 250 words or less and must include the address and daytime telephone number of the writer for the purposes of verification. Letters may be edited for clarity, brevity, style and taste.

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Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



Rosh Hashannah

This is a sacred time for our Jewish friends. At sundown on September 14, Jews all over the world will begin the observance of Rosh Hashannah, a two-day holiday that marks both the beginning of the new year (5757) and the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance. The ten days end with the observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Repentance, atonement, starting anew — all people of faith can identify with those needs.

Many rituals associated with these High Holy Days help Jews to stay connected with their families, culture and history as well as their faith. On the first day of Rosh Hashannah families gather at a body of flowing water for the *Tashlich* ("cast off") ceremony. They throw bread crumbs on the water while reciting Psalms and penitential prayers, a symbolic casting away of sins.

These Days of Awe, as they are also called, offer a time to review life, to acknowledge moments of both joy and

shame. As one rabbi puts it, "We admit where we have failed and where we have hit the mark."

Here's a story Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell told in a Rosh Hashannah sermon. It is the custom for Jewish children to get new clothes for the new year's celebration. Years ago, on the edge of a small town, a poor seamstress would take special delight in creating new outfits out of remnants left by her wealthier clients. These were for the children in the local orphanage.

In time the seamstress died and the orphanage closed down. Meanwhile the local synagogue grew. The congregation needed to raise money for expenses. So they asked a famous industrialist, who had spent his childhood in the orphanage, to worship with them for the High Holy Days. They hoped he would share the secret of his success. He accepted the invitation.

When asked the key to his rags-to-riches achievement, the executive spoke of his loneliness as an orphan. He longed

for some real connection to his past, to hope for the future. He told how he had looked forward to the set of new clothes he got every New Year. "But for me the new clothes held a special secret: each year, in one of the pockets, was a small note...It assured me that I was not alone and that I would not spend all the days of my life longing."

What was written on the note? "That is not what is important," he said. "Someone, and I never learned who, sent those messages just to me. And that made all the difference."

You see, this is not only a day of judgment and atonement, but a day of reconnection with one another through the small acts of kindness that make up our everyday lives. God expects us to understand the power of simple deeds

and to bring real blessings to those with whom we live and work every-day.

You and I can also take our places at the water's edge and as Rabbi Elwell said, "Cast out the crumbs of last year's deeds, the memories of wounds sustained and inflicted, the remnants of conversations that hurt instead of healed."

Because it is God who helps us distinguish between what must be cast off and what must be cherished and preserved. It is God who inspires us to perform acts of loving kindness. And it is God who reminds each of us, in the world of the Talmud, that when a person saves a single soul, it's as if he or she had saved the whole world.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Let's Celebrate," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The *Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of *The Christophers*.

Question Box

Father John Dietzen



Literal And Literalist Bible Interpretations

*Q. This is a follow-up question to your column of several weeks ago on literal interpretation of Scripture.*

*You say the church documents have a problem with fundamentalist literal ways of understanding the Bible. But isn't it rather selective in applying literal and non-literal solutions?*

*A Protestant friend agrees that God often speaks symbolically or metaphorically in the Bible, as in the story of Jonah and the large fish.*

*But he is puzzled then by our insistence on a literal interpretation of the words of transubstantiation spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper.*

*Our response has been that this literal interpretation is the core of our faith and is not a matter about which we're inclined to speculate or seek a rational explanation.*

*Can you help us over this seemingly uneven application of literal and non-literal understandings of the Bible?*

A. The whole matter comes down to what one means by literal.

You may recall that, in the column to which you refer, I distinguished between what are often called literal and literalist understandings of Scripture.

Literalist interpretation means translating and understanding a passage simply word for word, generally seeing

in it the meaning those words would have if they were written today. Historical context, changes in language and so on are considered irrelevant.

It is this "fundamentalist" approach to the Bible that contrasts with the major thrust of Catholic and most other exegesis today.

The literal sense of a Bible passage, on the other hand, is the meaning expressed directly by the inspired human authors, the meaning that the author of each passage intended when he wrote it.

As a major Catholic document puts it, this literal sense is the fruit of inspiration, the meaning intended by God as principal author ("Interpretation of the Bible in the Church," Pontifical Biblical Commission 1993; section II-B).

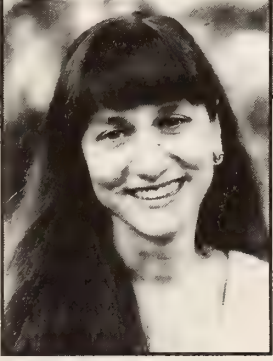
Thus, a predominant purpose of biblical scholarship today is to discover that literal meaning with every available scientific and historical method.

If you think about what I've said, it is clear that the genuine literal sense of a passage may very well be the plain, self-evident meaning. It is not necessarily

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Family Matters

Eileen Marx



Letters Left Behind

"Well here we are at last. It is all so wonderful! My mind is filled with the most vivid impressions — thousands of them. What before was thousands of miles away is now all around us. I have not time to describe anything now. I must just say that the houses are knocked to pieces quite as effectively as the Sunday papers picture them. Once again, I beg you not to worry about me. Just remember that I am enjoying life to the fullest. What may be hardships to others are to me just wonderfully interesting experiences. It is perhaps not right to write in such a light vein of such a terrible war, but I do find it wonderfully interesting and am having a bang-up good time and that is all there is to it."

So ended a letter from Lieutenant Madison H. Lewis of New York, to his mother and father on April 20, 1918. My

mother discovered a copy of this letter while cleaning out our family's attic this summer. My mother's grandmother, Jeanette Hansen, was a first cousin and dear friend of Madison's mother, Hope Lewis. Hope typed copies of the letters she received from her son during World War I and sent them to relatives who were anxious to receive news of her 22-year-old soldier and son, serving in France.

My mother also uncovered a box of love letters from her grandfather to her grandmother at the turn-of-the-century. The letters from my great-grandfather Carl were written to my great-grandmother during a challenging period early on in their marriage when they were separated because of his job in Montreal.

As my mother, my husband, Joe, and I read through these letters, we felt connected with a piece of our past. How

privileged we were to hold in our hands the very letters that were once in the rugged hands of Great-grandfather Carl as he wrote such tender words to is "dearest little sweetheart" in 1899. As we read my grandfather's words on the white parchment paper discussing his malaria, his anxiety when the train didn't bring a letter from his "sweet and pretty wife," we were touched beyond words. There is something absolutely revealing about a person writing during a time of uncertainty. A latter day reader not only gets a look back into time, but also a look into the writer's soul.

I've thought about this recently as friends, editors and acquaintances have

told me that I really must start communicating by e-mail. I'm told that it is quick, easy and in the words of one friend, "You hardly have to think what you're writing."

I understand how practical and effective e-mail is, both inside and outside of the workplace. But as e-mail grows in popularity, it's important to celebrate the power and beauty of the hand-written word as well. We have a responsibility to use God's gift of technology in ways that educate and enlighten people. Ultimately, what is most important is not *how* we communicate, but *what* we communicate.

The art of letter writing has played a profound role in our own faith. More than half of the books in the New Testament are letters. St. Paul, one of the

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# Raleigh Diocese Dealing With The Aftermath Of Fran

By: MATT DOYLE  
NC Catholic Staff

RALEIGH — Several days after Hurricane Fran tore through eastern North Carolina, officials of the Diocese of Raleigh continued their assessment of damage from the storm. Initial reports say that church property suffered only minor damage.

Fran came ashore near Wilmington in the evening hours of Sept. 5 and maintained hurricane-force winds as far as the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area, about 120 miles inland. Widespread power outages affecting more than one million people kept utility workers from across the country busy for several days.

Pam Denning, assistant director of Catholic Social Ministries in the diocese, says Catholic Charities USA has given a \$10,000 grant to the local office. That money will be used for food and other basic needs.

One of Denning's specialties is dealing with disaster preparation and response. She says the emotional impact of the storm will linger for some time.

In conducting a critical stress debriefing session with several families in Greenville, Denning said the expected fears and anxieties surfaced. "For a lot of people it is just that loss of control — not knowing what has happened and what will happen.

"People worry about their families and their neighbors. There is that long period of time that you can't get in touch with anybody. While your mind tells you everybody is probably okay — you are just so afraid."

There will be times when the threat of new storm will bring those same fears and anxieties to the forefront. Denning said in some cases children are spending hours watching weather on cable

systems because they are afraid it will happen again.

The power outage did present an opportunity to turn bad fortune into acts of charity. In Wilmington, Catholic Social Ministries (CSM) took advantage of a donation of cold cuts from The Subway Sandwich Shop and turned that meat into meals for people who were in need.

St. Mark Catholic Church in Wilmington put its new ice machine to good use. Parishioners gathered what was in the machine, bagged and turned it over to CSM for distribution.

That story was repeated many times in many different ways throughout the region. Supermarkets gave away meat supplies before they spoiled, rescue mission reported they had more food than they were equipped to handle and various agencies donated ice which had become as precious as gold as the power outages continued.

Society of the Sisters of St. Ursula Sister Rosemary McNamara of St. Mary Church in Wilmington said residents of Hadden Hall, a senior-citizen housing complex, fared well during this storm. Hurricane Bertha, which had passed through the area several weeks before Fran, led residents to form an emergency committee that helped prepare the occupants to ride out the storm.

One big difference this time, according to Sister Rosemary, was the residents planned their food shopping better. There was less food on hand that would spoil in case of a power outage.

While recovering from Fran, people in North Carolina are keeping an eye on more trouble from the tropics. Sister Rosemary said the residents of Hadden Hall "would be very happy if (hurricane) Hortense decided to go elsewhere."

# Norma C. Boyd, Mother Of Asheville Pastor, Passes Away

ASHEVILLE — Norma Torp Boyd, 69, mother of Rev. C. Morris Boyd, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church, died Aug. 28, after a brief illness.

Affectionately known as "mom" by most of her friends and acquaintances, Mrs. Boyd lived with her son at the rectory since moving to Asheville in 1988 when Father Boyd became pastor of St. Joan of Arc. She was known and admired for her caring disposition and good humor, her love of the arts, her skills as a cook and crafter, and especially her enthusiasm for the Atlanta Braves.

Bishop William G. Curlin presided at the Mass of Christian burial Sept. 2 at St. Joan of Arc Church. He was assisted by Father Boyd and numerous priests from the area. Father Conrad Hoover, pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Boone, was homilist, and Father Frank Cancro, pastor of St. Eugene Church in Asheville, was master of ceremonies. Patrick Evans, a member of the pastoral council at St. Joan of Arc Church and family friend, delivered the eulogy after Communion.

He described Mrs. Boyd as a woman of remarkable compassion who reminded others that "it's important for someone to care," even in the midst of her own illness and pain.

Mrs. Boyd, a native of Mobile, Ala., was the daughter of the late Furman N. and Minnie Goetting Torp. A 1947 graduate of City Hospital School of Nursing in Mobile, she considered the 36-year nursing career from which she retired in 1983 a genuine vocation. Her nurse's cap and cape rested upon her casket throughout the funeral liturgy, together with a single rose, a cross she herself had crafted, and the rosary given her by Pope John Paul II in 1989. Mrs. Boyd was received into the Catholic Church by her son a year earlier, and as a member of St. Joan of Arc, developed a deep devotion to St. Joan.

In addition to her son, Mrs. Boyd is survived by a brother, Paul E. Torp of Mobile. Interment took place Sept. 5 at Magnolia Cemetery in Mobile, Ala.

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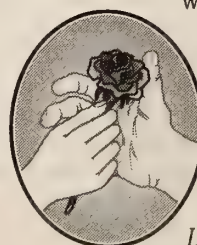
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## Cursillos hispanos en Clemmons

CLEMMONS — El pasado mes se llevaron a cabo el quinto Cursillo de hombres en español y el quinto Cursillo de mujeres en español de la Diócesis de Charlotte, en la parroquia de la Sagrada Familia (Holy Family), en Clemmons.

El Cursillo de hombres tuvo lugar del 1 al 4 de agosto y el de las mujeres del 15 al 18.

Los Cursillos fueron dirigidos y coordinados totalmente por equipos compuestos por cursillistas hispanos de esta diócesis y apoyados en la cocina por cursillistas de habla inglesa, quienes demostraron gran espíritu de servicio, hermandad y amor.

El director espiritual de ambos Cursillos fue el Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M., Director de la Pastoral Hispana de la Diócesis de Charlotte y Director Espiritual del Movimiento de Cursillos Hispánicos de la Diócesis, quien con un gran espíritu de amor y trabajo mantuvo a los candidatos y equipos animados y unidos todo el tiempo con sus meditaciones y palabras que llevaban el mensaje de verdad y amor de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

El equipo del Cursillo de hombres estaba compuesto por nueve cursillistas y el de las mujeres por ocho. Estas personas se prepararon con mucho amor y sacrificio por unos seis meses, respondiendo a la invitación que les hicieron los coordinadores.

La preparación de los equipos comenzó con una escuela intensiva donde se explicó la metodología a seguir, la preparación de los diferentes temas o rollos y todo lo necesario para llevar los Cursillos a una culminación exitosa.

Durante el período de preparación todos los miembros participaron semanalmente en sus reuniones de grupo, que son parte del post-Cursillo.

En estas reuniones se comparte el espíritu del movimiento que es la piedad, el estudio y la acción. También participaron en una escuela de dirigentes, en un retiro espiritual y en ultreyas o reuniones mensuales.

Al Cursillo de hombres, que fue coordinado con gran humildad y sencillez por Luis Lecaros, asistieron 21 candidatos, quienes cuando concluyó el mismo dieron testimonios de que el Espíritu Santo había invadido sus corazones y que sentían su ardor como los discípulos de Emaús.

Marta Medina fue la coordinadora del Cursillo de mujeres, y ella y el pequeño equipo, con fe y confianza en el Señor, no se desalentaron al recibir a 36 candidatas, un número mayor de las que ellas esperaban.

La clausura del Cursillo de mujeres fue también muy emotiva. Las nuevas cursillistas dieron testimonio de que sus vidas habían sufrido un cambio en esos tres días y estaban dispuestas a cambiar sus ambientes. Ellas dijeron que ahora sabían que Cristo las necesitaba. Al final, el sacerdote les dijo en nombre de Jesús: "Cristo cuenta contigo", a lo cual todas respondieron con voz alta y clara, levantando los brazos en señal de victoria: "y yo con su gracia".

Dos tercios de los candidatos y candidatas proceden de la región de Asheboro, donde seis cursillistas con gran ánimo y alentados por el Padre José Mack, párroco de la Parroquia de San José, participaron con gran esfuerzo y sacrificio en la formación de los equipos, asistiendo a las escuelas y reuniones de preparación, que se llevaron a cabo en Charlotte.

También hubo candidatos de Yadkinville, Jefferson, Clemmons, Winston-Salem, Salisbury y Charlotte.



Integrantes de los Cursillos en español No. 5.

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## Graduados se desvían como misioneros en camino hacia sus carreras

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cuando se graduaron de las escuelas superiores en esta primavera, Ben Gaffney, Nick López y Paul Caulfield hicieron rápidamente planes para salir del sendero de sus carreras antes de ingresar seriamente en él.

Los tres salieron de Washington el 9 de agosto hacia Guayaquil, Ecuador, donde vivirán y trabajarán durante un año como misioneros laicos en un barrio urbano cerca de la ciudad más populosa del país, en la parte norte de la América del Sur.

López, de Silver Spring, Maryland, y Caulfield, de Kensington, Maryland, ambos graduados de la Universidad de Fairfield, en Connecticut, y Gaffney, graduado de la Universidad de Notre Dame, oriundo de Seattle, se unirán a otros dos voluntarios en una misión llamada Rostro de Cristo. Ellos pasarán

un año enseñando, ayudando en la atención médica y proporcionando otros servicios para los pobres.

Los tres hombres de 22 años de edad tienen motivaciones ligeramente distintas para posponer los pasos de sus carreras o los estudios para grados avanzados, a fin de realizar trabajo de misión. Gaffney quiere aprender sobre sí mismo y sobre otra cultura. López está ansioso por aprender español y experimentar la vida más allá de los suburbios de Maryland y Connecticut donde él creció, asistió a la escuela superior y espera trabajar. Caulfield quiere reciprocitar algunas de las ventajas que se le han dado.

Pero ellos concurren en esperar que la experiencia amplíe sus perspectivas y los deje mejor preparados para cualquier cosa que ellos hagan después en sus vidas.

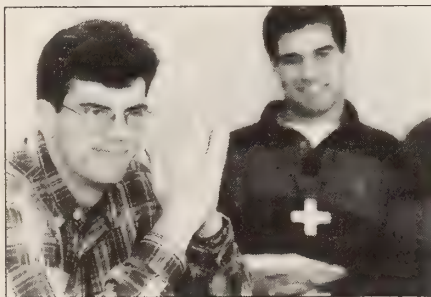


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Ben Gaffney (izquierda) y Nick López (derecha) se encaminan al Ecuador con Paul Caulfield para un año de trabajo misionero. Los recientes graduados universitarios, todos de 22 años de edad, pasarán su tiempo enseñando y ayudando en la atención médica y otros servicios en la comunidad de un barrio de Guayaquil.

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## Mensaje del Padre

**E**l corazón del evangelio de Marcos se encuentra en su capítulo 8, versículos 27-30. Es el corazón porque habla de lo central de todo el evangelio. En este pasaje, Jesús les hace dos preguntas a sus discípulos. La primera pregunta no es muy importante. Quiere saber qué dice la gente en la calle de él, qué chisme han escuchado los discípulos. Es una pregunta para recoger información. La segunda pregunta es la pregunta clave. Jesús quiere saber cuál es la opinión de estos discípulos, esta gente que ha tenido una experiencia de primera mano con él. Es Pedro quien da la respuesta: «Tú eres el Mesías».

La clave en este pasaje es el movimiento de una fe de otros a una fe personal. Jesús exige esa clase de fe. Cuando él se encuentra con María después de la muerte de su hermano, Lázaro, él le pregunta si ella cree en la Resurrección. Ella dice que sí, la del último día. Jesús le dice que él es la Resurrección y la Vida y le pregunta si ella cree esto. María responde que sí y Jesús le restaura la vida a su hermano. El compromiso personal con Jesús era necesario. La fe no es un dogma impersonal, sino un compromiso con la persona de Jesús.

El pasaje de la mujer samaritana (Juan 4, 5-30), nos da el ejemplo más claro de este movimiento en la fe. Jesús pasa tiempo conversando con la mujer enseñándole lo que él es y lo que él significa. Ella se conmueve tanto por esta experiencia que corre al pueblo para anunciar a todos lo que Jesús había dicho y les convence de que vayan a escucharlo. Por el testimonio de la mujer, las personas van y escuchan a Jesús y se convencer de su mensaje y su valor. Y todos dicen que ya su fe no depende del testimonio de la mujer. Han visto y creen. Tenemos aquí un movimiento de una fe de otros a una fe de primera mano, o personal.

Es importante notar los pasos que Jesús usa con sus discípulos. Primero, les pregunta qué piensan otros. Nosotros también necesitamos buscar la opinión que otros han tenido de esto; las experiencias, las reflexiones de los que nos han precedido, como los autores espirituales, los escritos de la Biblia. Esta clase de información es importante para nosotros.

Ciertamente, nuestra fe tiene que ser algo que viene de otros. No podemos caminar con Jesús o escucharlo de la misma manera física de hace veinte siglos. Dependemos del mensaje y testimonio de otros para tener una idea de quién es Jesús. Para muchos de nosotros fue mamá o papá o los abuelos quienes primero nos hablaron de Jesús, pero nuestra búsqueda y conocimiento de él no puede quedar ahí.

Es lo que pasó con la mujer samaritana. La gente se acercó a Jesús por el testimonio de la mujer. Pero nadie estaba contento de quedarse con una fe de otros. Después de escuchar a la mujer, la gente llega a escuchar a Jesús y lo experimenta en sus propias vidas. Por eso la gente puede decir a la mujer: «Nuestra fe ya no depende de ti;

creemos por nosotros mismos».

Hermanos y hermanas, una cosa es haber oído de grandes libros. Es otra leerlos y conocerlos. Es una cosa que le cuenten de la música. Es otra, escucharla, exponer su alma a su encanto, dejar que la vida sea enriquecida por ella. Es una cosa escuchar de la mecánica. Es otra trabajar en un motor. Es una cosa creer en el amor, leer sobre él, escuchar a otros hablar de él; es otra cosa enamorarse.

Todas las cosas grandes son plenamente realizadas únicamente por la experiencia personal. Así sucede con Cristo. Hemos oído acerca de él toda nuestra vida, pero ¿hasta qué punto lo hemos experimentado? El es y debe ser diferente para cada uno de nosotros. Cada uno de los evangelistas tenía una visión diferente de Jesús.

Para Marcos, por ejemplo, Jesús era el Mesías sufriente, quien validaba su misión y trabajo a través de la entrega al Padre y así es que el sufrimiento de los seguidores de Jesús tiene significado. Marcos llegó a conocer a Jesús a través del sufrimiento.

**P**ara Lucas, la compasión de Jesús era el factor principal. Lucas veía a Jesús como el que se rodeaba con los pobres, los marginados, los enfermos y los pecadores. Jesús trató a todas estas personas con amor y misericordia y así, miraba Lucas a Jesús.

Para Mateo, Jesús era un gran Maestro que explicaba y llevaba a cabo las promesas de Dios al pueblo judío. Jesús fue el fin y la plenitud de todo lo que fue prometido a Israel. Jesús era un maestro.

Para Juan, Jesús era el Hijo de Dios que vino a revelar la naturaleza de Dios y su mensaje a su Pueblo. Jesús llevó a cabo la voluntad de Dios hasta el final. En el evangelio de Juan, la pregunta que continuamente se hace es cómo estamos nosotros en relación con Dios. Leemos que Jesús es la Luz del Mundo; entonces, ¿quiénes somos nosotros? Somos el pueblo que camina en las tinieblas, que necesita luz. Jesús es la Vid verdadera; somos las ramas. Jesús es el Buen Pastor; necesitamos que nos guíe. El es el Pan de Vida, el Agua Viva, la Resurrección y la Vida; somos los que necesitamos ese pan, ese agua, esa vida.

De muchas maneras, la visión de Pablo es la más interesante. El experimentó una sola revelación de Jesús en el camino a Damasco y desde ese momento, su vida cambió completamente. Pablo nunca podría ver las cosas de la misma forma de nuevo. El nos dice que todo lo que él había considerado como ganancia, es nada en comparación con el seguimiento de Jesús. Pablo creció en conocimiento y apreciación de quién era Jesús y lo que significaba para su vida. Todo tenía que ser revalorizado, cambiado. El sufrimiento tenía un nuevo significado y valor; cuando se burlaban de él no significaba nada. Las privaciones y sacrificios eran parte de su trabajo; la alegría venía de los éxitos limitados y al perseverar cuando sabía que tenía la razón.

## "La figura de Cristo"

Jesús transformó la vida de Pablo, y Pablo llegó a conocer a Jesús de una manera especial. Toda su vida empezó a girar alrededor de Jesús—como él mismo dice: «Ya no soy yo quien vivo sino Cristo que vive en mí».

Podemos observar que la visión de Jesús que Pablo tenía está basada en su pregunta a Jesús en el camino a Damasco: «¿Quién eres, Señor?» Es la misma pregunta que Jesús hace a Pedro y a los apóstoles.

Hay un verdadero sentido por el cual nosotros también debemos tener una experiencia de Jesús como la de Pablo. Mucho de lo que conocemos de Jesús es de otros, aún de la Biblia, pero tarde o temprano, tenemos que hacernos la misma pregunta que hizo Pablo: «¿Quién eres, Señor?» Nuestra respuesta puede cambiar nuestras vidas. Y no es una respuesta que damos una sola vez, sino que, como Pablo, tenemos que crecer en ella a lo largo de nuestras vidas. Una vez leí una pequeña poesía que decía:

*Estás escribiendo un evangelio, un capítulo cada día,  
Por los hechos que haces, por las palabras que dices.  
La gente lee lo que escribes, seas hipócrita, seas fiel.  
Oye, ¿qué es el evangelio según tú?*

Se nota lo que es la experiencia de Jesús en la vida de uno por la manera en que vive.

**H**ay un pasaje en los evangelios en que Jesús sana a un hombre que había nacido ciego (Juan 9, 1-41). Después, los fariseos y escribas quieren saber cómo pasó eso. Primero, niegan que el hombre había nacido ciego y después dicen que Jesús era un pecador. Durante toda la interrogación la respuesta del hombre queda igual. «No sé cómo pasó, sé solamente que estaba ciego y ahora veo». Esto, hermanos y hermanas, es el evangelio de una vida transformada. Era de una manera, y ahora soy distinto, gracias al poder de Dios.

Algo parecido pasó con los apóstoles después de la muerte de Jesús. Lo experimentaron como vivo, todas sus vidas cambiaron y las vidas de todas las personas con quienes se relacionaron. Esta es la clase de evangelio que podemos escribir y predicar: el evangelio de una vida cambiada por el poder de Dios.

Entonces, ¿quién es Jesús? Jesús es Dios vivo entre nosotros. Se encarnó entre los hombres, se hizo hombre para manifestar a todos la misma vida de Dios, el amor. Es un hombre que nació de una mujer, nació pobre en un pesebre. Se identificó con los pobres y necesitados. Vivió una gran compasión para con los enfermos y los pecadores. Lloró por la muerte de su amigo, Lázaro. Era niño que jugaba, que fue a la escuela, que aprendió las tradiciones de su pueblo, que trabajó en el taller de San José. Aprendió a ser carpintero.

Se enojó, echando fuera del Templo a los negociantes. Caminaba y se cansaba. Enseñaba con poder y autoridad. Estaba plenamente envuelto

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en todos los problemas y realidades de su Pueblo y de su época. Se compadece de las muchedumbres que tienen hambre. Se ocupó de los enfermos, de los atribulados y de los agobiados. Pasó por el mundo haciendo el bien.

Es interesante, hermanos y hermanas, que en la época de Jesús, todo el mundo aceptaba que Jesús era hombre. La dificultad era aceptar que decía que era también hijo de Dios. Nosotros tenemos el problema opuesto. Fácilmente, aceptamos que es hijo de Dios, pero nos cuesta aceptar que es hombre como nosotros en todo, menos en el pecado.

Juan Pablo II dice que toda la humanidad encuentra su plenitud en la humanidad de Jesús. Si estamos buscando descubrir lo que es ser realmente humano, la respuesta está en la persona de Jesús.

Hermanos y hermanas, creo que a todos nosotros nos fascinan las personas que tienen la capacidad, el talento de imitar a otros. Estas personas por la manera que caminan, mueven sus cabezas, por sus gestos, sus voces, pueden imitar a otros. Esto es un verdadero talento. Muchas personas tienen héroes a quienes intentan imitar por la manera que viven.

Podemos decir que esto también es verdad de los apóstoles que andaban con Jesús. Ellos querían imitarlo. Vemos, por ejemplo, que Pedro quería caminar sobre el agua como Jesús. Los discípulos intentaron echar a los demonios como Jesús. Después de la Resurrección, ellos empezaron a hacer muchas de las mismas cosas que Jesús hizo durante su ministerio. Empezaron a predicar, sanar, exorcizar. Pero tal vez, lo más importante es que empezaron a pensar como Jesús. Empezaron a ver la salvación universal para todos los pueblos. Veían el valor de los pecadores y conocían la compasión y la comprensión. Estaban dispuestos a sufrir por Cristo. Empezaron a imitar a Cristo.

**E**s importante que tengamos una imagen correcta de Cristo. El es nuestro Mesías, como Pedro dice; nos salva de la falta de amor en el mundo, de nuestro pecado. Nos libera de todo lo que nos ata: la pobreza, la injusticia, la miseria, el pecado. El es humano como nosotros. Podemos relacionarnos con Dios porque podemos relacionarnos con Jesús, quien es humano. El es el Camino al Padre. Es el Camino, la Vida y la Verdad. El es hermano y amigo de nuestros corazones. Comprende lo que vivimos porque también es humano.

Hermanos, nosotros también en nuestro compromiso personal con Cristo, tenemos que trabajar con nuestra imitación de él. En la Eucaristía, el sacerdote levanta la hostia y la copa y ora: «Por Cristo, con él y en él...» Nuestras vidas tienen que ser por, con y en Cristo.

Cuando nos preguntan: «¿Quién dices tú que es Cristo?», nuestra respuesta tiene que ser proyectada en la imitación de Cristo en nuestras vidas, en el evangelio que escribimos todos los días.



# Noticias de Asheboro

**Por RUTH YASEN AQUINO**  
Durante los meses de julio y agosto la comunidad hispana de Asheboro tuvo la oportunidad de participar en el estudio del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles en la Iglesia de San José.

La señora Flora Smith fue la encargada de dirigir dichos estudios los cuales fueron muy bien acogidos por los participantes.

También el 4 de julio la ciudad de Asheboro celebró el día de la Independencia de los Estados Unidos con una gran fiesta donde hubo puestos alusivos a esta conmemoración y los siempre esperados fuegos artificiales.

El grupo de oración de la Iglesia de San José participó muy activamente en este evento y vendió deliciosos "antojitos mexicanos" con mucho éxito.

El 6 de julio en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Caminos, en Thomasville, se reunieron los miembros hispanos de esta comunidad con los de Monroe, Greensboro, Biscoe y Asheboro en un retiro de Evangelización y Convivencia dirigido por el Padre Vicente Finnerty, Director de la Pastoral Hispana de la Diócesis de Charlotte, con la asistencia del seminarista Juan Polanco.

Este retiro consistió de charlas, mesas redondas, cantos oraciones y confesiones. Todos los asistentes participaron con gran alegría y amor a Dios. El Espíritu Santo estuvo presente todo el tiempo y se vio reflejada en la cara de los asistentes el deseo de asistir a más retiros como éste.



Algunos de los miembros de la Iglesia de San José que participaron en la celebración del 4 de julio en la ciudad de Asheboro.



Participantes en el Retiro de Evangelización y Convivencia en Thomasville disfrutando de una deliciosa comida durante uno de los descansos.



Grupo cantando alabanzas al Señor durante el retiro de Thomasville



THOMASVILLE — Cándido y Amelia Rosario celebrando sus 40 años de casados, en compañía de 12 matrimonios, en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora de los Caminos (Our Lady of the Highways), el pasado mes de abril.



THOMASVILLE — El pasado 12 de mayo, en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Caminos (Our Lady of the Highways), 15 niños y niñas recibieron por primera vez la Santa Eucaristía. En la foto se aprecia a algunos de los primeros comulgantes con sus padres y familiares.

## Despedida al Padre Lawlor

YADKINVILLE — El pasado 7 de julio la comunidad de Cristo Rey, se reunió en el parque del condado de Yadkin para despedir al Padre Marcos Lawlor, quien fue trasladado a la Iglesia de San Leo en Winston-Salem. Estuvieron presentes el grupo juvenil, los catequistas y miembros de la comunidad de Yadkinville así como de la Sagrada Familia de Clemmons.

Todos disfrutaron de la comida y la compañía de los diferentes grupos, aunque sentían la partida del Padre Lawlor. Los participantes le presentaron al Padre varios obsequios como agradecimiento a su dedicación y apoyo durante el tiempo que estuvo entre ellos y le desearon mucha suerte y pidieron que el Señor lo bendijera y derramara su Santo Espíritu sobre él para que pueda realizar su nuevo trabajo con sabiduría y amor.



El grupo juvenil de Cristo Rey con el Padre Marcos Lawlor, con sombrero, en el parque del condado de Yadkin, durante la comida que se le ofreció con motivo de su traslado.



# Obispos guatemaltecos tratan de charlas de paz con rebeldes

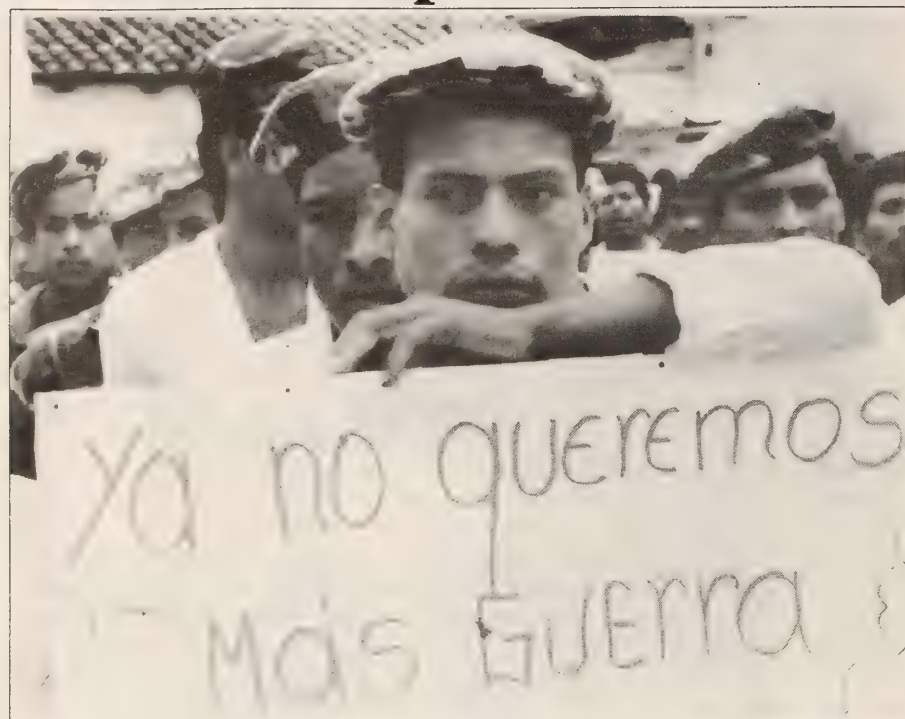


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**LLAMADO A LA PAZ** — Un miembro de la Patrulla de Defensa Civil de Guatemala asiste a una ceremonia el 9 de agosto, poniendo fin oficialmente a 14 años de operaciones de contra-insurgencia en contra de los guerrilleros izquierdistas en el altiplano de Guatemala. Su letrero dice: "Ya no queremos más guerra". La milicia fue creada en 1982 para ayudar al ejército a combatir a los guerrilleros, pero también fue culpada de algunos de los peores abusos contra los derechos humanos en el país.

**CIUDAD GUATEMALA (CNS)** — Los obispos guatemaltecos se reunieron en San Salvador con los dirigentes principales de los rebeldes guatemaltecos para tratar de las negociaciones continuas de paz con el gobierno.

Monseñor Jorge Mario Ávila del Águila, presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal de Guatemala, dijo que los rebeldes de la Unidad Nacional Revolucionaria Guatemalteca propusieron "la necesidad de crear un proyecto de consenso nacional para el desarrollo del país, al cual se invitaría a todos los sectores de la sociedad y el cual sería el producto de un diálogo".

Monseñor Ávila del Águila hizo notar que la propuesta de los rebeldes coincide con la carta pastoral más reciente de los Obispos, titulada "La Paz es Urgente", publicada en diciembre último.

"Cuando publicamos esa carta pastoral, lo hicimos sabiendo que la firma del acuerdo de paz no significa que vendrá la paz, sino que abre la puerta para edificarla", dijo Monseñor Ávila del Águila.

Además de Monseñor Ávila del Águila, los Monseñores Rodolfo Quezada Toruño y Víctor Hugo Martínez Contreras, Obispos de Zacapa y Esquipulas, y de Quetzaltenango, respectivamente, participaron también en la reunión del 30 de julio, en la cual estuvieron presentes tres de los cuatro miembros del Comando General de los rebeldes izquierdistas.

Monseñor Quezada presidió el

trámite de paz entre 1990 y 1993 como representante de la conferencia episcopal. En enero de 1994, las charlas de paz empezaron bajo la moderación de las Naciones Unidas.

Se espera la firma de un acuerdo final de paz en septiembre de este año, que pondrá fin a más de 30 años de guerra interior y al conflicto armado de mayor duración en la América Latina.

Ya se han firmado los acuerdos sobre derechos humanos, una comisión de veracidad, las poblaciones desplazadas,

los asuntos indígenas y los asuntos socioeconómicos.

En la mayoría de los casos, estos acuerdos proporcionan sencillamente un plano amplio para cambios en los cursos de acción que deberían ser llevados a la práctica, pero no disponen reformas inmediatas.

**"...lo hicimos sabiendo que la firma del acuerdo de paz no significa que vendrá la paz, sino que abre la puerta para edificarla."**

## Argentinos en huelga después de peregrinación a santo patrón

**BUENOS AIRES Argentina (CNS)** — El día después que millares de argentinos comenzaron una peregrinación hacia un santuario que honra a San Cayetano, su santo patrón del trabajo, ocurrió una huelga nacional para protestar de la política económica del gobierno.

La peregrinación empezó después que sonaron 48 veces las campanas del Santuario de San Cayetano a medianoche, entre los días 6 y 7 de agosto, y los trabajadores fueron a la huelga el 8 de agosto.

La cantidad de peregrinos que fue al santuario excedió de un millón por primera vez en este año, a medida que el

desempleo está afectando a 4,200,000 argentinos — el 17.1 por ciento de la población adulta.

La huelga fue realizada para protestar de las rebajas presupuestarias recientes hechas por el gobierno, que disminuirán dramáticamente los beneficios sociales para las familias pobres extensas.

Según dijeron los dirigentes sindicales, la huelga paralizó al 80 por ciento de la fuerza de trabajo en Buenos Aires. Las fuentes del gobierno dijeron que la cifra era "muy exagerada", pero reconocieron que la huelga tuvo un efecto considerable.

El Santuario de San Cayetano, situado en la vecindad de clase trabajadora de Liniers, honra al santo nacido en Vicenza, Italia, en 1480.

El 7 de agosto de cada año, los peregrinos forman una fila de casi una milla a fin de asistir a una de las 20 Misas que se celebran cada hora, desde las 4 de la mañana hasta la medianoche.

La Arquidiócesis de Buenos Aires suministró 400 sacerdotes en el santuario para oír confesiones, y 1,500 voluntarios de los grupos juveniles católicos para ayudar a mantener el orden en la fila y proporcionar alimentos o mantas durante la noche fría.

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# Entertainment

## Bogus

### Title Fits Film Filled With Awkward Fantasy Scenes

NEW YORK (CNS)—“Bogus” casts Whoopi Goldberg, Gerard Depardieu and an adorable tyke in a gentle, well-meaning fantasy that just doesn’t fly.

Albert (Haley Joel Osment) is 7, lives with his dancer single mom (Nancy Travis) in Vegas, where Antoine the magician (Denis Mercier) teaches him neat tricks.

But his happy little world ends when mom is killed in a car crash and Albert is told he must go live in New-ark with his mom’s foster sister, Harriet (Goldberg), who is just as un-happy to have been named his guard-ian. She’s a struggling single business-woman and the last thing she wants is a little white boy to raise.

But Albert doesn’t exactly arrive

alone. While on the plane his drawing springs to life in the form of an invis-ible-to-others secret pal, a great big bear of a Frenchman who calls himself Bo-gus (Depardieu).

And so as the threesome settle un-easily into Harriet’s apartment Bogus urges Albert to be patient with the too-busy businesswoman, who doesn’t like that Albert talks aloud to a make-believe pal. But when he tries to show her his magic, she hasn’t got time for such non-sense.

Sounds like Bogus is going to have to work a minor miracle to bring these two together, but of course there’s never any doubt that he will effect a magical transformation in harried Harriet.

Veteran director Norman Jewison (‘Fiddler on the Roof,’ ‘Moonstruck’) goes for an overly sentimental treatment of the story, relying heavily on the child’s vulnerability to tug at heartstrings. The boy is certainly appeal-ing, and Goldberg and Depardieu try hard, but the dramatic and fantasy ele-ments never come together as a satisfy-ing whole.

In fact, it’s mostly unconvincing, making the fantasy scenes — such as the hefty Depardieu and Goldberg doing a Ginger Rogers-Fred Astaire ballroom scene — look embarrassingly awkward.

The theme of believing in magic and the power of the imagination to deal with life is pushed hard where delicacy would have been more effective.

Instead, the precious treatment given Albert and the sudden if totally predictable bonding between boy and surrogate mom robs the audience of a genuine emotional connection to the story. Add to that Depardieu’s final flourish of talking to the camera as the movie concludes and you have a true fantasy misfire.

Due to a fatal car crash and fleet-ing violence, the U.S. Catholic Confer-ence classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Asso-ciation of America rating is PG — pa-rental guidance suggested.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### “The Corn Is Green” (1945)

Fine adaptation of the Emlyn Wil-liams play set in 1895 when a dedicated teacher (Bette Davis) wins over a Welsh mining town and the local lord (Nigel Bruce) through her perseverance in start-ing a school and preparing her prize stu-dent (John Dall) to take the entrance exam for Oxford. Directed by Irving Rapper, the performances and period setting convincingly demonstrate the value of universal education, though an unwed pregnancy seriously complicates matters. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Associa-tion of America.**

### “Educating Rita” (1983)

British production from the Willy Russell play about a disillusioned, drunken professor of English (Michael Caine) who becomes involved with a spunky Dublin housewife (Julie Walters) determined to get an education. Directed by Lewis Gilbert, the Pygmalion rela-tionship has some charm but Walter’s characterization is somewhat crude and ethnically stereotyped. **The U.S. Catho-lic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Associa-tion of America rating is PG — pa-rental guidance suggested.**

### “Goodbye, Mr. Chips” (1969)

Musical version of the James Hilton novel with Peter O’Toole as the distracted, unbending schoolmaster who is set upon, conquered and finally hu-manized by a hoydenish music hall per-former (Petula Clark). Director Herbert Ross shifts the focus from the academic to the happy marriage of such unlikely opposites, with pleasantly unobtrusive songs by Leslie Bricusse pacing an old-fashioned romance some will find quite charming, though youngsters are less apt to be enchanted by the sentimental pro-ceedings. **The U.S. Catholic Confer-ence classification is A-I — general pa-tronage. The Motion Picture Associa-tion of America rating is G — general audiences.**

### “My Fair Lady” (1964)

Handsome production of the Lerner and Loewe musical based on George Bernard Shaw’s play, “Pygmalion,” about an egotistical pro-fessor (Rex Harrison) who makes a bet that he can transform the Cockney speech and manners of a London flower girl (Audrey Hepburn) well enough for her to pass for a lady at the upcoming Royal Ball. Predictably, it is not always the professor who gives the lessons. George Cukor’s direction, Cecil Beaton’s stunning sets and costumes, the charming performances and some wonderful music add up to splendid family entertainment. **The U.S. Catho-lic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Pic-ture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**

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4. **When God Whispers Your Name**  
Max Lucado (Word Inc.)
5. **Mother Teresa: In My Own Words**  
Mother Teresa (Liguori)

### Paperback

1. **Secret of the Rosary**  
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2. **Handbook for Today's Catholic**  
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4. **What Does GOD Want?**  
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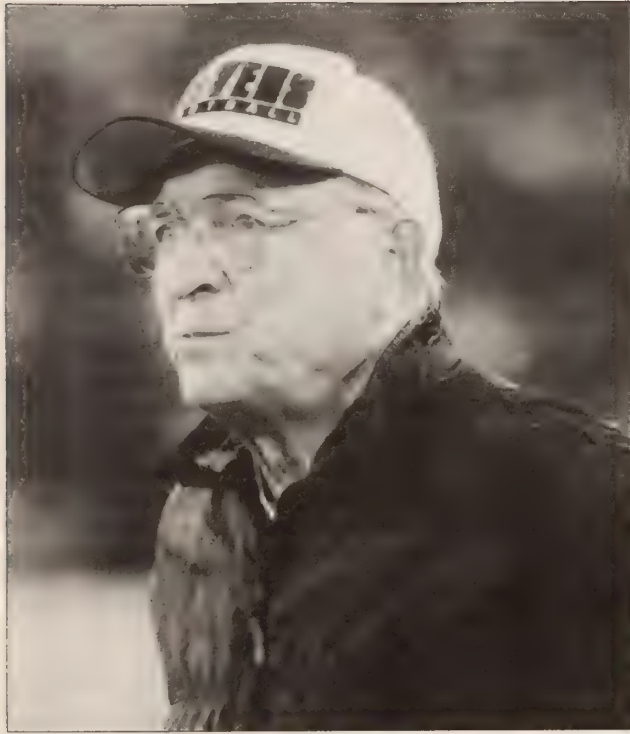
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## People In The News



Baltimore Ravens head coach Ted Marchibroda eyes the field during an August exhibition game in Baltimore. He said he never prays for victory, only to do the best he can.

CNS photo by Denise Walker, Catholic Review

### NFL Coach Marchibroda:

## Not Praying To Win, But To Do His Best

BALTIMORE (CNS) — At the two-minute warning before the players take the field, they kneel down in the locker room, join hands and pray the Lord's Prayer. The brief but reverent ritual is repeated at the end of the game, win or lose. Several hours earlier, players and other members of the Baltimore Ravens' staff, family and friends may have chosen to attend either a team-sponsored Mass or nondenominational chapel service, which are conducted concurrently. That the Ravens give prayer a priority in the midst of the competitive intensity of the National Football League is in part a reflection of the spirituality of the man who leads them: head coach Ted Marchibroda, to whom faith is as natural and comfortable a part of his life as is the game of football. The 65-year-old son of devoutly Catholic Polish immigrants, Marchibroda said his faith was formed and directed early on by his parents, especially his mother.

### Auxiliary Bishop Retires On Anniversary Of Ordination

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (CNS) — The resignation of Auxiliary Bishop Benedict C. Franzetta of Youngstown was accepted by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 4, the 16th anniversary of the bishop's episcopal ordination. He was the third native Youngstown diocesan priest to become a bishop, having been preceded by retired Bishops James W. Malone of Youngstown and William A. Hughes of Covington, Ky. "I have been deeply appreciative of the honor and privilege to serve the diocese as priest and bishop, and to be a participant in the college of bishops," Bishop Franzetta wrote in a letter to brother priests, deacons and chancery colleagues notifying them of his impending resignation.

### Jesuit Superior Disagrees With Father Drinan On Abortion Veto

BOSTON (CNS) — Jesuit Father Robert F. Drinan's provincial superior said Aug. 30 that he disagrees with Father Drinan's public defense of President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Father Drinan's articles on the issue last spring in The New York Times and National Catholic Reporter "seriously offended many good people," and he caused scandal "without intending to," said Father William A. Barry, head of the New England Jesuit prov-

ince. "Since it might appear, by my silence on the issue, that the Society of Jesus supports Father Drinan's position, I want to say publicly, as his religious superior, that I disagree with Father Drinan in this case and have told him so. In fact, I wrote to President Clinton in May to protest his veto.... I hope that Congress will override the veto," Father Barry said.

### Turn-Of-Century Parish Convent In Illinois Now A Family Home

OAK PARK, Ill. (CNS) — The former 20-room convent of St. Edmund Parish in Oak Park is now home to Sandy and John Troelstrup and their family of eight children. After the Dominican sisters who lived in the convent left the Chicago suburb, the parish sold the property to raise money for capital improvements needed at its school and church. According to Sandy Troelstrup, the stately, turn-of-the-century brick house suits them just fine. "We were under construction for eight months after moving in," she said. "We had to remove 150 feet of wall, because the small, cell-like rooms that served as the nuns' bedrooms weren't practical for us."

### Priest Honored For Rebuilding Albania's Health System

TIRANA, Albania (CNS) — An Albanian priest has been awarded a high state honor for his role in rebuilding the

## Outdoor Preaching Turns Golden For Appalachian Priest

LOUISA, Ky. (CNS) — Thousands of times the message has rung through the mountains: "My name is Father Beiting, and I'm here to talk about your best friend and mine — Jesus Christ." It's hard to say exactly how many times Msgr. Ralph Beiting, pastor of two parishes in the Diocese of Lexington and founder of the Christian Appalachian Project, has addressed a crowd in this way, and even harder to say how many people he has addressed. But when he sets up his loudspeaking equipment, anyone within a couple of miles is going to hear him, even if they can't see him. His first time at a microphone was 50 years ago, when, as a seminarian, Msgr. Beiting was assigned to spend a summer with Father Joseph Wimmers deep in the Appalachian region of Kentucky.

Just about every branch and holler in eastern Kentucky has been favored by Msgr. Beiting's message about the love of God. In 1987, he even cruised the Kentucky and Ohio rivers, as he took "Appalachia on Tour." There are folks trying to convince him to launch Year 51 of street preaching by going on the Internet.



Msgr. Ralph Beiting preaches the message of hope and self-help in the Appalachian region of Kentucky in this undated photo. He has been giving his outdoor sermons for 50 years.

CNS file photo

country's post-communist health system, currently one of Europe's poorest. Father Franco Decaminid, a member of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception order, was given a medal by President Sali Berisha in recognition of his work in securing international support for infrastructure and equipment projects at Albania's hospitals and health clinics. Among other initiatives, Father Decaminid is founder and director of a church-run foundation, Our Lady of Good Counsel, which is building a Catholic hospital in the capital, Tirana.

### Mother Teresa Released From Hospital, Returns Home To Rest

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa was released from the intensive care unit of Woodlands Nursing Home Sept. 6, still weak from her struggle with heart problems, malaria and pneumonia. The 86-year-old Nobel laureate and foundress of the Missionaries of Charity was moved by wheelchair, ambulance and stretcher to the order's headquarters in Calcutta. "We had a plan to release her on Saturday, but she was restless and wanted to go home today. We could not force her to

stay one more day," said Dr. Sudipta Sen, director of the nursing home and one of six doctors who had treated Mother Teresa. "She is a little stronger but she needs lots of rest," he said. Once she arrived home, Mother Teresa was carried on a stretcher to the upstairs prayer room of the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse where she attended morning Mass, said a spokeswoman for the order.

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Youth Ministry Director Paul Kotlowski says a Tri-State youth rally was the off-shoot of the annual youth conference for Charlotte teens. "Youth Ministry Directors — from all our regional dioceses — share a desire for teens to share this experience with their peers."

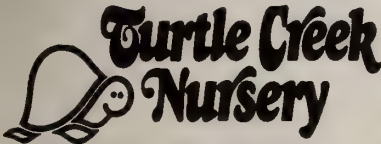
The two-day event brought teens first to the YMCA-owned Camp Thunderbird for evening festivities and overnight camping, and on to Carowinds theme park on Sunday. At Carowinds, teens began their day with Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin. In his homily, Bishop Curlin reminded teens, "The world is in your hands as long as God is alive in you."

Kotlowski hopes the Tri-State Youth Rally becomes an annual event. Twelve hundred teens share his vision.

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ily one that changes significantly under scholarly scrutiny.

When the Gospels say Jesus "breathed his last" and died, for example, they mean just that, he died, even though scholars continue to uncover further profound messages underneath these and other parts of the Passion story.

In the same way, our tradition has accepted the words of the Lord at the Last Supper "literally" because massive evidence supports that interpretation.

The earliest Christians, including St. Paul himself, obviously took these words at face value. For them, the bread and cup shared in the celebration of the Lord's Supper were, with no ambiguity or shaded meaning, truly the body and blood of Jesus.

Christians will forget that fact, says Paul, only at great spiritual peril (1 Corinthians 11:23-34).

This belief of the first Christian generations is highly significant for us Catholics and many other Christians. The final interpreter of the Bible, especially the Christian Scriptures, is the living church, the assembly of believers in Jesus who produced those Scriptures in the first place under the inspiration of the Spirit.

As the above-mentioned document reminds us, it is the believing community that provides the truly adequate context for interpreting the words of Scripture.

Faith and the Holy Spirit enrich this study. And "church authority, exercised as a service of the community, must see to it that this interpretation remains faithful to the great tradition which has produced the texts" (I-C-1).

A free brochure, in English or Spanish, asking questions Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

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Presents Bi-Annual Conference

BELMONT — The biannual diocesan Faith Doing Justice Conference is Oct. 18 and 19 at Belmont Abbey College.

The conference is for those who want to integrate the Church's social mission into their personal lives and parish ministries. Workshops teach content and skills that enhance parish ministries. There are sessions on Catholic social teaching, economic justice, parish social ministry, political responsibility, social justice education, integration of social ministry into parish life, and a model for multi-cultural youth service projects. In addition, there are special meetings for CHD, CRS and Voices for Justice parish coordinators.

Two keynote speakers will explore the social demands of faith in light of Scripture and Catholic social teaching as they relate to a consistent ethic of life. Also, the timely theme of the U.S. Bishops' 1996 *Call to Political Responsibility* will be highlighted. Sister Evelyn Mattern, widely published author and former member of the legislative staff at N.C. Council of Churches, will present "Sharing the Tradition: The Call to a Consistent Ethic of Life" with follow-up roundtable discussions on analyzing issues for social and moral dimensions.

Ronald Krietemeyer, nationally known speaker and director of the Office of Social Justice of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and former director of the Department of Domestic

Social Development at the United States Catholic Conference, will speak on applying the teaching of the U.S. Bishops' *Call to Political Responsibility*.

Christine Doby, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice and Respect Life of the Lansing Diocese, will present two workshops on parish social ministry. The first provides a variety of blueprints for building effective social ministry, while the second session covers methods for effective action, volunteer recruitment and organizing.

Exciting prayer experiences are featured with singing and movement from Kabaka intergenerational troupe of African and liturgical dancers and drummers, and from Sojourn liturgical music group. Bishop William G. Curlin will preside over the culminating liturgy at Belmont Abbey Church.

Parishes are invited to display exhibits of their social ministry activities.

The registration fee of \$30 per person (\$25 per person when four or more people from the same parish register together) includes Saturday continental breakfast and lunch.

The Faith Doing Justice conference is presented by the Office of Justice and Peace and co-sponsored by Belmont Abbey, Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Social Services. For information or brochures, call Joanne K. Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1736.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Day of Renewal

CHARLOTTE — The Diocese of Charlotte sponsors a Day of Renewal focusing on repentance, reconciliation and rejoicing Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The event includes praise and worship, speakers and Mass. For information, call Joyce Brown, (704) 547-1836.

### Volunteers Needed

HICKORY — The Hickory Soup Kitchen's medical clinic needs volunteer nurses to work Thursdays from noon -2 p.m. To help, call Diana Peeler, (704) 256-5331.

### Vicariate Lock-In

CHARLOTTE — A lock-in for senior high school youth from parishes in the Charlotte Vicariate is from 7 p.m. Nov. 2 until 7 a.m. Nov. 3. To register, contact your youth group coordinator by Oct. 10. For information, call Mike Hjellming, (704) 535-3310 or (704) 535-9965.

### Cajun Dinner

ASHEVILLE — The first Annual Cajun Dinner is Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at Catholic Social Services on Orange Street. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For information on this fund raiser, call (704) 255-0146.

### Ministry Extension

CHARLOTTE — An informational meeting about the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program is Sept. 30 at St. Patrick Cathedral from 7-8:30 p.m. The program is for those interested in pursuing a Master's degree or a non-credit continuing education certificate in Religious Education or Pastoral Studies. For information, call Joanna Case, (704) 362-0013.

### Bible Sharing Group

HIGH POINT — Immaculate Heart of Mary Church GRACE (Growing Religiously in Adult Catholic Education) Bible Sharing on the gospel of Mark is Wednesdays from 9:45-11 a.m. until Oct. 23.

### Retiree Seminar

ASHEVILLE — "Walking on Holy Ground," a seminar exploring the spirituality of retired life, begins Sept. 25 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Eugene Church. Father Frank Cancro leads monthly sessions until January. For reservations, call the church, (704) 254-5193.

### History Project

HIGH POINT — The 50th Anniversary Committee of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is collecting pictures, stories and documents illustrating the history of the parish. To contribute, call Carey Ilderton Jr., (910) 841-6100 or (910) 886-7783.

### Golf Marathon

ASHEVILLE — Asheville Pregnancy Support Services presents the first Annual Golf Marathon Sept. 27 at Bun-

combe County Golf Course. For information, call Liz Beck, (704) 252-1306.

### Clothing Sale

CLEMMONS — Holy Family Church sponsors a children's clothing sale Sept. 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Items include infant, children and maternity clothing, toys, and baby equipment. For information, call (910) 766-8133.

### Knights Degree

CHARLOTTE — The Knights of Columbus Charlotte Council #770 hosts a 1st Degree in honor of Bishop William G. Curlin for all new members Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the council hall. For information, call Chuck Malinowski, (704) 544-1927, or Pete Hubbard, (704) 523-5285.

### Life Chain

GREENSBORO — The Sixth Annual Greensboro Life Chain is Oct. 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Battleground Avenue. The event is a prayerful statement in honor of the unborn. For information, contact Randy and Lisa Harris, 3400 Park Hill Dr., Greensboro, N.C. 27410, (910) 668-9259.

### Post-Abortion Counseling

WINSTON-SALEM — Dr. Martha Shuping presents a workshop on ministering to women who have had abortions Sept. 19 from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at Charter Hospital. To attend or for information, call Brigetta Beck, (910) 774-3273 or (800) 441-2673, ext. 3273, by Sept. 17.

### Retrouvaille Session

Retrouvaille, a program to help married couples heal and renew their loving relationships, begins Oct. 11. For information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

### Bible Study

HIGH POINT — Monthly Bible study begins in October at Christ the King Church. For information, call the office, (910) 884-0244.

### Dramatization Of The Gospel

CLEMMONS — Television actor Frank Runyeon stars in "Afraid," a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark, 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Holy Family Church. For tickets, call Holy Family, (910) 766-8133, Our Lady of Mercy, (910) 722-7001 or St. Leo, (910) 724-0561. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

### Golf Outing

GREENSBORO — The St. Pius X School 10th Annual Great Golf Outing is Oct. 4 at the Greensboro National Golf Course. Cost is \$85 and includes golf,

refreshments and dinner. For information, call Darrel Kerr, (704) 282-4925.

### Class of '76 Reunion

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School 20-year reunion is Oct. 12. For information, call Beth Herlocker, (704) 544-0345.

### St. John Neumann Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Women's Club Craft Bazaar is Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is \$25 per table, plus a handmade item. For details, call (704) 573-1994.

### Youth Program Begins

CHARLOTTE — A city-wide Catholic Youth Group for mentally handicapped students is being formed. For information, call Anne, (704) 523-2774, or Sue, (704) 545-0242.

### Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A Spanish Charismatic prayer group meets 7:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Patrick Cathedral in the parish center.

### Fall Festival

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church Fall Festival is Oct. 11-12. Donations are needed for the flea market. For information, call Deb Carley, (910) 334-3007.

### Symposium Focuses on Aging

HENDERSONVILLE — The 11th Annual National Symposium Ministry With the Aging, sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte CRISM office, is Oct. 1-4 at Kanuga Conference Center. For information, call (704) 251-0428.

### St. Ann Bingo

CHARLOTTE — Bingo sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 770 is played 7 p.m. Mondays at St. Ann Church in the Activity Center. Cash prizes, including a \$500 jackpot, will be given away each week.

### Day of Reflection

GREENSBORO — A CRISM Day of Reflection for the Greensboro Vicariate is 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 24 at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Franciscan Father David Hyman will conduct the program.

### Silver and Gold

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### Jesuit House Retreats

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"The Bishops' Economic Pastoral

is an Oct. 4-6 retreat that examines the Pastoral and its place in everyday life directed by Jesuit Father Al Fritsch.

For information or registration, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, NC 28743, (704) 622-7366.

### Holy Angels Golf Tournament

CRAMER MOUNTAIN — A golf tournament to benefit Holy Angels Sept. 23 at Cramer Mountain Country Club. For information, contact Josh at (704) 825-4161.

### Ministry Mission Through Song

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For information or workshop registration, call the church office, (864) 288-4884 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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MAGGIE VALLEY — "Drink the Living Water" is a Sept. 19-26 active, interactive, inner-active retreat with nature directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Robert Rosseau and Sisters of Charity Sister Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

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"Let Us Celebrate" is a Nov. 11-17 retreat for those who like to mingle with spirituality, Eucharist and Thanksgiving directed by Conventual Father John Quigley, Joanne Wheller and Gus Tamborello.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Texas Diocese Launches Parish-Based Social Ministry Effort

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — While church leaders seem to have reached a clear consensus on the social mission of the church, the message has yet to get to those in the pews, priests of the Austin Diocese were told Aug. 29. The gathering of all priests working in the Austin Diocese, the first of its kind since Bishop John E. McCarthy came to the diocese more than 10 years ago, was used to launch a focus on parish social ministry throughout the diocese. The bishop asked the priests to commit to developing a structured outreach program in their parish, either with a paid staff person or a volunteer group to spearhead it. A parish's social outreach shouldn't be considered something peripheral, however, said John Carr, director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace at the U.S. Catholic Conference, in his keynote talk.

### Charismatic 'Veterans' Must Help Attract Youth, Speaker Says

ANAHEIM, Calif. (CNS) — For the charismatic renewal to grow and flourish, the movement's "veterans" must reach out to youths and young adults, said a speaker at the 25th annual Southern California Renewal Communities Convention. "We can't be satisfied with prayer groups of primarily older people," said Divine Word Father Michael Manning in his workshop on "The Graying of the Charismatic Renewal." "We need a change of mentality; we need to start looking for young people and finding ways to bring Christ to them," he added. Father Manning, who has been involved in television ministry for the past 25 years, said efforts should particularly focus on those born between 1960 and 1980, the group known as Generation X. It is important to recall, Father Manning said, that "Jesus himself was a young adult speaking in the main to other young adults." The Aug. 16-18 convention attracted some 12,000 people to the Anaheim Convention Center.

### Common Ground Initiative Continues To Draw Reaction

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin's launching of a Catholic Common Ground Project to end polarization among U.S. Catholics has continued to draw varied reaction from church officials. Several bishops who commented on it in their diocesan newspapers expressed support and a hope that Cardinal Bernardin could achieve his goal. Others, expressing concern that a dialogue on issues facing the church could become a forum for dissent, warned that truths of faith are non-negotiable and must be a presupposition for any common ground among Catholics. As a framework for his initiative Cardinal Bernardin released a statement, "Called to be Catholic," which described current divisions among U.S. Catholics as paralyzing the church's energies and threat-

ening its future. It urged constructive, civil dialogue as a way to restore mutual understanding and a sense of mission and common purpose.

### El Paso Statue Honoring Early Spanish Mission To be Unveiled

EL PASO, Texas (CNS) — No one really knows what Fray Garcia de San Francisco looked like. So sculptor John Houser had to take a different approach when he began to create a statue of the 17th-century Spanish Franciscan, founding father of El Paso and its twin across the Rio Grande, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. "Since there were no pictures of him, I read as much as I could about his accomplishments and developed features to go along with him," Houser said. "I

infused the spirit of what he did into his appearance." He tried to capture it especially in the face and eyes. "I modeled his head at eye level and put a lot of power into his eyes," he said. The 14-foot statue — the tallest bronze historical statue in Texas — is to be unveiled Sept. 26 at El Paso's Pioneer Plaza.

### Vatican Reacts With Silence To U.S. Military Strikes Against Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican reacted with silence following U.S. military strikes against Iraq in early September. In previous years, Pope John Paul II and his top aides have criticized Western attacks on Iraq, noting the suffering of the civilian population and the missed opportunities for dialogue. This

time, the situation was more complex, Vatican sources said after the bombings. The U.S. missile strikes and the extension of a no-fly zone over Iraq came in retaliation for an Iraqi attack on Kurdish targets in the northern part of the country. Iraqi soldiers were also said to have brutally executed 96 army defectors during the incursion. Vatican officials felt that a statement that was no more than a call to dialogue would have been too general. But a more specific Vatican statement would have been forced to raise the thorny Kurdish issue.

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"their own lives, their health, and in some cases, their capacity to have children in the future were in danger" due to the conditions their unborn children suffered. The conditions cited included excessive cerebrospinal fluid in the head (hydrocephalus), inability to swallow leading to an excess of amniotic fluid collecting in the mother's womb (polyhydramnios), and genetic abnormalities characterized by an extra chromosome (trisomy).

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# Parish Profile

## St. Francis Of Assisi Church

FRANKLIN — A small group composed of eight people made up the first Catholic congregation to celebrate Mass in Franklin. During the early 1950s, these townsfolk gathered at the home of local residents to assist in the celebration of Mass with Father Lawrence Newman. Father Newman traveled more than 40 miles from his resident parish, St. John Church in Waynesville, to share the liturgy.

Newman met with Bishop Vincent Waters to discuss the building of a church in Franklin. They agreed on the need, and by 1953, the first St. Francis of Assisi Church had been constructed and deemed a mission of St. John Church. The same eight parishioners attended, although the church had a capacity for 108 people. The church community did begin to enlarge at a steady pace, however, and in 1955, St. Francis became a Glenmary parish.

Due to a growing Catholic population in Franklin as well as geographical considerations, Bishop Michael Begley in 1972 adjusted St. Francis parish boundaries to include most of Macon County. As such, it then included Our Lady of the Mountains in Highlands as a mission church.

Back home in Franklin, a larger congregation marked the need for expansion. The parish bought land and a house adjacent to the church property, the latter of which was utilized for the pastoral team staff, parish meetings, religious education classes and baby-sitting during Mass.

Soon parishioners again saw the need to expand, this time in terms of

worship space. During the assessment period, the parish established a building fund. Although original plans, begun in 1976, centered on adding onto the existing church, other options arose. During the summer of 1977, a sizable contribution allowed the congregation to explore the possibility of building a new structure.

The next year, land was purchased on Maple Street, and plans were underway for the creation of a new church facility. A parish building commission was established, and construction on the new church began in January 1981. It housed its first Eucharistic Liturgy on Christmas Eve of that year. Meanwhile, St. Francis parish had made arrangements with the local Lutheran community, which was searching for a new church as well. The first church was sold to the Lutherans on December 31, 1981.

The St. Francis family continued to grow in the following years. At present, Father Richard McCue, pastor, and Father James Collins, parochial vicar, are happy to report that the parish is in the midst of a large expansion project targeted at improving its educational facilities. The center will feature classrooms for CCD and faith formation, a chapel and a pastor's office. The parish also hosts a monthly luncheon for senior citizens and has an active Knights of Columbus council noted for its support of schools, especially those for mentally handicapped persons. Father McCue continues his monthly outreach to diocesan seminarians with a letter apprising them of goings-on, and "Sergeant-Major Brown," better known as Brownie the dog, keeps watch over his parish as well. Father McCue also continues to celebrate Mass at the mission church in Highlands, and is a regular celebrant at St. Jude Church in Sapphire Valley, too.

Church life is vibrant in the mountain town of Franklin. From its early status as a small mission to today's ever-growing congregation, St. Francis of Assisi parish strives to meet the spiritual, educational and social needs of its community.



### St. Francis of Assisi

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Pastor:  
Rev. Richard T. McCue



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Number of parishioners: 910

Number of households: 275

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greatest letter writers who ever lived, used the written word to instruct, persuade and admonish the people of the churches he ministered to and to all who continue to read his letters centuries later. I wonder if St. Paul's epistles would be as compelling if they had been composed on an electronic laptop rather than on papyrus.

I wonder, too, if Lieutenant Madison Lewis' or Great-grandfather Carl's letters would have been as poignant if their writers could have communicated so directly and instantly. Through occasional visits and a pen that wouldn't quit, Great-grandfather Carl worked out the difficulties of distance with his young bride by taking a job as an inventor and engineer at Ingersoll Rand in Easton, Pennsylvania and Great-grandfather Carl and Great-grandmother Jeanette had a daughter who would one day be my Grandma Jean.

And what of Lieutenant Madison

Lewis? Four months after arriving in France, quite taken by the "bang-up good time" he was experiencing, the lieutenant was promoted to captain and received the Distinguished Service Cross. The citation reads, "Captain Madison H. Lewis, 302nd Engineers for extraordinary heroism in action near Ville-Savoy, France, on August 18, 1918. Under enemy fire, high explosives and gas, Captain Lewis plunged into the Vesle River to rescue some soldiers who had fallen into the water with full pack while crossing a footbridge and were in danger of drowning. In order to do this he removed his gas mask and as a result was severely gassed."

The wide-eyed soldier who began a thrilling journey across the Atlantic to fight in World War I started an inward journey just months later after experiencing the devastation and human suffering caused by war. How do I know? It's all in the letters left behind.

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A photograph of "Christ Blessing the Children" stained glass by G.E. Cook, 1875 from Cricklade Church, Wilts./Bridgeman Art Library, London, adorns the cover of the Respect Life pamphlet *At the Crossroads* published by the U.S. Catholic Conference, Inc.

More than one million participants nationwide will peacefully pray for babies threatened or killed by abortion Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 6. Within the Diocese of Charlotte, parishes in Greensboro, Lincolnton, Charlotte and elsewhere will be participating in local links as well. People of various ethnic and religious backgrounds have been gathering throughout the country on National Life Chain Sundays since 1987.

## Graham Crusade Offers Opportunity For Renewal

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — If the Carolinas Billy Graham Crusade follows the historical pattern of other such gatherings dating back decades, it could cause a spiritual fire that will burn in Christians for the rest of their lives. Tens of thousands are expected Sept. 29 to represent dozens of denominations in a celebration of the joyful finale to the Crusade, Graham's fourth in the Carolinas since 1947.

Organizers project attendance exceeding a quarter million people at the Crusade, which begins Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests attending the event include country music legends, a former NFL head football coach and contemporary Christian musicians. A diverse amalgamation of folks — but they form a group gathering to illustrate a passion for their faith.

Scores of billboards, bumper stickers and newspaper ads promoting the event can already be seen throughout the area. Many Catholics, however, have yet to understand a connection with the Crusade and their own faith. Indeed, the last time Dr. Graham "returned home" for a Carolinas Crusade in 1972, the idea of Catholics attending would have been unthinkable. Yet Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, director of evangelization for the Diocese of Charlotte and pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Monroe, says the connection is now a real and pressing one.

"In recent years, Graham has made an extraordinary ecumenical effort to send people to the churches where they will live out their way of life with Christ — rather than trying to bring them into his organization or to any particular church," he says.

Father Vilkauskas says that Dr. Graham, having grown up in a rural area of a state where even today Catholics make up just 3 percent of the Christian population, never really knew the Catholic faith. But, as a preacher who has long promoted conversion of heart, he grew to realize that Catholics do indeed profess faith in Christ and a belief in the Bible. Seminary training also helped him to understand Roman Catholic theology, especially since the Second Vatican Council.

The change, says Father Vilkauskas, was a monumental one. He calls the Crusade a uniquely advantageous opportunity for Carolina Catholics. "It allows us in a very concrete way to cooperate with other Christian churches, and to affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ and in the Bible as the source of God's inspired word," he says. "We cannot lose by our presence. Many of our neighbors misunderstand us, and our challenge as Catholics is to get the message out of who we are and what we believe."

Pope John Paul II has emphatically encouraged evangelization for years, especially as we approach the millennium. Bishop William G. Curlin has endorsed Catholic participation in the Crusade, adding that Graham has publicly voiced his admiration for the pope.

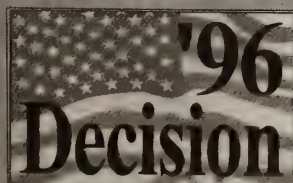
Lest Catholics see participation in the Crusade — which has long been deemed an expression of the Gospel that somewhat differs from Catholic teaching — as problematic, Father Vilkauskas reminds them of the true intent of the Crusade: to bring people back to Christ, to renew their faith, and to provide a spark in those who had previously left their faith in the background.

"For us, the process of conversion is part of a spiritual journey," he says. "Our way to Christ is an ongoing commitment for the rest of our lives. People will be seeking renewal and reconciliation. It couldn't be a more Catholic concept."

"I see this as the launching pad for all Christians, and cer-

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## Answering The Call:

# Bishops Urge Political Responsibility

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

This is the first of three articles about Catholics' obligation to political responsibility. The articles revolve around materials written by the American bishops and issued through the United States Catholic Conference. The current materials are titled, "Political Responsibility: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life, Protecting the Least Among Us, and Pursuing the Common Good." These materials were made available to every parish in the diocese.

This first article reviews the content and implications of the bishops' call to political responsibility.

POLITICS HAS BECOME SO COMPLICATED AND COMMERCIALIZED that many Americans are left wondering whether real issues count for anything anymore. If they do, where do people find out more about those issues?

For Catholics, the American bishops have some important news. Not only have they studied the issues that affect people's lives, but they have issued important position statements on many of them.

Lest you think this is another election year gimmick that will fade after November, know that the bishops have been shaping and promoting their positions on issues for centuries. As early as the 1700s, American bishops have spoken out on the issues of the day.

NOW, AMID THE CONFUSION, CATHOLICS ARE SCRAMBLING for this information. Although the bishops have made their political responsibility materials available since the mid-1970s, dioceses and parishes have a renewed interest in using them. Earlier this year Joanne Frazer attended the national meeting on Social Action, where thousands of the political responsibility packets were ordered.

When asked why the renewed interest, Frazer, director of the Diocese of Charlotte Peace and Justice Ministry, said, "People today are genuinely confused about the political climate and choices. The bishops are clear about our responsibility to participate in the voting process. They are equally clear about the Church's position on many issues. In the materials, they list the principles that can be used as a moral guide."

Frazer was quick to note that the American bishops do not favor religious political block voting. "Rather, they urge Catholics to analyze the moral dimensions of the issues of the day," she said.

SO WHAT ARE THE ISSUES THE BISHOPS ADDRESS? ABORTION — specifically the repeal of abortion laws — is first among the issues. But for too many American Catholics, it is among the few they can list. In fact, materials contain position statements on 20 issues. Other topics include: arms control; arms trade and disarmament; capital punishment; communications; discrimination and racism; the

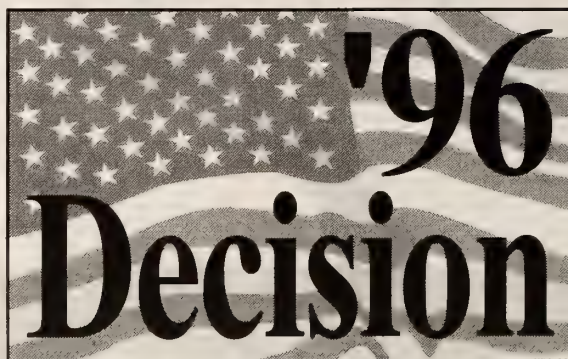
economy; education; environmental justice; euthanasia; families and children; food and agriculture; and health; AIDS; substance abuse; include: housing; human rights; immigration; international affairs and the United Nations; refugees; regional concerns; violence; and welfare reform. "Throughout the statements, you will find an emphasis on the consistent ethic of life," said Frazer.

The bishops refer to previously published documents and statements to underscore their position and reflect the Church's tradition of upholding human rights and dignity.

In an article in the September issue of *Liguorian* magazine, writer Mark E. Chopko explains why the bishops issue these materials. He writes: "Although the bishops leave the duty of evaluating the candidates to the individual voter, they exhort citizens to meet their responsibilities to register and vote, to understand issues and assess candidates' positions and qualifications; and to join others in advocating for the common good."

GIVEN THEIR STRONG POSITION ON ISSUES, SOME CATHOLICS wonder why the bishops don't take the extra step and endorse particular candidates. The bishops address this too by stating such endorsements "would be, in our view, pastorally inappropriate, theologically unsound and politically unwise."

Chopko writes that the importance of avoiding alliance with any political party or candidate is also mandated in the Vatican II documents. In those, the council members note that "the Church's work is strictly religious. It proclaims no distinctive secular, political role."



The author says the Church's autonomy allows it to serve as a moral beacon. "How could the Church maintain (a high moral) position if it were aligned with one or another political alliance? It would be relegated to a minor role or just another interest group. It would sacrifice part of its moral role."

LAST DECEMBER, THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE SENT THE packet of materials on political responsibility to each parish in the diocese. Pastors were urged to encourage their parishioners to study and discuss the materials and use them as a starting point for further activities promoting political responsibility.

In the next article, we will report on how parishes have used the packets and inspired fellow parishioners to "get involved."

For information about the bishops' materials or about the upcoming conference "Faith Doing Justice," which will further examine political responsibility, write to: Joanne Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. 28207; or call her at (704) 331-1736.

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tainly for the Catholic Church, to prepare in a common effort for the importance of Christ in our lives and in the world."

Thousands of people have joined or renewed the Catholic faith as a direct result of their attending past Crusades. The call for Catholics, says Father Vilkauskas, is not only to profess or return to their faith at the Crusade, but to prepare to welcome new or returning Catholics in the weeks after the event.

Father Vilkauskas is pleased with the prospect of renewed faith as an outcome of Graham's visit to Charlotte. Catholic readiness and response teams have been assembled to attend to people based on a variety of needs, and Bishop Curlin will lead a prayer service of welcome Oct. 11 at St. Matthew Church.

Father Vilkauskas asks that parishioners, priests and religious all take an active volunteer role in the aftermath. Telephone committees will be needed to contact those who submit commitment forms during the Crusade. Letters of welcome, hospitality efforts, and assistance and support at the parish level will all be important components of Catholics' message of welcome. Volunteers, the pastor says, will be needed to make it work.

"This is really what we're about," he adds. "It's forgiveness, it's reconciliation, it's outreach, it's mission. This is the heart of the matter. Like the story of the prodigal son, there will be people coming down the road back home."

For more information on volunteering for welcoming and hospitality efforts following the Crusade, call Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, director of evangelization for the Diocese of Charlotte, (704) 289-2773.

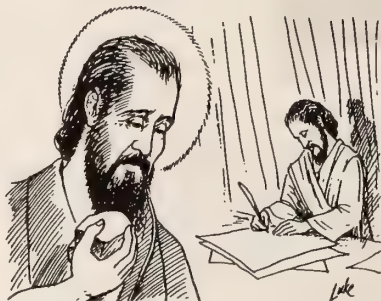
## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
September 22 - 28



Sunday:	Isaiah 55: 6-9 Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 Matthew 20: 1-16
Monday:	Proverbs 3: 27-34 Luke 8: 16-18
Tuesday:	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13 Luke 8: 19-21
Wednesday:	Proverbs 30: 5-9 Luke 9: 1-6
Thursday:	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11 Luke 9: 7-9
Friday:	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 Luke 9: 18-22
Saturday:	Ecclesiastes 11: 9 -- 12: 8 Luke 9: 43-45

## Jerome



Jerome was a strong, outspoken man. He was a hermit, penitent, Scripture scholar, master of language and consultant to monks, bishops and popes. However, the work for which he is best known is his translation of the Bible from Hebrew to the Vulgate, or common language. Jerome died in Bethlehem in 420. He was named a doctor of the church. His feast is Sept. 30.



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# Northern Region Gathers For Catechist Conference

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer  
CLEMMONS — "Buenos días."  
"How are you?" "Bienvenidos."

So began "Lighting the Fires of Faith," a catechetical conference at Holy Family Church Sept. 14. With more than 300 catechists in attendance, Fathers Fidel Melo and Frank O'Rourke of Holy Family parish offered a bilingual greeting and began a day of enrichment and education for those who share the knowledge and the relationship of the Catholic faith with others.

"Remember that you're following in the footsteps of the disciples," said Kathy Boyette, Northern Region coordinator for the diocesan office of faith formation, to the congregation. "You're carrying on a tradition that Jesus gave to His disciples when He asked them to go forth, share the faith and keep it alive."

Following an opening prayer session that included a meditation on the Canticle of Zechariah in both English and Spanish, catechists gathered in groups throughout the facility to discuss the components of faith formation as it exists in today's Church. Catechetical leaders from across the Northern Region led the presentations.

Participants also could choose to attend workshops for youth and Spanish ministries, which Boyette says are important extensions of faith formation.

"It's good that those of us who share in the catechetical ministry are able to work together," said Paul Kotlowski, diocesan director of youth ministry. "Events like this bring home the message that youth ministry is the catechetical process for our adolescents."

Boyette added that the Hispanic population is growing tremendously in the diocese. "We have to meet their needs," she said. "They are a very faith-filled community, and we need to educate the catechists so that they can help these people continue to grow in their Catholic community." A Hispanic ministry team from the Raleigh Diocese fa-

cilitated the sessions. Participants chose four sessions centering on skills and theory; sacrament; Scripture; prayer; and Catholic identification. The sessions were not only intended as instructional meetings, but as interactive and cooperative efforts to share ideas and to remind the catechists of their sense of mission and ministry.

Facilitators offered concrete examples of addressing matters of faith. Sisters of St. Joseph Sister Jeanne Morgan, coordinator of faith formation at St. Leo the Great Church in Winston-Salem, concentrated on theological concepts involved in Scripture. She explained that one way of understanding what God wants of us is through His revelation in the Bible — through the history, nature, ethics and culture described therein.

Jim McCullough, faith formation coordinator at Our Lady of Grace in Greensboro, stated in his session on the

sacraments that the questions people raise about their Catholic faith can be answered in a number of resources. "One of the gifts the Catholic Church has is that if you want to know what the Church teaches and believes, there is a way you can actually find out," he said to one group, while holding a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in his hand.

Faith formation leaders said they were inspired by the day's energy and the generous spirit of the catechists' volunteerism. Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Charlotte Dr. Cris Villapando told the catechists that they are "the single most important purveyors of the faith as the Church is structured right now. You are the delivery system."

"These catechists can actively and intimately engage the learner and really find out first-hand where people are in terms of faith," said Villapando earlier

in the day. The closing ceremony included the conferral of certificates stating that those in attendance had participated in an introductory catechist formation program. Applause from parish members peppered the presentation, which recognized members from all 23 parishes and missions of the Northern Region, plus parishioners from as far west as Hickory and Charlotte.

Throughout a day during which participants were exposed to what Villapando called "vertical enrichment" and "horizontal experience" — the passing on of information from facilitator to catechist and the shared discoveries of the catechists themselves — the catechetical ministry was celebrated.

"This was a very rewarding experience," said Rosemary Chriscoe, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Asheboro. "I wish I had another day to capture the classes that I didn't get to attend today. It makes me feel that faith is still alive."



Dr. Cris Villapando, Kathy Boyette and Kathy Laskis, Coordinator of Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Highways Church in Thomasville, discuss catechetical materials available at the "Lighting the Fires of Faith" formation conference.


Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

## National Life Chain Sunday is Oct. 6

LINCOLNTON — More than 100 Lincolnton area church congregations are planning to link up with the 1996 Life Chain on Old Highway 321 North Oct. 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Some 2,000 people are expected to join in locally, uniting with the more than one million participants nationwide who will peacefully and spiritually pray for babies threatened or killed by abortion.

Within the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, parishes in Greensboro, Charlotte and elsewhere will be participating in local links as well. Call your parish office for the nearest location.

People of various ethnic and religious backgrounds have been gathering throughout the country on National Life Chain Sundays since 1987. For more information on the Lincolnton Life Chain, contact Jeff Norkus, (704) 895-8342 or (704) 595-4553; Charlene Huff, (704) 735-1890; or the Rev. Michael Steen, (704) 735-9976.



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## Pro-Life Corner



*By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being.*

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**“W**hen the *sense of God* is lost, there is also a tendency to lose the *sense of man*, of his dignity and his life; in turn, the systematic violation of the moral law, especially in the serious matter of respect for human life and its dignity, produces a kind of progressive darkening of the capacity to discern God’s living and saving presence.”

— John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Pope Says Illiteracy Keeps People From Reaching Full Potential

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Illiteracy is a form of poverty that keeps people from reaching their full potential and participating in the life of society, Pope John Paul II said.

In a message to UNESCO’s Sept. 9 celebration of World Literacy Day, the pope praised the U.N. organization and all those working to help children and adults around the world learn to read.

The pope offered special thanks to those “who work so that children can benefit from an education and schooling that gives them a real chance to have a worthy existence and to be active participants in community life.”

“I encourage all people who with generosity and dedication participate in the formation of young people and adults to struggle against illiteracy, a form of poverty, and to allow everyone to take part in the life of their country,” the pope said.

Basic education and knowledge of culture, he said, “play a fundamental role in spiritual and personal development and in social promotion, offering each person the possibility to fully exercise his responsibilities as a citizen.”

Education and literacy programs, the pope said, should contribute to personal growth and family life, always with respect for basic moral, cultural and religious values.

### Pope Calls Visit To Hungary An Ecumenical Advance

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II’s remarks in English at his*

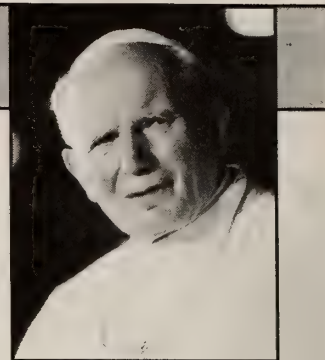
*weekly general audience Sept. 11.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish today to thank all those who made possible my recent pastoral visit to Hungary, especially the bishops and the president of the republic and the civil authorities. My pilgrimage took me to the ancient abbey of Pannonhalma, founded 1,000 years ago and serving ever since as a spiritual and cultural beacon for the people of that part of Europe. Today it is also an important center of ecumenism, placed as it is between East and West.

I also visited the city of Győr, one of the oldest cities of Hungary, where a large crowd gathered for the concelebrated Mass, to invoke the loving mercy of Jesus the Good Shepherd. There I renewed the call to hope, pointing to the example of those who in the recent past have borne witness to their faith in Christ, even at the cost of their lives. In fact, the transformation of Hungarian society, especially in overcoming the negative consequences of past ideological and political systems, will depend on proclaiming once more the perennial truths of the Gospel, which guide and shape the freedom and solidarity to which all aspire. May the Blessed Virgin Mary protect the Hungarian people, and may they remain ever steadfast in their fidelity to Christ, the hope of the world.

May you always know the light of Christ and walk in his ways. Upon all of you I invoke joy and peace in the Lord Jesus.



## Guest Column

*Antoinette Bosco*

### School Uniforms: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

A new poll is telling us that school uniforms are gaining popularity.

Phi Delta Kappa surveys adults annually on a broad range of educational subjects. This year it put the school uniform question on the list and found that 53 percent of those polled favored uniforms for public school students.

When the subject of school uniforms re-emerged in the past couple of years, many were surprised to learn that President Bill Clinton was for them.

I admit I was surprised to read that he advocated uniforms in schools, since I often talk to youngsters who get apoplectic at the very thought of this. Many young people say that dressing alike robs them of their individuality.

I was the product of Catholic school education from first grade through college, and I wore school uniforms every year until I graduated from high school, with the exception of fourth grade. That year we moved from one area of the city to another, and it was too late for my mother to enroll me in a Catholic school. So she put me in public school, though I think she feared losing her soul for months after doing this.

Mostly I think my mother was endlessly annoyed — because she had a new job that year — seeing to it that I had proper dresses each day for class. I remember her buying material at 15 cents a yard and sewing four dresses for me.

Funny thing, though, I don’t ever remember any of my friends commenting on my homemade clothes, and I had a lot of friends. I bring this out because in scores of interviews I’ve done with youngsters in the past year I’ve heard, over and over, that clothing is a

major concern.

All too many of them are afraid they will be criticized, made fun of and laughed at for having “nerdy” clothes, or wearing fashions that fall short of the current rage. That concern goes from head — notice the haircuts and hairstyles — to toe. The toe gets special attention. God help a kid who wears cheap sneakers.

It takes guts to go to school these days without the proper look that makes you fit in with your peer group. So much for individuality!

Last year at a school I saw girls wearing tops with wide necklines so that they could let the sleeve fall half way down their arm. And boys were wearing jeans purposely loose at the waist so that they fell down to their hips, exposing the tops of their under briefs. I doubt if this kind of disordered appearance lends itself to serious classroom learning.

These fads will probably die out, but what will the new ones be?

In the few schools already courageous enough to go for the “new look,” neatness via a dress code, educators and parents alike had had enough of dress competition. They wanted youth to focus on learning.

I think public schools ought to give school uniforms a try. If the uniforms lead to any new problems that can’t be resolved, the schools can always go back, eliminating the dress code.

But maybe educators and parents will find that school uniforms give them a new and better freedom: freedom from the daily need to conform to the dress standards of advertisers and peer groups; freedom from the ensuing competition and distractions in classrooms.

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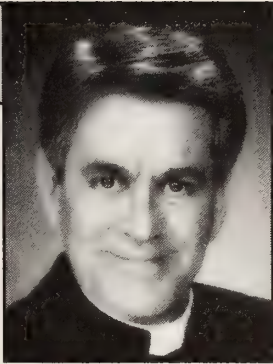
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Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



The Duty Of Autumn

"The melancholy days are here, the saddest of the year." William Cullen Bryant's poetic lament over the departure of summer and the advance of autumn strikes a sympathetic chord with those of us who experience the radical shift of seasons.

To us northerners especially, the look, the feel, the sounds and smells of autumn invite a certain sensitivity to the wonders of God's creation. When the white hot light of summer mellows to gold, we know that ahead of us is the cold silver of winter. Enjoy change or dread it, one way or another, it comes.

Each tree, each branch, each leaf, each blade of grass in its individual splendor is a living monument to the bottomless depths of God's creative genius.

What can we learn from the ordi-

nary, commonplace wonder of God's ongoing creation? Indeed, sympathy with nature is part of a good person's religion. Tyron Edwards, a descendant of the Calvinist theologian Jonathan Edwards, observed: "Nature and Revelation are like God's books; each may have mysteries, but in each there are plain, practical lessons for every-day duty."

Duty.

One lesson I have gleaned from autumns past is that the laws of nature are the rules which mirror our own lives. Leaves fall when the fruit is ripened and the work is done. The summer of abundance has ended.

So the flurry of the last few leaves teaches this: Do your work well, while your health and spirit sustain you, and then be ready to depart when God shall call.

Is that all? The relentlessness of

time and duty?

Dwelling on nature's moral lessons shouldn't bring on an attack of melancholy. Nature over-awes our little anxieties and doubts, and gives quiet to the soul. Nature is an effect whose cause is God and a friend to His truth.

The real miracle of each single moment is the beauty of both the fullness and surrender of life. Not one instant can be duplicated. Yet from dawn to dark to dawn again, the mysterious life of nature is often ignored by human beings intent on our own concerns and worries.

Jesus had an answer to that. In the Sermon on the Mount, He gave a reas-

suring argument for confidence in God based on the beauty of a flower. In the lilies of the field, the mustard seed, the reed blowing in the wind, Jesus let nature illuminate faith.

The heart that contemplates all that is sacred welcomes the lessons and loveliness of nature.

Every miracle of nature has sheathed within it a spiritual truth. Trees shake off acorns, shade for a blazing distant summer. For the person of faith, what is duty but hope alive?

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Make the Most of Your Potential," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

Question Box

Father John Dietzen



Mormon Posthumous Baptism

Q. Earlier this year, in connection with genealogies, you mentioned the Mormon Family History Library as a possible resource.

I wrote to them. When my mother heard of it she was less than happy. She thinks this is the way Mormons get names for "posthumous baptism."

I have heard that, according to this religion, living people can be baptized for the dead. Is this true?

I have also heard that Christians did the same a long time ago.

As a baptized Christian, I do not want my name to go down in history as a Mormon. Can you enlighten us about any of this?

A. You ask a lot of heavy questions in a few words. Let's look first at the

one about early Christians.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul discusses at length the resurrection of Jesus. Against some who denied this belief, he strongly affirmed that if Christ has not been raised our whole religion is absurd.

At one point he uses a puzzling argument. If we are not raised from the dead, then "what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them?" (15:29)

Understandably, this perplexing verse has provoked much speculation. One of today's most knowledgeable experts on the Corinthian letters says the practice of baptizing the living for the dead is so foreign to Paul's theology that Paul would never have used such a prac-

tice even as an argument. The expert then offered his own explanation of the passage.

The predominant interpretation, however, still seems to be that in those early days some living Christians did have themselves baptized for deceased non-Christians, which is not to say, of course, that Paul promoted or approved the practice.

Other interpretations end up being rather tortuous; but there's never been a thoroughly satisfactory explanation.

The Mormon practice of baptizing the living for the dead grows out of a theology of faith and salvation thor-

oughly alien to other Christians.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded, or "restored," in 1830 by the Prophet Joseph Smith, who according to his own testimony discovered a set of golden plates on a hill near Palmyra, N.Y.

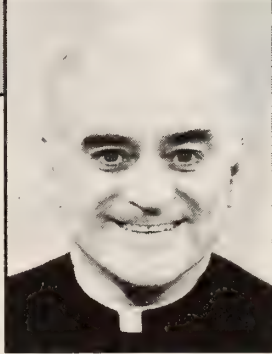
His translation of the writing on these plates, accomplished, he claimed, with the help of certain mysterious stone glasses, is the Book of Mormon, one of the three or four books most honored by adherents of that faith.

To expand on these beliefs is not possible here. Briefly, there is not one God; there are several gods who, at the highest level of heavens and through numberless generations, generate numer

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Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir



What Saints Do Best

Act as if everything depended on you, and pray as if everything depended on God. You probably have heard that truism before, but some problems are so severe you may feel powerless to act as though everything depended on you. It is then that you have to turn it all over to God and trust him.

With God's grace, all things are possible. Ask for a miracle, and expect one.

To understand more about this state of absolute trust, I turned to Blessed Julian of Norwich. She compared a mother's love to the love and service of Jesus.

A mother's service is completely dependable because it is the most loving and certainly the truest service we know. Since Jesus performs this loving

service to an infinite degree, Julian referred to him as "Mother God." She wrote, "The Lord carried us within himself in love and pain when he suffered the sharpest thorns and the most daunting agony." We can trust the Lord.

If your trust is weak, don't be discouraged. One day he will give you the precious gift of a childlike spirit. "Ask and you will receive." When Jesus challenged us to put on a childlike spirit, he was encouraging us to be childlike, not childish. A childish person can be arrogant, demanding and inconsiderate.

When you approach God do not be childish. The childlike spirit is full of trust. Even the most unruly children do not worry about how their next meal will appear on the table. They trust their parents to take care of their basic needs, and in the same way God will take care of

your needs. Trust him and be patient.

In discerning the meaning of a childlike spirit, the key word is "trust." Trust is the only thing that is uniquely ours to give. God gave us everything else we have. When Jesus asked us to become childlike, he wanted us to have absolute confidence in his love. This means we have to learn "to let go and let God."

Personally I find this difficult to do. I pray, but I often tend to carry the full weight of my burdens until I realize what I'm doing. Then I stop in my tracks and turn the problem over to him. I put my trust in his power and love.

Imagine giving a trustworthy friend a task to do for you and then worrying all night about whether or not it will be done. It just doesn't make sense.

Do you have to contend with a rebellious child or a difficult aging parent? Stop trying to engineer a solution. It is beyond your strength to change the personality of another human being. Only the other person can do that, and then only with the help of God's grace. The role of grace is the mysterious element in this process.

Once you turn the responsibility over to the Lord, all you can do is thank him for the graces he will send. Try not to demand immediate results. Wait and trust.

Patient endurance is what the saints do best.



## A Natural Fit

# WCU Director Serves In The Spirit Of Sport

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

**CULLOWHEE** — The experience of sport is as natural to Susan Brown as breathing. Originally from Wichita, Kan., she grew up in Florida, where her father coached little league. As a child, she enjoyed reaching into his bag and "putting on the catcher's equipment three sizes too big for me." She has been playing softball since the age of 11, but reluctantly admits playing more golf nowadays.

Since her sophomore year in high school, Brown knew she wanted a career involving sports. "I've always been a person who looked ahead and worked toward the future. Sports allows me to do that because it is always changing." As Brown sees it, "sport and society really go together." It is a view her own career certainly confirms.

Today, Susan Brown, Ph.D., is Director of Sport Management at Western Carolina University and a member of the small campus community that worships at the Catholic Student Center. Since 1986, she has been coordinator of officials and coaches for the U.S. Association for Blind Athletes. In this capacity, she has assisted coaches and referees become more skilled in the special techniques of working with visually impaired athletes. Brown has been especially involved with goalball, a sport specifically designed for visually impaired and blind athletes and relatively unknown outside their world. Similar to soccer, goalball is also unique to the Paralympic Games to which Dr. Brown was invited at Barcelona in 1988 and again this year in Atlanta.

"The motto for the Paralympics, *Triumph of the Human Spirit*, was very apparent in the opening ceremonies and throughout the games as well, but on the whole the Paralympics were pretty much neglected by the media," says Brown with obvious disappointment. Recalling the awe she experienced at crowds in Spain that packed every event in 1988, she described the marked contrast with the recent attendance in Atlanta: "In the U.S., we idolize athletes and we all have a favorite team, which is fine, but we don't enjoy sport for the sake of sport the way Europeans do. In Barcelona, it was standing-room-only everywhere and people were so supportive of all the sports."

That was not the case in Atlanta, nor did Brown expect it to be. "It doesn't happen that way in our society," she observed. "Unless you have a winning team, it's hard to sell tickets. If someone like Michael Jordan is playing, attendance is up. In the U.S. people go to see the winning team or go to see the star, but they don't go for the experience of sport itself."

With a Masters degree from Eastern Illinois University in Sport Administration and a Ph.D. from Ohio State in Sports Management, Brown's professional activity is focused on "educating individuals to work on the business side



Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

Susan Brown, Director of Sport Management at Western Carolina University, is a member of the Catholic community that worships regularly on campus at the Catholic Student Center.

of sports: promotions, sales, marketing and finance. My students work in professional sports organizations, fitness management, recreational departments, etc." At one time her field might have been considered entrepreneurial, but not so now. "Sport Management," she indicates, "has not only become a commonly offered and recognized discipline, but has steadily grown in popularity as an up and coming field."

Brown was director of Recreational Sports Programs at St. Louis University in 1984 when the school won the bid to host the National Championships for the Blind. Unexpectedly, just one month prior to the championship, responsibility for running all the sports fell to Brown. It was her first experience of working with the visually impaired, and her introduction to goalball. She found it both enjoyable and instructive. "I learned that, apart from some of the differences in the population and being more attentive to the needs of the visually impaired, it was really no different

than running any other sport program." Goalball, however, was all new and captured her interest.

That interest was sustained when the Missouri Chapter of the Association for Blind Athletes asked Brown to serve on their board and her involvement grew as an escort to the 1985 National Championships in New Jersey. "I've always enjoyed doing volunteer work and I've always enjoyed being involved in sports," she sums up her service in the way of a natural fit. "It was an opportunity for me to reach out and help. Athletes with disabilities don't want pity, they just want support and encouragement."

Brown, a lifelong Catholic, says her Christian faith has been deepened by her experience. "I wake up each day thanking God for the abilities that I have." By being involved for so long with people who focus not on their disabilities but their abilities, she is more convinced than ever that "we're all here to help one another."

## Sister Marie Day, Former Teacher In Diocese, Dies

**LOWELL, Mass.** — Religious of Christian Education Sister Marie Odella Day, who taught at St. Genevieve of the Pines and Gibbons Hall Schools in Asheville for many years, died Aug. 26.

A native of Boston, she spent the greater part of her religious life in North Carolina, first at Immaculata School in Hendersonville and then St. Joan of Arc School in Asheville. In 1942 she joined the staff at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines where she taught in the grammar school and later at Gibbons Hall School for Boys.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Sister Day did catechetical work

at the parishes of St. Lawrence in Asheville and St. Margaret Mary in Swannanoa and tutored at the Reid Center.

Her Diamond Jubilee of religious profession (60 years) was celebrated at St. Genevieve Convent July 2, 1992. Later that year she returned to her native Massachusetts.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 29 at St. Joseph Church in Waltham, Mass. Interment was at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Watertown.

Memorials may be made to the Retirement Fund of the Religious of Christian Education.

## Knights In Action: Councils Recognized

**FAYETTEVILLE** — Members of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus recently recognized their peers for outstanding programs conducted by councils. The "Top Three" awards, which are given three times each year, are divided into categories for family, community, youth, church and council.

The following councils received recognition for the third period: For church activity, Southern Pines Council 6528 for their work with the CYO preparing a float for the local Christmas parade; Burlington Council 3498 for their float in the Christmas parade; and Wendell Council 10892 for their lighted "Keep Christ in Christmas" display.

For council programs: Wendell Council 10892 for their Super Bowl Chili Sale fund-raiser; Clemmons Council 9499 for their Mardi Gras Party and Wife Appreciation Night; and Raleigh Council 2546 for their St. Patrick's Day Parade float.

For community programs: Fayetteville Council 2838 for their food drive for Catholic Social Ministries; Jacksonville Council 3574 for their Handicapped Children's Christmas Party; and Wendell Council 10892 for their visit to rest home to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

For youth programs: Cary Council 6650 for their Lenten Fish Fry to benefit choir members of the United for Better Understanding organization; Hendersonville Council 7184 for fund-raisers in conjunction with the church's youth; and Hope Mills Council 8857 for their children's Christmas party.

For family programs category: Swansboro Council 7024 for a parish dinner recognizing contributions to the church; Raleigh Council 2546 for their Lenten Fish Fry; and Charlotte Council 770 for bringing Christmas gifts, a tree, and hosting a dinner for Christmas at Holy Angels.

The Knights annual Fourth Degree Exemplification Aug. 31 in Greensboro was attended by Bishop William G. Curdin as the honoree.

## CCHS Names Miller New Head Coach For Girls' Basketball

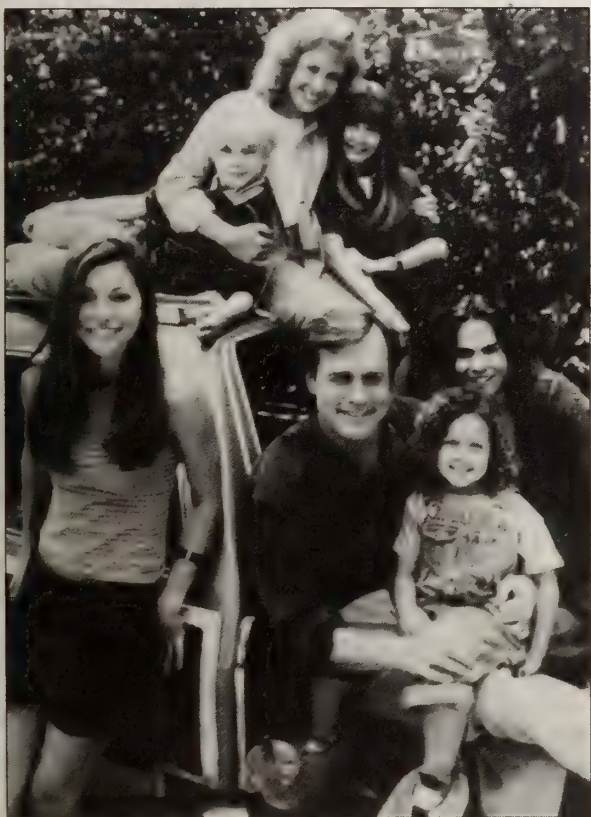
**CHARLOTTE** — Amy Miller has been named Charlotte Catholic High School's varsity girl's head basketball coach. Miller fills the position vacated by Janel Maren. No stranger to CCHS sports, Miller graduated from Charlotte Catholic in 1991 and played both basketball and soccer there. Last year she was the head coach of the junior varsity girl's basketball team.

Miller received her bachelor's degree from Lenior Rhyne College, where she also played basketball and soccer.

In addition to coaching basketball at CCHS, Miller teaches math and is an assistant girl's soccer coach.



# Entertainment



"Seventh Heaven," a new family drama on the WB Network, stars (clockwise from top) Catherine Hicks, Beverly Mitchell, Barry Watson, Mackenzie Rosman, Stephen Collins, Jessica Biel and David Gallagher. The show is one of the best bets of the new television season, according to the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

## Videos

### "Hate" (1996)

Gritty French movie about 24 hours in the lives of three unemployed youths from a public housing project in a Paris suburb where they take drugs, argue and elude aggressive cops until inevitably a violent confrontation occurs. Writer-director Mathieu Kassovitz's stark, documentary-like portrait of dead-end youth pitted against brutal police takes a hard look at ghetto violence and despair. Subtitles. Intermittent violence, drug abuse, crude sexual references and incessant rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Robin and the Seven Hoods" (1964)

Uneven gangster spoof set in 1928 Chicago, where the top mob (headed by Peter Falk) tries to crush a smaller gang (led by Frank Sinatra) which gains public sympathy by donating its loot to charity. Directed by Gordon Douglas, the silly Robin Hood gimmick adds little to the sprawling comedy's hit-or-miss humor from a cast including Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Edward G. Robinson, Bing Crosby and Barbara Rush. Comic violence and underworld activities. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Quest" (1996)

While a skilled street fighter (Jean-Claude Van Damme) competes in a martial-arts championship in 1928 Tibet, his suave con-artist manager (Roger Moore) plots to steal the first prize — a solid gold dragon. Also directed by Van Damme, the result is little more than a series of bone-crunching bouts surrounded by a flimsy plot with one-dimensional characters. Recurring martial-arts violence and an instance of profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Birdcage" (1996)

The son of a gay Miami nightclub owner (Robin Williams) invites his fiancée and her ultraconservative parents (Gene Hackman and Dianne West) home for dinner and the gay man's lover (Nathan Lane) shows up in drag, pretending to be the son's mother in producer-director Mike Nichols' remake of "La Cage aux Folles" (1979). The comedy pokes fun at flamboyant homosexuals and those who shun them while stressing the vulnerability of both groups. Sympathetic depiction of the gay lifestyle, many sexual references and intermittent rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

(Eastern/Pacific Times)

## A VIEWER'S GUIDE TO NEW TV SHOWS

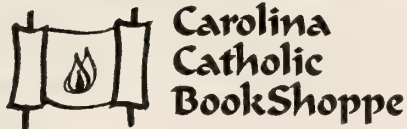
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	Mr. Rhodes	Mon, 8:30-9	NBC
Hold Promise	Cosby	Mon, 8-8:30	CBS
	Dangerous Minds	Mon, 8-9	ABC
	Promised Land	Tue, 8-9	CBS
	Pearl	Wed, 8:30-9	CBS
	Everybody Loves Raymond	Fri, 8:30-9	CBS
	Dark Skies	Sat, 8-9	NBC
	Come Fly with Me	Sat, 9:30-10	Fox
Some Interest	The Steve Harvey Show	Sun, 8:30-9	WB
	Life with Roger	Sun, 9-9:30	WB
	Ink	Mon, 8:30-9	CBS
	Malcolm & Eddie	Mon, 8:30-9	UPN
	Goode Behavior	Mon, 9-9:30	UPN
	Sparks	Mon, 9:30-10	UPN
	Life's Work	Tue, 8:30-9	ABC
	Something So Right	Tue, 8:30-9	NBC
	The Burning Zone	Tue, 9-10	UPN
	Spin City	Tue, 9:30-10	ABC
	Townies	Wed, 8:30-9	ABC
	Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher	Wed, 8:30-9	WB
	The Jamie Foxx Show	Wed, 9:30-10	WB
	EZ Streets	Wed, 10-11	CBS
	Maloney	Thu, 9-10	CBS
	Suddenly Susan	Thu, 9:30-10	NBC
	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Fri, 8:30-9	ABC
	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Fri, 9-10	CBS
	Millennium	Fri, 9-10	Fox
	Early Edition	Sat, 9-10	CBS
Don't Bother	The Pretender	Sat, 9-10	NBC
	Common Law	Sat, 9:30-10	ABC
	Relativity	Sat, 10-11	ABC
	Party Girl	Mon, 9-9:30	Fox
	Lush Life	Mon, 9:30-10	Fox
	Homeboys in Outer Space	Tue, 8:30-9	UPN
	Public Morals	Wed, 9:30-10	CBS
	Men Behaving Badly	Wed, 9:30-10	NBC
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# What is the "genius" of women?

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By Dolores R. Leckey  
Catholic News Service

**T**he church looks different than it did when I was growing up. Women are not only in the pews and teaching in the classroom. They are in the sanctuary, the seminary and the chancery.

In the parish, women are responsible for Bible study groups and prayer groups, religious education and pastoral counseling, and often the works of justice. In the area of liturgy women are lectors, altar servers, cantors and eucharistic ministers.

Women's leadership in parishes seems to develop naturally from their "at home" work where they not only exercised executive functions but were constantly striving for cooperation among members of the household.

In their new parish roles women strive for consensus and commitment, and for a sense of belonging on the part of all. Rose is a good example. A wife, a mother and now a grandmother, her spiritual ministry began in the 1960s when she and a few other women formed an experimental prayer group. None of the women had any experience with free-form, lay-led prayer, but it became over time a means of their continuing growth.

Rose's own spiritual path led her to the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuits' founder, and finally to a Jesuit parish. Eventually others sought her help, recognizing in her a woman knowledgeable about God's ways.

Today Rose is spiritual director to about 20 people. Some are men, a few are priests. Her directees include religious leaders with national responsibilities.

The giftedness of women like Rose was affirmed by the U.S. bishops in a 1994 pastoral reflection when they said: "Countless men and women ... seek to be in touch with God in the depths of their souls. We see so many women engaged in meeting these spiritual needs, and we thank God."

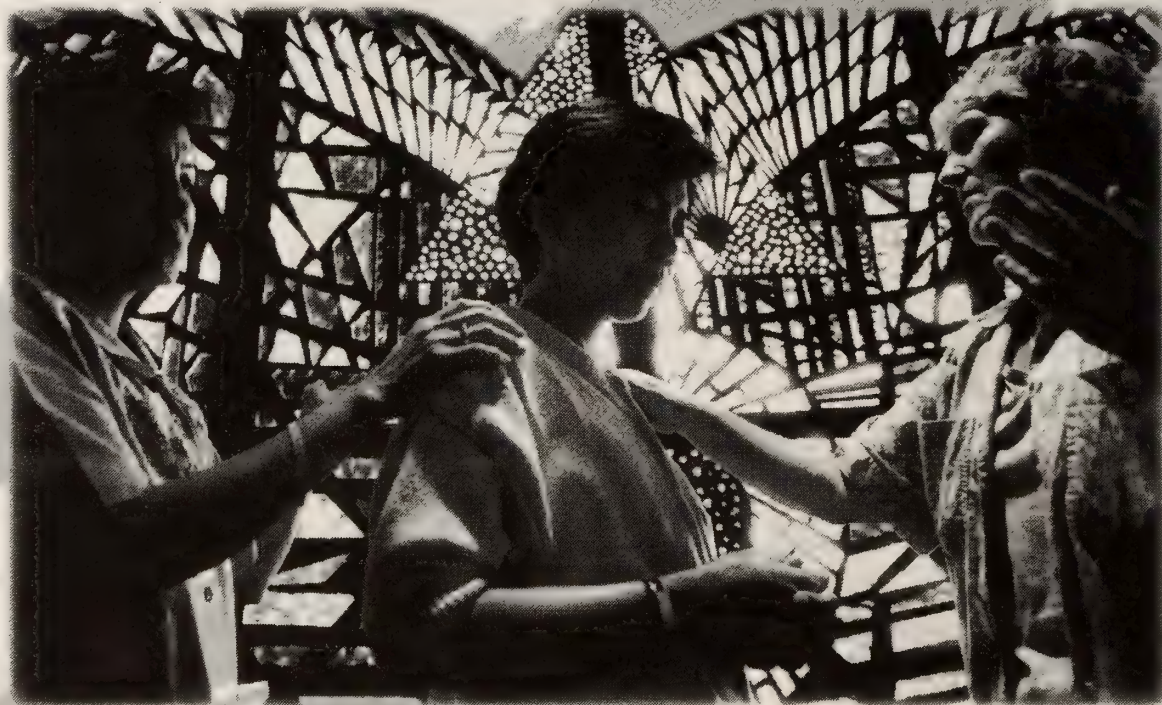
In the space of a generation since the end of Vatican Council II, women have joined the ranks of church leaders. Some see this as the feminization of ministry, not only in reference to the numbers of women in the ministerial

pool but in terms of a style in ministry.

What is the style?

It is a highly relational form of ministry. The emphasis is on nurturing person-centered relationships: caring for teen-agers and the elderly, home visitation, bereavement counseling, community building.

Women leaders have introduced relationships and community as high



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priorities at every level of the church.

My work has introduced me to the richness of parish life in America. From coast to coast, and from urban centers to rural villages, I have seen the presence of women in what the bishops called servant leadership: "Leadership involves servanthood: We learn this from the example of the head of the church, Jesus Christ."

The bishops added that servant leadership means rejecting authoritarian conduct (not the same thing as rejecting authority). Also, they say, it means expending time and energy on community building.

Not only parishes, but dioceses too are drawing on women's experiences to build stronger, more caring communities. For example, Sister Ann Rehrauer was chancellor of a Mid-west diocese for a number of years. Previously, the Sister of St. Francis of

the Holy Cross taught music, earned degrees in liturgy and canon law, and served as director of a diocesan office of worship.

Currently she is associate director of liturgy at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. As

she sees it, much of the work that liturgists do is centered on encouraging participation by the people in the church's central act: worship.

Too often, though, the participation has been in external terms. Now she sees the emphasis moving toward what she calls "internal participation," that is, the totality of keeping Sunday holy and, by implication, living a holy

in mind when he urges us to ponder the "genius of women," namely, the capacity to balance efficiency and competence with an understanding of human needs.

Webster's dictionary links the word "genius" with spirit; in particular, the attentive spirit. That definition certainly seems to fit women in leadership positions who seek to create the qualities of home in their various spheres of ministry.

In the home one finds acceptance and understanding, as well as order. In the home, there is no need to be overly productive; simply "being" is sufficient.

Still, the home also prepares and restores people for engagement with the world. Today, with communities fragmented and more and more people displaced, it seems to me that home is a much needed balance to the life of competition and achievement that characterizes so much of society's life — and even church life.

Perhaps the new evangelization church leaders everywhere are calling for today will need the respite of home to enable Christians to cross the threshold of the new mil-

lennium with energy and hope. Women of the church can point the way.

(Leckey is director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.)

life beyond Sunday worship.

The focus of Sister Rehrauer's work has been to deepen relationships: between clergy and laity, among disparate groups of lay people and ultimately between people and God.

Perhaps Pope John Paul II has this

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### As a woman and a leader in your parish, what do you do?

"I'm the director of religious education.... I like to see myself as the go-between for the teachers and the parents or the parents and the students. Because I'm available and ready to listen, I hope I can make ... religious education a positive experience and not just an obligation." — Cindy Hobgood, Pensacola, Fla.

"I coordinate the bereavement ministry program.... It's a one-on-one ministry program.... We contact recently bereaved people and see how they're doing. Some people need a lot of help; some won't accept any help.... This ministry is meant to help them understand these kinds of difficult losses in the light of our faith." — Rita Matuszak, Toledo, Ohio

"I am involved as a parish pro-life coordinator. I try to share with the parish the issues of the pro-life movement, encouraging action ... through phone chains and letter and postcard campaigns." — Sherry LeBlanc, Plattsmouth, Neb.

"I am president of the Sanctuary Society, which is the women's group.... We clean the altar, take care of the linens.... We (help sponsor) an annual baby shower for unwed mothers.... We help support a summer camp for underprivileged children." — Mary Jo Pfeiffer, Pensacola, Fla.

"I became involved with coordinating activities for the youth.... I want teens to develop a sense of connectedness to the parish beyond the parental connectedness. I help them plan activities that the teens can relate to on their own level, sacramentally and socially." — Cathy Cueni, Willoughby, Ohio

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## A chance to lead, a chance to listen

By Linda Allison-Lewis  
Catholic News Service

**F**lorence Crawford, vice-chancellor of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., feels her position requires dedication, service, compassion and the ability to listen.

When I asked Crawford about having been chosen for the position, she replied, "For me to have reached this position in the 1990s gives a degree of satisfaction not only to myself but for all women. In the past, chancery work was male-dominated."

Crawford serves as a liaison to the community, often handling difficult situations. She coordinates confirmations for more than 100 parishes each year, deals with requests for weddings that will take place outside a parish, maintains archdiocesan records.

The chancellor, Father Dale Cieslik, says there is no written job description for what Crawford does, but adds, "She's like me — the bottom line for whatever needs to be done."

**"She's like me — the bottom line for whatever needs to be done."**

policy issues. Chiles says, "In the work that we do, some of the best and most credible people on a state level who articulate the message are women. In that regard I am particularly pleased that I am able to do this work in a church that is often misunderstood in its treatment of women.... I look at what I do and realize I haven't seen the limits of what I am able to do."

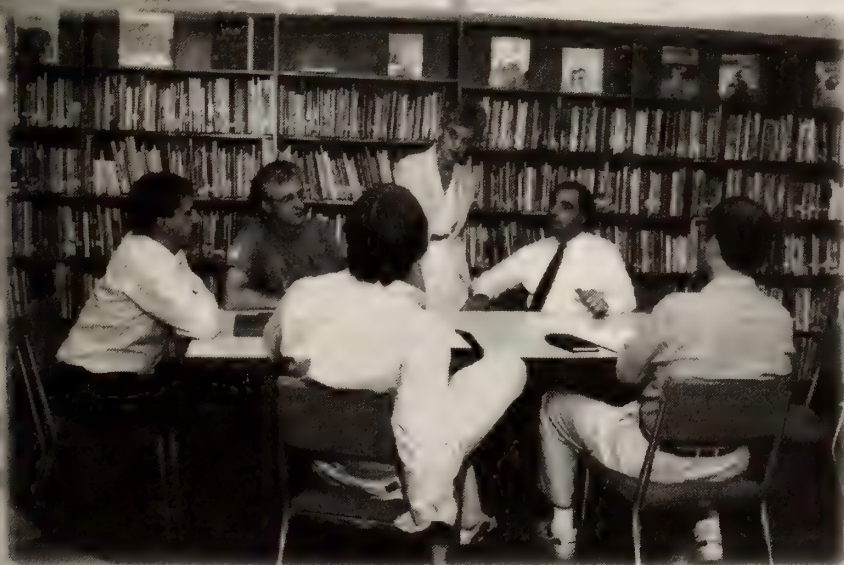
I met Marti Jewell several years ago when I went through the archdiocese's two-year ministry formation program.

She views herself as a minister to ministers.

Jewell serves as director of the archdiocesan Office of Ministry Formation. She is also on the board of the National Association for Lay Ministry.

Her work involves both programming and support for people working to carry out the church's mission, whether they are paid employees or volunteers.

"It is work that I love and find very fulfilling since it combines my training in education and theology with my call to minister to ministers," Jewell says.



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Jane Chiles, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, says her work is all about serving. "It is important to recognize that I am here in service to the bishops of Kentucky, who see themselves in service to the Catholic community. This position is not Jane Chiles. It is being in service to a faith community with very rich social teachings."

"I bring an appreciation for serving and representing the broader Catholic community: an ability to listen, hear a need and assimilate some commonality. That is the strength."

Among its tasks, a state Catholic conference works at making the church's positions known on public-

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She notes that participating in the process of forming others for ministry is not only a source of joy for her, but of energy.

The position she holds is "not something I set out to achieve," Jewell explains. "It was the natural consequence of a series of decisions." She calls it "a gift" to do work in which she has "the potential to make an impact on the lives of people in our church."

Jewell adds that one reason she chose to work in church ministry is that she believes it is important for both men and women to have women in positions of responsibility in the church. "I am able as a woman to bring both voice and vision to my work, not because of my gender but in spite of it," Jewell says.

"I touch people's lives by the quality of presence I bring and by honoring the potential in each person I work with."

(Allison-Lewis lives in Louisville, Ky., and is the author of "Keeping Up Your Spirits Therapy" and other books by Abbey Press.)

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*No one knows the future, so I can't foresee what parish roles my daughters might play in the year 2020 or so. They may be called upon to fulfill roles I can't even imagine now.*

That, anyway, seems to be Pope John Paul II's view. "The life of the church in the third millennium will certainly not be lacking in new and surprising manifestations of 'the feminine genius,'" he said in his 1995 Letter to Women prior to the U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing.

On another 1995 occasion, the pope issued an appeal to the church on women's behalf: "I appeal to the women of the church today to assume new forms of leadership in service, and I appeal to all the institutions of the church to welcome this contribution of women," he wrote.

If women are not ordained to the priesthood, that doesn't mean they should not be real church leaders, the pope said on yet another occasion before the Beijing conference. And he asked:

*"Who can imagine the great advantages to pastoral care and the new beauty that the church's face will assume when the feminine genius is fully involved in the various areas" of the church's life?*

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

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## Women at work in the early church

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

**C**hloe apparently was one of those generous women of the church's very early days who put their homes at the disposal of a local Christian community which met there.

In St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we read of him receiving a delegation from "Chloe's people" — from the community that met in her home — with news about the churches in Corinth (1:12).

Since her house was a center of "parish" activity, it is safe to presume she was actively involved in the community's affairs as one of its leaders, though we are given no details about what that leadership entailed.

Who were Euodia and Syntyche? Who were Phoebe, Prisca and Lydia? They too are women of the New Testament.

When Paul asked the Philippians to intervene in the affairs of two prominent women who had a disagreement, he wrote: "I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to a mutual understanding in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my true yokemate, to help them, for they have struggled at my side in promoting the Gospel, along with Clement and my other co-workers, whose names are in the book of life" (4:2-3).

Clearly these two women were esteemed for their apostolic work — for sharing in the work of spreading the

good news.

Then there was Phoebe.

The last chapter of the Letter to the Romans contains a list of greetings. Among them: "I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is (also) a minister of the church at Cenchreae, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a benefactor to many and to me as well."

And Prisca? Paul also asked the Romans to greet Prisca and her husband Aquila, his "co-workers in Christ Jesus." They "risked their necks for my life," Paul said. "Greet also the church at their house," he urged (16:1-6).

Finally, Lydia was one of Paul's first converts at Philippi. She was a businesswoman and a leader (Acts 16:13-15).

These are just a few of the many women who were actively involved in the early Christian communities. Their involvement was noteworthy in a broader culture where women generally were "kept in their place."

For Paul, these women of the Bible were esteemed, respected members of Christ's body. And in the Letter to the Galatians we read: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

### FAITH IN ACTION

"Women's energy is a positive force for the good of church and society," the U.S. bishops said in a 1994 pastoral reflection on women's roles titled "Strengthening the Bonds of Peace" (U.S. Catholic Conference Office of Publishing and Promotion Services, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Phone: 1-800-235-8722. Publication No. 034-6. \$1.) "We commit ourselves to enhancing the participation of women in every possible aspect of church life," the bishops say. Their statement lists numerous church roles that women currently fulfill: presidents of Catholic colleges, universities; liturgical ministers; chief executives of Catholic hospitals; theologians; school superintendents; marriage tribunal members; spiritual directors and much more.

Reflection: "One recent study shows that 85 percent of non-ordained ministerial positions in parishes are now held by women," the bishops observe. They say: "Pope John Paul II emphasizes that '(the role of women) is of capital importance ... for the rediscovery by believers of the true face of the church.'"



## People In The News

### Quadriplegic Says Willingness Is Key To Volunteering

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) — When it comes to volunteerism, it doesn't matter whether you're perfectly healthy or paralyzed from the neck down because the key component is the willingness to make the effort, says Bill White. White has been a quadriplegic for 29 years. Yet he has found the means to sell \$800 worth of T-shirts in a fund-raising effort for St. Bridget's Church in Rochester. "Anybody can do this. People who think they're helpless aren't helpless," said White in an interview with the Catholic Courier, Rochester diocesan newspaper. He spoke from his hospital bed at Strong Memorial Hospital. The 47-year-old White has resided in the rehabilitation unit at the hospital since 1969. He was permanently paralyzed at age 18 in a mishap during a gymnastics routine.

### Mother Teresa Attends First Event After Release From Hospital

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa attended the final profession of five Missionaries of Charity brothers in Calcutta Sept. 8, the first event she participated in since leaving the hospital two days earlier. Two days later she observed the beginning of the order's jubilee year to commemorate her inspiration on Sept. 10, 1946, when she says Jesus called her to serve the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa's appearance at her usual place in the chapel of the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse Sept. 8 caused a slight commotion and made heads turn. She sat in a wheelchair, a service leaflet in her hands, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

### Cardinal Bernardin: 'Each Life Is Of Infinite Value'

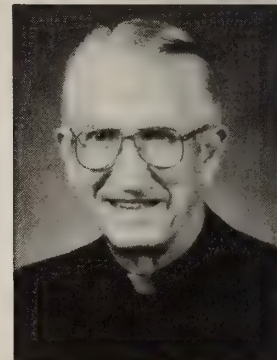
WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Each life is of infinite value," Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin said in a speech Sept. 9 at Georgetown University. He announced during the speech that he would join a Sept. 12 prayer vigil at the U.S. Capitol to urge a ban on partial-birth abortion sponsored by the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities. The announcement was a departure from his prepared text. In his speech the cardinal insisted anew on the need to establish a "consistent ethic of life" and to bring religious values into the nation's culture.

### Cardinal Hickey Celebrates 50 Years Of Priesthood

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Legislators, government officials, ambassadors and representatives of almost every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cardinal James A. Hickey's ordination to the priesthood. "Looking at the past, I am filled with gratitude for all the Lord Jesus has done for me. Above all, I thank him for the gift of my priesthood and for the opportunity of being your bishop," he said in the homily at the Sept. 8 Mass.

### Msgr. Peters Called One Of Century's Top Catholic Press Figures

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — Msgr. Robert G. Peters was remembered by a top Vatican official at his funeral Mass Sept. 10 as "one of the outstanding figures in the Catholic press this century." Msgr. Peters, a former president of the Catholic Press Association who guided the newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria for nearly five decades as editor and later publisher, died in Peoria Sept. 7 at the age of 79. The funeral Mass was Sept. 10 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, with Bishop John J. Myers of Peoria as principal celebrant. Bishop Myers read a letter of tribute to Msgr. Peters received that morning from Archbishop John P. Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.



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Msgr. Robert G. Peters



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Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, former Reagan press secretary James Brady and Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller look on as President Clinton speaks Sept. 9. The cardinal and 10 others received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Clinton at a White House ceremony.

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ous "children."  
These gods, or Fathers, through a sort of sexual relationship with counterpart females, bring into existence beings, including Jesus and other inhabitants of our earth, who take earthly bodies after (for some of them at least) a pre-existence in heaven.

Those who reach the most "exalted state," what they envision as salvation, become, in their own right, gods or Fathers to others, "in and through the continuation of the family unit in eternity" (Doctrine and Covenants, 131-132).

For adherents "there is no salvation of this type outside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (Mormon Doctrine, p. 670).

This explains the well-known Mormon interest in and promotion of the family, and why devout Mormons want their deceased ancestors to be baptized, even if by proxy. Ancestors entering the Mormon church in this way, it is believed, will have the opportunity to reach the "celestial" level of eternity.

It is critical to remember that words like "God," "savior," "heaven," "faith," even "morality," mean something vastly different to Mormons than they do to us.

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# African-American Affairs Ministry Hosts Fall Retreat

By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

ASHEVILLE — Participants at the diocesan African-American Affairs Ministry's fall retreat gathered for one reason: to build up the Body of Christ.

"Evangelization is God's call telling us to do something, and it is our response," said Rev. Mr. Marvin Threatt, keynote speaker from the Diocese of San Diego, Calif. "Who Jesus is in your life determines who you are to everybody else."

As Christians we are called to do three things: to teach, sanctify and serve. "That is why the Church exists," he added.

The Sept. 13-14 retreat drew 44 people from throughout the diocese, and included Mass at St. Lawrence Basilica in Asheville.

A principal at Verbum Dei Catholic High School in south Los Angeles, and member of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Liturgy, consortium of African-American High Schools and executive board of the National Black Clergy Caucus, Rev. Mr. Threatt is also program director of Genesis Foundation, a Christian leadership and management training organization.

The workshop focused on three areas of the African-American community: Vocations, Education and Family. The theme of the retreat was "One Spirit: Many Gifts."

Statistics provided by the National Black Catholic Congress in 1995 show the U.S. has 2 million African-American Catholics. That includes 350 priests, 1,500 Catholic sisters, 75 brothers, 446 deacons, 13 bishops and 150 seminarians. According to Rev. Mr. Threatt, African-American vocations were not allowed in the Catholic Church until recently.

Retreatants discussed ways to increase vocations in the African-American community. Some ideas included: maintaining a positive focus on vocations; showing respect to those who have taken on vocations as black priests, sisters and deacons; and identifying men and women to answer the call.

"Look for vocations among ordinary people; Try to find basic goodness in people," Rev. Mr. Threatt said. "God takes ordinary people and does extraordinary things with them."

Catholic schools play an important role, he added. "If we lose Catholic schools, we lose a tremendous edge for vocations."

Prayer should be included too. "Start a vocations candle at church, and have a different family take it home each week and pray for vocations," Rev. Mr. Threatt said.

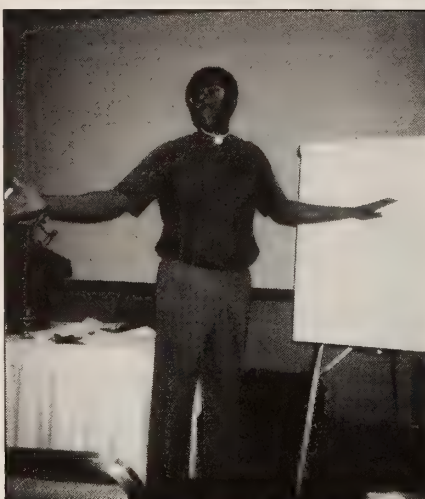
The family faces an uphill struggle, said Rev. Mr. Threatt. Dysfunctional families outnumber functional families. Problems like physical abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, teen suicide, drug addiction, teen pregnancies and gang activity are not uncommon.

"Fifty-two percent of all black families are headed by a single parent," Rev. Mr. Threatt noted. "Forty percent

of the jail population is African-American men. At this rate, by the year 2003, 50 percent (of the jail population) will be African-American men."

Of the solutions offered to combat the problems facing families, repairing the family structure is the most important, Rev. Threatt said. "If we don't get husbands and wives together, we have no future."

Education was another aspect dis-



Retreat speaker Rev. Mr. Marvin Threatt

cussed. The number one problem facing many blacks in school is lack of expectations, Rev. Mr. Threatt said. "If we expect children to learn, they will learn."

The principal said he structures his school around several things: Catholicity; parental involvement; academics that are college-oriented; athletics; extracurricular activities. All five are integral parts to his blueprint.

"The single most important factor that determines the success of a school is parental involvement," Rev. Mr. Threatt noted.

At Verbum Dei, the formula is working: Of the 92 graduates from the Class of 1996, 87 (or 95 percent) went on to two-or four-year colleges.

Alma Little-England, coordinator of African-American Affairs Ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Charlotte, said the retreat touched on many key aspects. "The topics were all things we're concerned about," she said. "We also started to embark upon what we can do to help the situation we're in."

Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd, Vicar for African-American Affairs Ministry, agreed. "One of the primary purposes of this is to go back (to our parishes) and do something," he said.

## Raleigh Works To Recover From Hurricane

By **JOHN STRANGE**  
and **MATT DOYLE**  
NC Catholic Staff

A week after Hurricane Fran did its worst to eastern North Carolina, Diocese of Raleigh officials were counting their wounds and their blessings.

Few Catholic parishes and facilities received major damages in the Sept. 5 storm, which cut a path from Wilmington through the middle of the diocese and into Virginia.

Hardest hit were Infant of Prague Church in Jacksonville, St. Therese Church in Wrightsville Beach, the Christian Family Living Center on Topsail Beach, and St. Jude Church in Hampstead.

In the meantime, the diocese turns its attention to helping those hit hardest by the hurricane, with collections taking place in diocesan parishes the weekends of Sept. 14-15 and Sept. 21-22.

In addition, Bishop F. Gossman said that he has talked with Msgr. Dennis Schnurr, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, about a national collection that will benefit the North Carolina victims of Fran.

"Whatever we can get, we can use," Bishop Gossman said at a Raleigh Deanery meeting Sept. 12. While it is likely that the collection will be authorized by the USCC, Bishop Gossman said, it is not yet clear when the collection will be.

A \$10,000 grant from Catholic Charities USA is being used for food and other basic needs, said Pam Denning, assistant director of Catholic Social Ministries in the diocese. The social services agency purchased gift certificates at a local grocery chain for distribution.

The hurricane left in its wake dozens of stories of charity and recovery across the diocese. In Castle Hayne, Conventual Father Doug Reed opened St. Stanislaus Kosta's parish hall to people who couldn't find public shelter because of their pets. "We had 16

people and six dogs," said Father Reed. "It was very Franciscan of us."

St. Stanislaus was a service site for the Red Cross, which served three meals a day, for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which processed disaster relief applications, and for county social services personnel, who distributed food stamps.

In Wilmington, St. Mark Church opened its doors to 220 students from Wrightsville Beach Elementary School, which suffered major flood damage. The church's parish hall and kitchen are also being used for meals.

George Quinn, parish administrator, said that the arrangement is expected to continue for at least two months.

In the days immediately after the storm, details on damage to diocesan facilities were sketchy at best. Downed phone lines and the fact that residents and visitors alike were restricted from several coastal areas hampered efforts to find out how local parishes fared.

In Jacksonville, the hurricane toppled Infant of Prague Church's steeple onto its roof, and water poured into the hole left by the missing tower. Art Wesche, who coordinates property and construction for the diocese, said that the surrounding grounds were too muddy for a crane to get proper footing and that church's roof was too slick and steep for workers. As of Monday, Sept. 16, the steeple lay on top of the roof.

At St. Therese Church in Wrightsville Beach, said Wesche, "a section of brick veneer fell from the building, leaving wood sheeting exposed to the driving rain and leading to major flooding inside the church."

In Hampstead, the new church building for St. Jude the Apostle Parish, still under construction, lost 1,000 square feet in roof shingling, Wesche said. The parish is still shooting for an Oct. 27 dedication, he said.

Roof leaks at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Cary, which resulted in about a half-inch of water in parts of church, will not interfere with a Sept. 29 dedication, said Father John Wall, St. Michael's pastor.

In the Catholic Center, the headquarters of the Diocese of Raleigh Administration, the hurricane flooded the basement damaging or destroying dozens of files belonging to the Tribunal and to Catholic Social Ministries. Files from the old Nazareth Orphanage were also damaged.

At Topsail Beach, the Christian Family Living Center, a private retreat facility, was hit hard as a third of the top floor of its "kitchen building" was torn away, destroying several bedrooms. Jim Rider, a founding director of the center who lives next door to the facility, estimated that it took about \$30,000 in damage. The center is expected to be closed for two months.

The wreckage of the bell tower from the First Baptist Church in Wilmington litters a downtown street Sept. 6 in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran.



CNS photo from Reuters



# Mother Teresa Hospitalized, Suffers Bruise After Fall

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa suffered a bruise near her right eye after falling from her bed at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse the afternoon of Sept. 16.

A Missionaries of Charity spokeswoman said Mother Teresa complained of light-headedness after her fall and was



In one of her first public events since spending nearly three weeks in a Calcutta hospital, Mother Teresa prays at a ceremony to mark 50 years of her service to the poor in the Missionaries of Charity.

taken by ambulance to the intensive cardiac care unit of Woodlands Nursing Home.

She was conscious and sitting up in a wheelchair when she arrived at the hospital.

Her injury was reported not serious, but she underwent a brain scan at the hospital and remained there for a checkup.

A hospital statement said: "Mother Teresa had a fall this morning and sustained a minor injury in her head. Her condition is not serious."

"Mother can see well and is keeping fine," Press Trust of India quoted a doctor as saying.

The Nobel laureate was released Sept. 6 from the same hospital after spending 18 days recovering from heart problems, a lung infection and malaria.

"She doesn't have any temperature but her cardiac irregularity continues," the Sept. 16 statement said.

Mother Teresa, 86, attended the final profession of five Missionaries of Charity brothers in Calcutta Sept. 8, the first event she participated in since leaving the hospital two days earlier.

On Sept. 10 she observed the beginning of the order's jubilee year to commemorate her inspiration Sept. 10, 1946, when she says God called her to serve the poorest of the poor.

# Annual Sisters Of Mercy Bazaar Is Oct. 12

BELMONT — The Annual Sisters of Mercy Bazaar is Oct. 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Holy Angels in the old college dining room. A gigantic yard sale is featured on the front campus of the former College Administration Building.

This year, the bazaar offers a large selection of Christmas items, hand-crafted jewelry and art, and gourmet Lebanese pastries, breads, candies and treats. Special activities are provided for children in the Just-for-Kids area. Foot-long hot dogs and refreshments will be sold.

The proceeds from the bazaar directly benefit the Sisters of Mercy Ministries of Holy Angels, which serves children and adults with severe disabilities; the House of Mercy, a resident home for persons in the final stages of AIDS; Catherine's House, a transitional residence for women and children who are homeless; Well of Mercy, which supports persons in need of healing and wholeness; and Mercy Outreach, which directly supports the poor in the area.

Two \$500 raffle prizes will be awarded and tickets will be available at the bazaar. Hourly raffles will be drawn as well.



A Vatican official holds up the cape of Pope John Paul II in heavy rain on the way to the Cathedral of Győr, Hungary, Sept. 7, one of the pope's last stops in a two-day visit to Hungary.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Fall Frolic Retreat

ASHEBORO — Fall Frolic '96, a weekend retreat on appreciating the gifts of God's creation from a simple, rustic perspective, is Oct. 4-6 at Camp Caraway. Cost is \$56, and registration deadline is Sept. 25. For information, call Kathy Boyette, (910) 454-2321.

### Separated, Divorced Support

CHARLOTTE — Pathfinders, a support group for those going through separation or divorce, meets Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church.

### Vicariate Lock-In

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Vicariate lock-in for high school youth is Nov. 2-3 at the Uptown YMCA. Register with your youth minister or youth group coordinator by Oct. 10. For information, call Mike Hjellming, (704) 535-3310 or (704) 535-9965.

### Cajun Dinner

ASHEVILLE — The first Annual Cajun Dinner is Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at Catholic Social Services on Orange Street. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For information on this fund raiser, call (704) 255-0146.

### Hibernians Meet

CHARLOTTE — The Ancient Order of Hibernians meets 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at St. Gabriel Church. All Catholic men of Irish ancestry are welcome. For information, call Tim Lawson, (704) 522-9728.

### Bible Sharing Group

HIGH POINT — Immaculate Heart of Mary Church hosts GRACE (Growing Religiously in Adult Catholic Education) Bible Sharing on the gospel of Mark Wednesdays from 9:45-11 a.m. until Oct. 23 in the administrative building.

### Retiree Seminar

ASHEVILLE — "Walking on Holy Ground," an ongoing seminar exploring the spirituality of retired life, begins Sept. 25 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Eugene Church. Father Frank Cancro leads monthly sessions until January. For reservations, call the church, (704) 254-5193.

### St. Ann Carnival

CHARLOTTE — St. Ann Church's Parish Carnival is Sept. 20 from 5-10 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Rides, games, prizes and activities highlight the event, which coincides with the 40th anniversary of the founding of St. Ann School. For more information, contact Ted Peters, (704) 541-1339.

### Pregnancy Support Golf Event

ASHEVILLE — The Asheville Pregnancy Support Services first Annual Golf Marathon is Sept. 27 at Buncombe County Golf Course. For information, call Liz Beck, (704) 252-1306.

### Clothing Sale

CLEMMONS — A children's clothing sale is Sept. 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Holy Family Church. For information, call (910) 766-8133.

### Life Chain

GREENSBORO — The Sixth Annual Greensboro Life Chain is Oct. 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Battleground Avenue. The event is a peaceful statement in honor of the unborn. For information, contact Randy and Lisa Harris, 3400 Park Hill Dr., Greensboro, N.C. 27410, (910) 668-9259.

### Food Collection

GREENSBORO — The Urban Ministry Food Bank food collection drive is Sept. 27 from 12-6 p.m. and Sept. 28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kroger on West Market Street. Volunteers are needed. For information, call Renate Bunker, (910) 545-6246.

### Retrouvaille Session

The next Retrouvaille program, which begins Oct. 11, is designed to help heal and renew couples who are drifting, or have drifted, apart. For information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

### Family Rosary Day

CHARLOTTE — The 41st Semi-Annual International Family Rosary Day is celebrated Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Father Paul Gary, rector of St. Patrick Cathedral, is the featured speaker.

### Alzheimer's, Dementia Support

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel Church and CRISM co-sponsor a support group for families affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia Oct. 14 from 2:30-4 p.m. (please note new time) in the Family Room and Fellowship Hall. For information or reservations, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, or B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5047, ext. 212.

### Gospel Dramatization

CLEMMONS — Television actor Frank Runyeon stars in "Afraid," a dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark, 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Holy Family Church. For tickets, call Holy Family, (910) 766-8133, Our Lady of Mercy, (910) 722-7001 or St. Leo, (910) 724-0561. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

### St. James Barbecue

CONCORD — The 44th Annual St. James Church Barbecue is Oct. 16 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Take-out orders are available from the church hall (under the church) with parking across the street. For dine-in service, visit the new parish center behind the church. Cost for a complete dinner or three sandwiches is \$6.

### Class Reunions

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School 20-year reunion is

Oct. 12. For information, call Beth Herlocker, (704) 544-0345.

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Class of 1986 reunion is Oct. 5 from 5-11 p.m. at Gisele's. Cost is \$35 per person or \$45 per couple. For information, call Erin Duggan, (910) 370-1578.

### St. John Neumann Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Women's Club Craft Bazaar is Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is \$25 per table, plus a handmade item. For details, call (704) 573-1994.

### Natural Family Planning

SHELBY — The Couple to Couple league teaches a series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning beginning 9:30 a.m. Oct. 12 at St. Mary Church. For information, call (704) 487-0997.

### Fall Festival

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church Fall Festival is Oct. 11-12. Donations are needed for the flea market. For information, call Deb Carley, (910) 334-3007.

### Symposium Focuses on Aging

HENDERSONVILLE — The 11th Annual National Symposium Ministry With the Aging, sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte CRISM office, is Oct. 1-4 at Kanuga Conference Center. For information, call (704) 251-0428.

### St. Ann Bingo

CHARLOTTE — Bingo is played 7 p.m. Mondays at St. Ann Church in the Activity Center. Cash prizes include a \$500 jackpot.

### Days of Reflection

HICKORY — The CRISM (Catholic Retired Invited to Special Ministries) annual diocesan Day of Reflection is Oct. 21 at the Catholic Conference Center. Father Richard Hokanson of St. Joseph Church is chaplain. Cost is \$10. For information, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871 Tuesdays-Thursdays.

GREENSBORO — The CRISM Day of Reflection for the Greensboro Vicariate is Sept. 24 at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Franciscan Father David Hyman conducts the program. For information, call Mary Violante, (910) 282-4099.

### Silver and Gold

CHARLOTTE — The annual diocesan celebration for couples married 25 or 50 years is 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at St. John Neumann Church. Contact your parish office to be included.

### Jesuit House Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — "Dreams: A Call to Wholeness" is a Sept. 27-29 retreat focusing on the place and value of dreams in our lives.

"The Bishops' Economic Pastoral" is an Oct. 4-6 retreat that examines the

Pastoral and its place in everyday life directed by Jesuit Father Al Fritsch.

For information regarding these retreats, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, or (704) 622-7366.

### Capital Punishment Conference

GASTONIA — St. Michael Church hosts "Questioning Capital Punishment: People of the Faith Respond" Sept. 28 from 1-5 p.m. For information, call (704) 867-6212.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Francis, Go Repair My Church" is an Oct. 4-6 weekend retreat celebrating the feast of St. Francis including a dramatization of the Transitus directed by Conventual Franciscan Father Alfred Sartor. Cost is \$85.

"Songs are for Singing" is an Oct. 11-13 weekend retreat in the colorful surroundings of the Smokies in autumn directed by Dominican Father Michael Burke. Cost is \$85.

"The Stillness of the Forest" is an Oct. 14-20 nature retreat directed by Father Eric Pitre, John Boyles, and Frank and Brenda Petras. Cost is \$235.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" is an Oct. 25-31 retreat of exploration and prayer inspired by the beauty of the mountains in autumn directed by Sisters of Charity Sisters Gloria Solomon and Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

"Let Us Celebrate" is a Nov. 11-17 retreat for those who like to mingle with spirituality, Eucharist and Thanksgiving directed by Conventual Father John Quigley, Joanne Wheller and Gus Tamborello.

To register for these retreats, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Golden Agers Meet

LINCOLNTON — The Golden Agers group of St. Dorothy Church meets the fourth Wednesday each month and welcomes new members. For information, call Christine Kiser, (704) 435-4813.

### Area Ultreya

MORGANTON — The Morganton and Hickory area Ultreya meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Albemarle area Ultreya meets the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

THE CATHOLIC NEWS & HERALD welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, also are welcome. Please submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the date of publication.



# World And National News Briefs



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### Bishop Says Chemical Weapons 'Unworthy Of Humanity'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Just days before Senate action on a global chemical weapons ban was postponed indefinitely, a U.S. bishop urged the lawmakers to ratify it because such weapons "are unworthy of humanity and may not be justified on any ethical ground." The Clinton administration Sept. 12 had to accept the indefinite postponement of Senate action on the Chemical Weapons Convention, as the treaty is called. In a Sept. 9 letter to the senators, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Worcester, Mass., called the convention "a remarkable achievement" that the Senate should approve "without crippling reservations or amendments." As chairman of the U.S. bishops' International Policy Committee, Bishop Reilly urged the United States to lead by example and "move forward the global process of implementing this landmark convention by promptly ratifying it."

### Candidates Clinton, Dole Respond To USCC Questionnaire

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Responses to a U.S. Catholic Conference questionnaire by President Clinton and Bob Dole show sharp differences on abortion and immigration but also highlight some areas of agreement. The responses from the Democratic and Republican candidates for president were mailed to the U.S. bishops Sept. 6 and made available to Catholic News Service the following week. Reform Party candidate Ross Perot did not respond to the USCC questionnaire. In a memo to the bishops, Frank J. Monahan, director of the USCC Office of Government Liaison, said the answers were distributed "for possible use as voter education material during the remainder of this election campaign."

### Nicaraguan Church Leaders Voice Concern Over Voting

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (CNS) — Church leaders in Nicaragua have expressed concern over preparations for October elections, in particular the lack of voting cards. "This is a very worrying situation.... People should have their voting cards in time for voting," Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua said Sept. 12. Less than half of Nicaragua's 2.7 million voters have obtained their voting cards and might not do so in time for the general elections scheduled for Oct. 20, according to official observers of the Organization of American States.

### Vatican Relying On Bishops To Invite Golden Jubilarians

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has had to rely on local bishops to do the inviting to a four-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's priestly ordination. The plan is that every diocesan or religious-order priest ordained in 1946 would be invited to participate in a Nov. 7-10 jubilee program of talks and sharing, Masses and prayer services, celebrations and sightseeing. But the Vatican does not have a mailing list for all the jubilarians, nor is it sure of how many men were ordained to the priesthood the same year as the then-26-year-old Karol Wojtyla, the current pope.

### Vatican Newspaper Hails Passage Of Marriage Act

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican newspaper hailed U.S. congressional passage of the Defense of Marriage Act, saying it was a common-sense rejection of same-sex unions. "To pretend to raise homosexual unions to the level of matrimonial institution represents a challenge to good sense, reason and law," the newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said in an editorial Sept. 12. It said marriage between a man and a woman is divinely ordained, whereas homosexuality represents a moral deviation that should never be treated as a civil right.

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**KERNERSVILLE** — Although Holy Cross Church's history only dates back to the late 1960s, the parish has enjoyed tremendous growth over time. Its very existence testifies to a Catholic desire to expand the Church, and while it found its beginnings as a mission of St. Benedict the Moor in Winston-Salem, it soon became established as a parish in its own right, with a growing congregation active in church and community life.

Father William Pharr, at that time pastor at St. Benedict, can be thanked for approaching Bishop Vincent Waters with the request to establish a mission in Kernersville. Local residents, including 41 children, signed a request for the church, and the bishop agreed, thereby

establishing the mission in August 1969.

The first Mass was celebrated Sept. 7, 1969. The church, a former antique shop and residence, was furnished with pews, an organ and other items collected from other churches in the diocese.

The mission status continued until 1973, when Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father Leon Bolich became resident pastor. The mission was elevated to a parish and in September was named Holy Cross Church.

The growing parish began plans for a new church facility in July 1974, when land was bought on Southern Street. The diocese received building plans for the church in January 1978. The parish held its ground-breaking ceremony in April of that year, and Bishop Michael Begley

dedicated the new building, a multi-purpose structure complete with a 325-seat sanctuary, classrooms and other facilities, on Oct. 29.

By 1980, registered families numbered 140, and the congregation continued to grow by dozens each year. The need for more space again led to construction, and in October 1982, Bishop Begley blessed the newly expanded church area, which was reconstructed to accommodate 500 churchgoers.

More than 1300 people have joined the Holy Cross family

since then, and the parish is currently involved in a number of ministries and programs, including faith formation, CYO, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, day care, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and Squires. An active Hispanic community enhances parish life, and some 300 Hispanics attend Spanish Mass, which is celebrated weekly. Holy Hour is observed in honor of the Sacred Heart the first Friday of every month as well.

Because it is situated between Winston-Salem and Greensboro, Kernersville itself has grown into a vibrant community. As such, the Catholic population has marked expansion, too, and Holy Cross Church stands as a reminder of the extension of the Church in North Carolina.

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## Asheville Catholic School Principal Encourages Teamwork, Fair Play

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — Principal Judith Cavallo is behind in her paperwork. She won't get caught up today because she spent a good part of her afternoon helping a third grader explore alternative ways of dealing with his frustration. Starting a fight with bystanders is not an acceptable way of reacting when called "out" in a kickball game at Asheville Catholic School.



Earlier in the day Cavallo had missed lunch trying to elicit an acceptable level of cooperation from a tantrum-prone lad in Pre-K. "People have always been more important to me than paper," she says without an apology. "That's the thread in my life — the time I spend with people, helping them to better understand themselves, one another and life."

In Cavallo's view, not only students, but teachers and parents also are out there trying to win the game — getting angry when "he says I'm out, but I'm not." Cavallo believes her role is to ask: "Is it that important? Is this life and death? How could we act in a way that will keep the game going, having fun with each other, not hurting one another?"

"This is what being a principal is about and it takes time," says Cavallo, who has already spent 28 years in the classroom, both in parochial and public schools. She grew up in a large family on the east side of Detroit and was soaked since baptism in a Catholic educational experience that eventually led her to join the Sisters of Christian Charity in Wilmette, Ill., with whom she began her teaching career.

In our throw-away consumer society, Cavallo is preoccupied by what are we leaving behind — what will be our spiritual legacy for generations to come. The education of our children causes ripples through time, she believes, in the way that great writing lasts, which is why she majored in English literature at Loyola University of Chicago.

As a young teacher, Cavallo's goal was to become an administrator. "I always believed that a principal has a remarkable opportunity to create an atmosphere where teachers and students and parents can work together as a team." She also believes her role as principal is to guide, encourage and help a child grow. "We all fail, we all make mistakes; the real issue is what we have learned and how to go on." She describes herself as a person who reacts to negativity in a positive way. "I see a problem and think, we could change this around."

The harsh realities of the educational system, however, wore down some of the idealism of her early years. Eventually, she made the difficult decision to leave her religious community and put her career dreams on hold while raising



Photo by JOANN KEANE

Could it be Josie the Clown? We don't think so. Saint Joseph Sister Barbara Worley — St. Ann faith formation director — squeezes a dog creation out of a balloon at the Saint Ann parish fair. This year, rides and games filled the parish parking lot, creating a true carnival atmosphere.

her family. As a mother of two children, Cavallo believes that values are the most important gifts parents can give their children.

"I have always relied heavily on my faith and on prayer to create an atmosphere of understanding and an appreciation for individual uniqueness among people." Acceptance and respect, she says, have been recurring themes through the many changes in her life. She is proud that, whatever they may lack monetarily, "my son and daughter

have caring hearts."

The emphasis society places on externals, Cavallo points out, is reflected in the some parents' reaction to the school facility, which is not brand new and lacks some of the latest innovations. "Some mothers come here and say it looks just like when they went to school here 30 years ago." But Cavallo knows that the building doesn't create the product. She taught in

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## Diocesan Teachers, Support Staff Gather For Day Of Reflection

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — Catholic educators must journey with students down their "road to Emmaus" and nurture them, much like Jesus Christ did for His disciples nearly 2,000 years ago, said Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann, a member of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Education.

"The first principle of Catholic education is we have to walk and listen with our kids, our students, our colleagues, and the question is: 'What are you discussing as you go your way? What's on your mind today?; What's in your heart today?; Talk to me, tell me,'" said Bishop Ziemann of Santa Rosa, Calif.

The bishop was the guest speaker at a "Day of Reflection" held Sept. 20 at Charlotte Catholic High School for teachers and support staff for Diocese of Charlotte Schools. Bishop Ziemann used the Emmaus passage from the Bible as a paradigm of what educators do in Catholic schools.

In the afternoon session of the daylong retreat, the bishop focused on Jesus' walk to Emmaus with His disciples after being raised from the dead. "The pair did not recognize Jesus until they invited Him to stay for the night. Jesus broke bread with them and then disappeared."

"That is the pivotal point of the story, when they invited Jesus to stay," an animated Bishop Ziemann noted. "If He didn't stay, they wouldn't have recognized Him. That is what Catholic education is all about: We, whether daily, weekly or monthly, invite Jesus to stay with us. That's very important. Catholic education is setting up that invitation from the person and asking Jesus to come into their life."

"We need to get kids to know Jesus Christ is their friend," he added.

Another role of teachers is to be talent scouts, Bishop Ziemann said. They must help students recognize and develop their skills. "There are three principles of happiness: I can only be happy if I grow in my talent areas; I don't know my talents until you tell me; I cannot grow in recognized talents until you help me," Bishop Ziemann said. "Kids don't see themselves until it gets reflected back by adults — parents, teachers, counselors."

Catholic Schools must also turn out more leaders and teach all students to pray, Bishop Ziemann added. "A leader is anyone who makes a difference for good," he said. "You don't have to be elected, nominated, selected, voted upon, popular, smart — anybody can be a leader."

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## Answering The Call:

# Bishops Urge Political Responsibility

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

*This is the second in a three-part series on political responsibility. This week we examine how parishes have made use of the American bishops' materials on political responsibility.*

### Our Lady of the Assumption

CHARLOTTE — On a bright, breezy fall Sunday after Mass, members of the Our Lady of the Assumption Church Community Life Committee gathered up voter registrations from fellow parishioners.

The call to political responsibility has echoed in parishes throughout the diocese all year long. In addition to organizing voter registration drives, parishes have sponsored discussions on current issues and the Church's position regarding them; urged members to send letters and postcards to Washington representatives calling for a repeal of the partial-birth abortion bill; and inspired members to get involved in local issues.

Assumption's voter registration drive went well, said David Reiser, a member of the parish Community Life Committee. "It was not a matter of wanting to know who they would vote for, but encouraging them to exercise their civic responsibility to vote," he said.

In addition to the drive, Assumption parishioners are offered excerpts of the bishops' statement on various issues in the weekly bulletin. The parish Community Life Committee went one step further and committed itself to a year-long promotion of four of the issues addressed by the bishops. Those are migrants, feeding the hungry, serving the needs of the elderly and the right to life.

While it's hard to assess the effect this educational effort has had on the parish, Reiser is hopeful that more people will take steps to help change current policies which may hurt people in need. He believes the large turnout last fall for the Justice and Peace Workshop at the parish is indication that people are ready to do more for others. Still, he remains conservative in his optimism.

"Right now we have small pockets of people getting involved. It's tough to mobilize a large parish on issues. Many people are still not aware or do not understand some of the issues."

### St. Andrew the Apostle

MARS HILL — Excerpts of the bishops' statements have been running weekly in St. Andrew the Apostle parish bulletins since March. Former pastor Father Frank Reese, who was re-assigned this summer, said he hoped the excerpts helped raise awareness among the parishioners of the scope of issues which concern the Church. The parish also had a voter registration drive, sent postcards to Congress regarding late-term abortions and called for the closing of the U.S. Army School of the Americas, which trains military from third-world countries.

St. Andrew parishioners got a firsthand lesson in civic responsibility. Fa-

ther Reese joined ministers in the area in protesting a local anti-gay resolution. While they did not prevent passage of the resolution, they were able to draw attention from the media. Father Reese said he received no negative feedback from his parishioners about his involvement but felt encouraged when people mentioned they had read the group's statement in the paper or watched the television coverage.

"One theologian recommends we work things in little ways. That's been my general practice," said Father Reese.

### St. Michael

GASTONIA — St. Michael parish opted to examine the bishops' materials in discussion groups. Some 35 parishioners joined Father George Kloster in discussing about six of the 20 issues addressed by the bishops.

"We broke up into small groups with each group choosing a single issue," said Father Kloster. The process brought out interesting comments and insights. The groups focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the bishops' statements, as well as their personal views. Father Kloster said many participants were surprised by the number and scope of issues the bishops had addressed.

In addition, St. Michael Church plans to have a voter registration drive and a meeting of People Against the Death Penalty.

### St. Paul the Apostle

GREENSBORO — A pamphlet and a brochure summarizing the bishops' materials will be sent to every family in the parish of St. Paul the Apostle in October. Bill O'Malley, a member of the parish Community Life Committee, said he hopes families will read the materials and use them as "points of reference in deciding how they will vote."

The St. Paul weekly parish bulletin will continue to carry excerpts of the bishops' statements up to election time.

### Francis of Assisi



Francis, hearing God's call, put on the clothes of a poor shepherd and began to preach. He took 12 followers to Rome, and the pope gave him permission to start a new religious order, the Franciscans. He also helped St. Clare start the Poor Clares. The wounds of Jesus were left in his hands, feet and sides. When Francis was very ill, he prayed, "O Lord, I thank you for the pains which I suffer." His feast is Oct. 4.



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The Community Life Committee is also making the bishops' booklet, which contains the complete statements on all 20 issues, available to fellow parishioners, particularly to those active in adult education classes.

When asked why political responsibility is important, O'Malley gave this layman's perspective: "A lot of people see what they do in the everyday world and what they do in church as two different worlds. Getting involved in the political process would bridge those two worlds. Catholics find they can have an impact on issues affecting everyone."

O'Malley sees the bishops' call to responsibility as more a call to social action rather than political action. "I find people hesitate when we talk about politics, but social action includes being involved in government and how it treats these issues. People need to get involved not just in the causes but have a responsibility to make known their stand through the political realm."

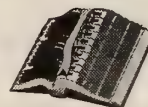
The Community Life Committee is offering materials and programs which promote a general awareness of the issues of the day. In the coming months, they hope to move from a global perspective to a local one. "We'd like to bring in local experts who can address these issues as they effect us and discuss the Church's stand on them," he said.

Another way the committee promotes political responsibility is by providing the funds for 10 parishioners to attend "Faith Doing Justice," an Oct. 18-19 conference sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at Belmont Abbey College.

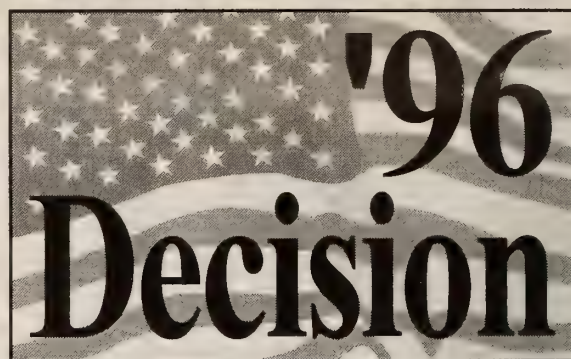
### Our Lady of Mercy

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
September 29 - October 6



Sunday:	Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Philippians 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5 Matthew 21: 28-32
Monday:	Job 1: 6-22 Luke 9: 51-56
Tuesday:	Job 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Luke 9: 51-56
Wednesday:	Exodus 23: 20-23 Matthew 18: 1-5, 10
Thursday:	Job 9: 21-27 Luke 10: 1-12
Friday:	Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40L 3-5 Luke 10: 13-16
Saturday:	Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-16 Luke 10: 17-24



WINSTON-SALEM — Pamphlets offering the bishops' guidelines regarding political responsibility were distributed after Mass recently to parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

"It can be upsetting when people speak about one issue and don't see the big picture," said Katie Ess, a member of the parish Community Life Committee. "You've got to see all the issues. The bishops encourage us to do that."

The pamphlet to which Ess refers accompanies the bishops' statements on the issues. Do's and don'ts for Catholic institutions are spelled out, and principles and issues guidelines are listed.

Besides distributing the pamphlet, an adult education class featured Pamela Kinlaw leading a discussion on the bishops' statements. Future classes focus on specific issues addressed by the bishops such as welfare reform. The parish also had a voter registration drive as it has done in past election years.

Ess is uncertain if the political responsibility materials will have an effect on how her fellow parishioners vote. "But it's always worth the try," she said.

For more information about these materials or about the "Faith Doing Justice" conference, which will further focus on political responsibility, contact Joanne Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1736.

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# "Fulfilling The Master's Plan": St. Gabriel Church Campaigns For New Building, Renovations

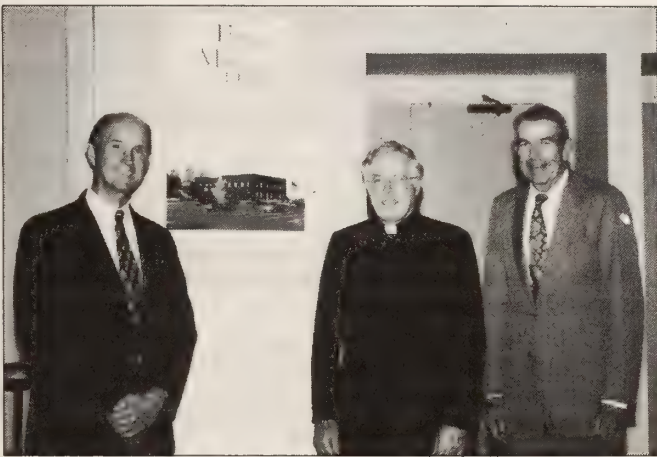
CHARLOTTE — This week St. Gabriel Parish kicked off a new capital campaign called "Fulfilling the Master's Plan." The campaign's goal is \$2.5 million to build a new ministry center, improve the parking areas and renovate a youth center.

"Our campaign is about more than just bricks and mortar," says Father Ed Sheridan, pastor of St. Gabriel. "It's about fulfilling the Lord's plan for a faith community. St. Gabriel Church is blessed with many active, involved people, but they are often impeded by inadequate facilities. We want to give them the space they need and also provide for our future growth as a parish."

Founded in 1957, St. Gabriel has been faced with enormous growth over the years. Due mainly to increasing population in surrounding southeast Charlotte, the parish has grown from 175 registered families to nearly 3,500. To cope with this growth, the parish adopted a "master plan" in 1981 to address the need for facilities. The first project was an 1,100-seat church which was completed in 1986 at a cost of \$2 million.

Realizing the need for additional meeting space, as well as educational, fellowship and social needs, a Parish Center was built in 1993 at a cost of \$4.7 million. The Parish Center serves more than 500 Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools elementary students.

The growing needs of the parish are forcing St. Gabriel to bring the "master plan" to completion. "Our parish today has over 100 ministries, committees and outreach groups competing for space," says Dick Tomlinson, Capital Campaign Chairman. "Last year there were over 1,000 meetings at St. Gabriel. This put a strain on our existing facilities. Quite often, there is simply no place to meet." Therefore, the parish is pro-



St. Gabriel Capital Campaign Leaders (l-r): Dick Tomlinson, Campaign Chairperson; Father Ed Sheridan and Jim McKernan, Campaign Vice-Chairperson.

posing a 20,000 square foot ministry center on the site of the original church, which is still standing.

The new ministry center will serve many purposes including nursery space for up to 90 children during Masses and group meetings; meeting space for parish committees; offices for the parish staff; private areas for pastoral and bereavement counseling (about 1,000 counseling sessions per year take place at St. Gabriel); space for marriage preparation and large gatherings; facilities for receptions that follow wakes and funerals; meeting space for community groups using St. Gabriel's facilities, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous and Alzheimer Support; and a library and a kitchen.

The capital campaign also includes funds necessary to demolish the old church and parish office to create 90 additional parking spaces and safer, more efficient traffic flow. There are plans to make interior renovations to the current St. Michael's Center (old school) as well, making it more suitable for Boy Scout, Girl Scout and other youth activities.



An architect's rendering of the new ministry center at St. Gabriel Church.

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



### Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Veto Override

Sept. 19 – The U.S. House of Representatives voted to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, HR 1833.

X=Pro-life vote O=Pro-abortion vote

#### North Carolina Votes

Burr (R)	X
Coble (R)	X
Hefner (D)	X
Myrick (R)	X
Ballenger (R)	X
Taylor (R)	X
Watt (D)	O

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

### September 29

11 a.m.  
Mass  
St. Patrick Cathedral,  
Charlotte

5 p.m.  
Billy Graham Crusade

### October 1

11 a.m.  
Dedication of the Little  
Flower Assisted Living  
Residence, Charlotte

### October 2

6 p.m.  
Charlotte Business  
Council

### October 4

10 a.m.  
Class Mass  
All Saints School,  
Charlotte

2 p.m.

Dedication of G. John  
Coli Critical Care  
Center  
St. Joseph's Hospital,  
Asheville

### October 5

11 a.m.  
Mass for Permanent  
Deacons of Diocese of  
Charlotte  
Catholic Conference  
Center, Hickory

7 p.m.

Dedication Grandover  
Resort and Conference  
Center, Greensboro

### October 6-10

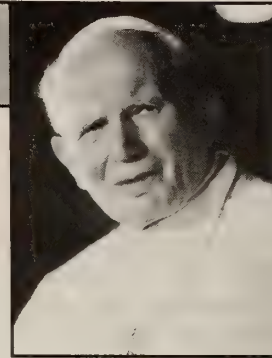
Diocesan Priests'  
Retreat

### October 11

Post Crusade Rally  
St. Matthew Church,  
Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Pope Says Mary's Example Invites All To Respond To The Lord's Grace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Sept. 18.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis today, we consider the Blessed Virgin Mary as the new Eve. In her response to the angel at the Annunciation, Mary was free in accepting her role in the divine plan of salvation. Before the great mystery of the Incarnation took place, she pronounced her "yes" and expressed her complete acceptance of God's will. Thus, just as a woman, Eve, had a role in bringing death to humanity, so too did a woman, Mary, contribute to bringing life (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 56).

In this, Mary is a model for us all. For we, too, must accept the role which is ours in the divine plan of salvation. This means nothing more or less than "hearing the word of God and keeping it" (cf. Lk 11:28), which, as Jesus himself explained, was the source of Mary's own blessedness. Mary's example invites all Christians to respond generously to the Lord's grace. Her complete dedication to the person and the work of Christ in his victory over sin and death makes her truly "mother of the living," the "new Eve." Her motherhood, freely accepted in obedience to the divine will, has become the font of life for all of humanity.

I am pleased to offer greetings to Cardinal Wamala and the cathedral choir members from the Archdiocese of Kampala. A special greeting goes also to the new seminarians of the Venerable English College accompanied by their rector, and to the monks, students and seminarians from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pa., accompanied by their archabbot. Upon all the English-speaking pilgrims, especially those from

England, Ireland, Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, Uganda, Australia, the Philippines, Japan and the United States, I invoke the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Arrives In France For Visit Of Personal, Historical Value

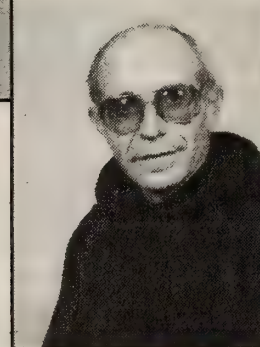
TOURS, France (CNS) — Pope John Paul II arrived in France Sept. 19 for a pastoral visit to historic sites. "I come as a pilgrim in order to meet the Catholics of France and to join with them in prayer in those places that are important to the religious history of their country and of Europe itself, in order to strengthen their faith and their Christian life," the pope said.

### Pope Urges French To Keep Church Teachings, Spiritual Commitment

SAINTE-ANNE-D'AURAY, France (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged French faithful to remain true to church teachings and to renew their spiritual commitment. In an outdoor morning Mass Sept. 20, and again at a meeting with young French families, he pointed to examples of people in the Bible and in French history who kept their faith despite all odds. "This faith, which is your common heritage, is met with numerous problems," the pope acknowledged in his homily. "For sure the causes to worry are numerous. Thus we see develop a climate of indifference and of individualism: Some cannot accept others in their differences, others give up hope in the face of the evil of the world."

## Guest Column

By Father John C. Aurilia



### Education and Religion To Achieve Real Values

The words *education* (Latin: Educere — to bring up) and *religion* (Latin: Religare — to tie back) have something in common: the human person on earth. We will not need education or religion in Heaven. Only human beings can read and write and express their ideas.

We are people shaping tomorrow's world today. Society was established because people have a purpose in life. They take risks and exercise control, solve problems rather than place blame, care about quality and share expertise.

Success is defined in terms of a process rather than a dream. Education and religion are powerful means of achieving "real" values. If you think education and religion are expensive and involve sacrifice, try ignorance and unbelief! In any learning process, we detect a need, decide to do something about it, set a reachable goal and persevere until the goal is met.

In our religious and educational journey, we are not really spectators of the game of life, we are the players. How do we play the game? Here are a few hints:

- More to improve, fewer to disapprove
- More "doers", fewer "talkers"
- More to say "It can be done," fewer to say, "It can't be done"
- More to get into the thick of things and do something about it, fewer to keep harping on what's wrong

• More to be interested in lighting candles, fewer in blowing them out — and speaking of candles remember, a candle doesn't lose power by lighting another candle.

As true Christians, we learn every day. We know that God created everything and it was good. Let us then continue God's work.

*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. (Mt. 5: 14-15)*

Self-confidence is the way; excellence is the result. Let us not stress what we can't do, but what we can do. I remember the dialogue which I had with a teenager. Here is the end of it: "To gain self confidence, you must avoid negative words, such as *can't* and *not*. Do you think you could do that?" I asked. She replied, "Well, I *can't* see why *not*."

Your message to others is: "I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me."

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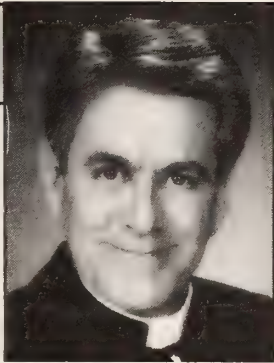
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### AIDS: Exile And Faith

"Why should people with the AIDS virus be treated any differently than those with another illness?" That was the question a friend hurled at me this past summer during one of the most wrenching experiences I have had as a priest.

A married couple I had never met phoned to ask if I would talk with them about going back to church and to ask if I would baptize their three-month daughter who was born with AIDS.

After hanging up the phone, I was beset by an array of questions. They may be the same question you're asking right now: How did the baby get the virus? What about the parents? Was the father gay? The mother promiscuous? What happened? And who was to blame?

I am not happy to admit that I was engaged in that kind of judgmental thinking. I knew I had to short-circuit my suspicions and concentrate on what mattered: They are sick and I must love

them.

When we first met, the couple, professionals in their late thirties, found themselves isolated at work, in their neighborhood and, most painfully, among family and friends. Unlike Tom Hanks' character in the movie "Philadelphia," they found no warm acceptance and support.

The disease had not only invaded their bodies, but had unraveled any meaning they had in their lives. Religion had had little relevance for them before the diagnosis. Now they were frantic for a spiritual dimension that could provide the comfort and hope that had been stripped from their lives.

Throughout the summer I grew to discern this grieving couple's search for a spiritual answer to their crisis. They felt guilty about their baby's illness and wanted God's forgiveness.

It's been said that faith is theology on its knees. Before theology could illu-

minate this tragedy, it would first have to drop to its knees before the Christ whose message is clear: All persons, no matter how outcast in the eyes of society, are loved and accepted by God. We knelt and prayed together the words of promise in Isaiah: "Fear not, for I am with you...and I will help you."

I also came across an article by M. Jeanne Wirpsa in "Nation" that spoke to them: "Our acts of faith do not require answers to questions such as why we suffer. We do not need explanations to be restored to wholeness, but we need to know we've not been abandoned. We need to be embraced by communion with God and one another, a communion that allows us to acknowledge our pain and suffering — and our rage."

In giving me permission to tell you their story, this couple wants you to know that in returning to the Church they have rediscovered God as the One who never abandons us. Each day they are increasingly at peace with themselves and others. And there is good news. At least some relatives and friends are starting to show the compassion everybody needs sometime in life.

I am still wrestling with questions. If you can't find God's love in your own loved ones and your own community, where can you find it? And, if God is for us, who can be against us?

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Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

## Question Box

Father John Dietzen



### Impotence And The Validity Of Marriage

Q. Your column has always been clear and helpful until a recent one that concerned reversing a vasectomy.

In your answer was the statement, "Physical or emotional inability to have sexual relations with one's partner invalidates a marriage union between them."

That part disturbs me. After 46 years of marriage, a physical impediment of that kind is not one to end a marriage.

Sometimes these conditions occur later in life. Or medication might have an effect. I would like some clarification.

A. Since you're one of several who were bothered, I probably should have been more clear.

When we speak of a marriage being invalid, that always means it was invalid from the beginning; it was never a real, true marriage.

As I have explained more fully a number of times in past years, the reason for a marriage being invalid may only be discovered some years later. But whatever the reason, it means that some circumstance existed from the start of the marriage that made a genuine community of life, which we believe marriage to be, impossible for that couple.

In other words, according to our Catholic understanding of marriage, a true, valid marriage, once it exists, does not "become invalid" later on.

This seems clearly to be the situation of your marriage, and of countless others in which, for one reason or another, partial or total impotence becomes a problem.

As you correctly indicate, if and when that happens, it certainly does not end the marriage.

Q. My question concerns your col-

umn on impotence and invalidity of marriage.

May a widower who is impotent as a result of surgery contract a valid marriage? The prospective bride is an unbaptized divorcee. Is this marriage possible?

A. Let's take the impotence question first. For impotence to be an impediment to marriage, the condition must be absolutely permanent, with no hope of any rehabilitation that might make intercourse possible in the future (Canon law 1084).

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## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### More Than A Cliché

Lately, the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," has been used, misused and refused by many. Our experience tells us that this simple phrase is indeed true in our lives. We have found that not only is the involvement of the community needed in the raising of children, it is also essential to the sustenance of marriage and family life. At the risk of adding to making a cliché of sage wisdom, we offer personal testimony to the importance of the "village" in defining, sustaining and nurturing family life.

Early in our marriage, the idea of having children frightened us. Call it lack of faith, lack of confidence, or just plain selfishness, we're not sure what it was. We are sure that we were scared. No one in our close circle of friends who had children seemed to be having a good time. There seemed to be more problems, more arguments, less free time and less

money. We certainly didn't want any of that. But, there was also something sacred about bringing new life that we didn't feel worthy of.

Our circle of friends expanded when we joined a Marriage Encounter monthly sharing group. And it grew even more when we became part of St. Sabina Parish on Chicago's south side. These communities — our village — affirmed and nurtured us so that we found in ourselves a new definition of family. With the encouragement of our village we found the confidence to accept the gift of new life. When our first pregnancy ended in miscarriage, our village rallied around us with support and encouragement. Both our children entered the world with great celebration by our village. We continue to live our lives and raise our children in confidence, knowing that we aren't alone.

Among the worst enemies of marriage and family are the pervading senses of isolation and alienation. Too often a marriage's challenges are exacerbated by a couple's perception of being alone in their struggles. Families experiencing difficulties with transitions throughout the various stages of life too often become broken in despair because they feel alone in their plights.

Connections to a supportive community raise their perspective so they may see themselves in a workable situation, or that there is hope. They may better see that they are not alone in their struggles.

Our values, practices and rituals are formed not by individuals nor even individual families; they are formed in the

community that raises us. As we face the challenges of marriage and family life, as we journey through the life cycle, we rely on the guidance, encouragement and support of social networks, i.e., our parish, extended family, friends, neighbors and social institutions.

We are blessed to have had so many wonderful people "imposing" on our lives. Through these relationships we have experienced newness of life in ourselves and with our children. We have come to see ourselves more wholly and more holy. The proverb, though perhaps overused, is so true. It really does take a village!

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# disABILITY Ministry Looks Ahead, Hosts Conference

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — At St. Gabriel Church, seven new electric doors allow easier access for disabled parishioners. Wireless headphone devices let those with hearing difficulties actively participate in Mass. Two parents can now watch their physically handicapped son receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

For the parishioners of the Charlotte church who comprise the disABILITY ministry, episodes like these have become a staple of their work. The project was initiated in April 1995 to increase accessibility for every parishioner. Since then, the ministry team members have seen their efforts recognized not only in their parish, but at other churches in town and across the diocese.

"We've accomplished a lot," says Pat Shay, pastoral council liaison for the group. "The ministry has grown quite a bit as far as team membership. We also have been able to get two additional ministries started (in Charlotte), at St. John

Neumann and St. Matthew."

Mary Kennedy, who tends to the administrative tasks of the group, says that the intent of disABILITY is not necessarily to establish a diocesan-wide ministry based at St. Gabriel Church. Rather, her team hopes to continue working with other churches in forming outreach groups at the parish level.

A key factor in that outreach endeavor is the 2nd Annual disABILITY Workshop Oct. 12 at St. Gabriel's Fellowship Hall. The event, conducted by Jack Green, executive director of the Schott Center for Persons Deaf or Disabled, provides an interactive means of assessing efforts of the past and developing plans for the future. By making it a diocesan workshop, disABILITY team members say the networking will allow greater opportunities to learn which areas need to be more intensively addressed within particular parishes.

"It's really good that other parishes from throughout the diocese will be attending," adds Kathy Tetu, chairman of the ministry team at St. Mat-

thew. "Not only can we share what's going on here and in other parishes throughout the city; they can also share what they're doing. We can learn from them as well as teach them."

In an open letter to pastors in the diocese, ministry chairman Terry Utterback adds to that sentiment, saying that "we encourage each parish to send representatives to develop their own 'Action Plan' to assist those who face the everyday challenge of life with a disability."

Although the ministry has thus far focused on the needs of the physically disabled, team members hope to incorporate those with mental handicaps in their outreach mission as well. The workshop includes discussion of fostering such inclusion.

As executive director of the Schott Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Green returns to Charlotte to facilitate his second consecutive workshop with more than 12 years of experience in establishing disability ministries throughout the country. Since his involvement with the Charlotte disABILITY team began last year, Green has helped the ministry assess their needs, strive for certain goals, and focus and expand their efforts so as

to include as many people as possible.

The disABILITY team members attribute "word of mouth" and cooperation from parishioners as key factors in the success of the program thus far. "I think awareness amongst everybody — not only pastors — is a necessity," adds Tetu. She says it is of great importance that congregations keep themselves apprised of current needs and to remain focused on including the disabled.

Utterback looks forward to welcoming Green for a second visit, and is optimistic that disABILITY ministries across the diocese will continue to improve the opportunities for the disabled. "We realize the tremendous benefit of someone like Jack Green's leadership, presence and experience," he says. "He knows where we need to be based on where we are, and he can really help formulate a plan."

*The 2nd Annual disABILITY Workshop is Oct. 12 at St. Gabriel Church Fellowship Hall in Charlotte from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$5. For information or to register, contact B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5047, ext. 212 or Terry Utterback, (704) 364-8504.*

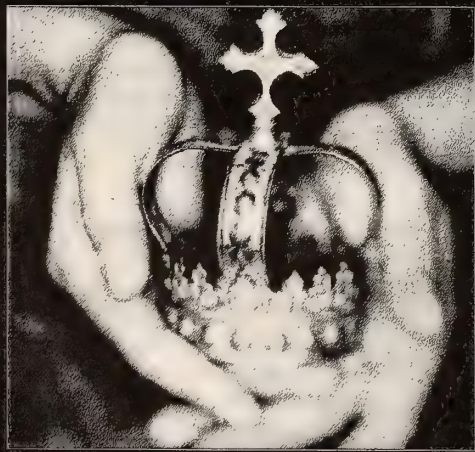
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## Stewardship Profile

### Using Our Gifts To Serve God

By MARK AND THEA SINCLAIR

God, our heavenly Father, has made a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to each of us. He has given these things to us. Now is the time to examine how we are utilizing these gifts.

When you think about it, time is our most precious asset: We have time because we have life. God has gifted us with life and asks that we utilize it wisely. There are 168 hours in a week. How we use that time says a great deal about our priorities. We spend about 126 hours each week working, sleeping, eating and driving. That leaves about 40 hours each week of discretionary time. Stewardship is about returning some of that time to God in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

An important aspect of stewardship is the sense of joy and fulfillment that we receive as a result of our stewardship of time. We set aside 30 minutes every morning for prayer. Some of our stewardship activities include lecturing, playing in a folk group and visiting and playing music at a local nursing home. We believe that stewardship involves scheduled, planned activities — it's not haphazard. We all have "disposable" time and our challenge is to think of creative ways to utilize the gift of time to serve God both in the parish and the community.

Likewise, God has given each of us talents and asks that we utilize them in His service. We share our talents with others in the church and community in the form of music ministry and as a catechist in faith formation. It has been sat-

isfying to know that we are using the talents God has given us to help others praise Him and learn about Him.

With regard to stewardship of treasure, we were brought up to believe that we should give 10 percent of our money to the Church. We both have jobs and incomes and feel we have a strong responsibility to give a significant portion



of our income to people less fortunate than ourselves. When it's time to pay the bills, we can honestly say that the first check we write is to St. Aloysius Church. Stewardship is about giving of our "first fruits," not the left-overs. The Lord comes first in the stewardship of our resources. We take what is left and we have never gone without the things we really need.

A final key point about stewardship: God will never be outdone in generosity. Our giving to God comes from our need to give thanks for God's blessings in our lives. By giving a significant portion of our time, talent and treasure back to God, we have learned a discipline that has helped us grow as disciples of our Lord.

*Mark and Thea Sinclair are members of St. Aloysius Church in Hickory.*



# Entertainment

## Big Night

# Film Offers Viewers A Cinematic Change Of Diet

NEW YORK (CNS) — Viewers are in for a treat. "Big Night" (Goldwyn) is a gourmet film compared to the diet of fast-food flicks in overabundance at cinemas currently.

The story tells of two Italian immigrant brothers struggling to make a go of their modest Jersey shore restaurant in the 1950s.

Brooding older brother Primo (Tony Shalhoub) cares only that they serve authentic Italian cuisine he cooks to perfection. The trouble is he cooks to fewer customers than the thriving but mediocre Italian eatery across the street run by wily businessman Pascal (Ian Holm). Nor can bashful Primo screw up the courage to ask the local florist, Ann (Allison Janney), for a date.

Primo's younger brother, Secondo (Stanley Tucci), is the pragmatic one, ambitiously pursuing the American dream and not one but two women, good-hearted Phyllis (Minnie Driver) and Pascal's mistress, Gabriella (Isabella Rossellini).

The brothers' Paradise restaurant is almost belly-up when friendly rival Pascal offers to invite musical celebrity Louis Prima to eat there. With all the attendant publicity, it would put the Paradise on the map — but the brothers would have to risk their last dime to put on such a lavish spread. They go for it.

During the course (and many courses) of the big night of the title, family, friendship and romance will flourish and wither in equal measure as the diners discover a paradise on earth.

Actor Tucci makes a smooth co-

directorial debut with Campbell Scott, who also plays a crafty Caddy salesman in this big-hearted film.

Tucci also co-wrote the script with his cousin, Joseph Tropiano, and their affection for family and fine Italian food certainly shows.

As a relationship movie it rings true, observing in fine detail the brothers who are so different but bound by blood and respectful of that significance. It also explores the age-old conflict the brothers represent between going for the gold or staying true to one's art.

Each new course presented is a visual delight and similarly it is pleasurable to see the gradual unfolding of the story and the solid performances that bring the characters to life.

The closing scene, set the morning after the big night, is remarkable: It is virtually silent yet so much is said. We don't know where precisely the brothers will go from here, but we know exactly where they are coming from.

In the gourmet tradition of "Babette's Feast" and "Eat Drink Man Woman," viewers are warned not to attend "Big Night" on an empty stomach — at the risk of producing embarrassing drool.

With its richly textured narrative and insightful character study, "Big Night" deserves a big welcome on the big screen.

Due to an implied affair, sporadic rough language and minimal profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Bottle Rocket" (1996)

Failed comedy in which a bungling thief (Owen C. Wilson) persuades his equally dense buddies (Luke Wilson and Stephen Dignan) to attempt an ill-fated armed robbery. Writer-director Wes Anderson's unrelentingly stupid characters are as tiresome as their penny-ante antics. Benign view of theft, some minor violence, implied sexual encounter, recurring profanity and some rough language.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "If Lucy Fell" (1996)

Vapid romantic comedy about two socially inept roommates (Sarah Jessica Parker and Eric Schaeffer) who have made a pact to kill themselves if they haven't found true love by age 30. Also written and directed by Schaeffer, the premise is embarrassingly dumb but the charmless characters are dumber still, with some crude humor making matters even worse. Sexual innuendo, vulgarity, profanity and rough language.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Oliver and Company" (1988)

Disney animated musical updating Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" to New York, where an orphaned kitten named Oliver (voice of Joey Lawrence) gets caught up in the shenanigans of a human con artist (voice of Dom DeLuise) and his thieving band of rogue dogs, including the terrier Dodger (voice of Billy Joel). Directed by George Scribner, it's a children's movie that parents can enjoy, with just the right balance between pathos, action, comedy and music. Some cartoon menace.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

### "Once Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored" (1996)

Growing up in rural Mississippi after World War II, a black youth is nourished by the love and support of an extended family and, despite all the injustices of a segregated society, never loses pride in his race or hope in the American dream of equality. Director Tim Reid gets fine performances from a seasoned cast (headed by Al Freeman Jr.) in depicting a closely knit black community taking care of its own in the face of social exclusion and economic exploitation just before the struggle for civil rights

becomes a national issue in the 1960s. Racial tensions, some stylized violence and sexual references including a childbirth scene.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Strange Bedfellows" (1964)

Thin but frantic romantic comedy in which a London-based oil executive (Rock Hudson) reconciles with his flighty estranged wife (Gina Lollobrigida) in order to get a promotion in his staid company, then she insists on playing Lady Godiva in a left-wing protest at the American Embassy. Directed by Melvin Frank, the sour comedy falls flat on all counts except for the scenes with Terry Thomas as an undertaker. Sexual situations and innuendo.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Without Reservations" (1946)

Slight but amusing romantic comedy in which a novelist (Claudette Colbert) meets a Marine pilot (John Wayne) on a cross-country train journey, decides he'd be perfect as the hero in the movie version of her best-seller but hides her identity because he hated the book. Director Mervyn LeRoy gets the story off to a bright start but has trouble sustaining the contrived plot to its predictable conclusion, though the travelers' wacky misadventures provide laughs along the way and there are some droll jabs directed at Hollywood. Romantic situations.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.



Anna Paquin, Dana Delaney and Jeff Daniels star in "Fly Away Home," which the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting calls "a tribute to the creative spirit." The USCC classification is A-II — adults and adolescents, and the Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

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# The commitments of ordinary life

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By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
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The priest, an old-before-his-time man suffering from alcoholism, was sent to teach philosophy in the seminary college. But there were rare moments of brilliance left in him, and one came in response to a question about how a person can know who he is:

"You are a combination of all the things you have committed yourself to and the effort you put into living out those commitments." He went on to show by example after example how baptism, family, love, dedication, marriage, good, bad, sin, evil, life and anything else fit into that definition.

To understand what commitment is, it helps to remember that it is of the human being's essence

to change, to become different each moment, each day, each year. The ideal, the hope, is that this change will be improvement — growth rather than disintegration. But whether we are changing for the better or worse, we are changing.

Commitments are what enable us to change for the better.

We create our personalities by the choices we make about who we will be — choices revealed through our commitments — and by the effort we put into fulfilling those commitments.

There are many types of commitments.

There are commitments we choose to make. Our reputation in the eyes of others is established by living up to those commitments, or not living up to them.

People who go through the formalities of making commitments but don't mean them or don't live up to them are often people who have a low sense of their own worth.

And people who commit themselves to nothing are lost people. "I'm free, no ties, no commitments, no obligations" usually translates into "I'm very lonely and very unhappy."

The major commitments we are invited to make are those that define who we are, such as marriage, ordination, confirmation, parenthood or career.

Thus, when a person asks "Who am I?" the answer is "I am a Roman Catholic," "I am a parent," "I am a priest," "I am a teacher," etc.

If we change those commitments, it means a foundational change in who we are.

"This action is consistent with my commitments" or "That action is inconsistent with my commitments."

—A married person should not abuse his or her spouse. That is inconsistent with the commitment of matrimony.

grow.

Part of my commitment to be a priest is to grow more and more as a priest. I am required by that commitment to read, study, pray, consult, seek guidance and come to understand the description of a priest in church teaching and church law.

Sometimes that is easy, sometimes it is difficult. But that is what I agreed to when I accepted ordination.

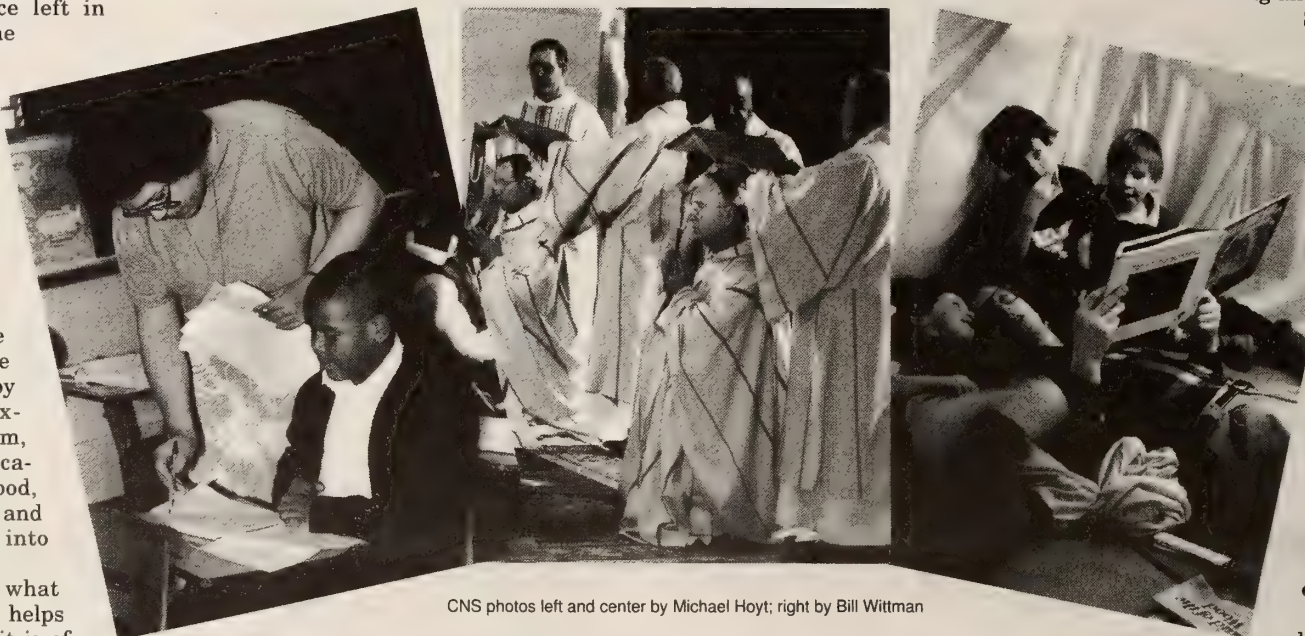
The same is true when dealing with an aging parent, a spendthrift spouse or a rebellious child. The question to ask is: "What is my commitment here? How do I fulfill that commitment?"

If, habitually, we have lived by integrity, we will be able to recognize the right thing to do or not do.

Commitment is self-defining. It is the making of our personhood.

So commitment is a way we participate in God's continuing creation. Our ability to make commitments is among the most splendid and awesome of God's gifts to the human family.

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Even the less fundamental commitments I make are self-defining — such as, "I am a Westerner, I am a writer." These aspects of my life could change without totally reversing things, but while I am committed to them, they tell me who I am right now.

We seek out certain commitments, such as marriage or ordination. Others are thrust upon us, such as who our parents and siblings are. In the latter instances, we must make a decision to accept the commitment of a relationship with these people and determine what that relationship will be. Most of the time it is fairly clear, such as the norm that adult children take care of aging parents.

The ability to fulfill a commitment comes from personal integrity. It is not always easy to live up to our commitments. When a difficult time comes and we are tempted not to fulfill a commitment, what enables us to make the right choice is integrity. This comes from knowing who we are due to the commitments we have made.

We develop integrity by habitually living up to our commitments. We don't rethink our commitments each day; we make them and then live them out.

When we are faced with a question about what to do in a particularly difficult situation, the answer could be,

—An employee should not steal from the company. That is inconsistent with the trust in which an employee's commitment to a job is held.

—A student should not cheat on an exam. That is inconsistent with the commitment of being a student.

Commitments do not guide us to see what we should not do; they guide us to understand what we must do to

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### How did a loss or disappointment become your gain?

"We lost our son in a car accident June 9, 1993. In something so heartbreaking, it's difficult to find something good, but we've continued with a strong faith and a strong marriage.... We established a scholarship in our son's name.... We've also both experienced cancer.... We've come to realize as never before that our family and friends and our faith in God are the sustaining parts of our lives." — Ragan and Janell Nelson, Alexandria, La.

"I remember praying on the way to the hospital, 'If you must take my father, Lord, please don't let him suffer.' My father died very soon thereafter ... and somehow in realizing God had answered my prayer, although not the way I would have preferred, I realized it's God who's in control and that I can rest my faith in him." — Natalie Ghekiere, Chester, Mont.

"Fifteen years ago ... my husband died of cancer.... I was left without income or much insurance or a job. It became my faith community, neighborhood, ... friends and family who ... filled my life and the lives of my (four) children with kindness that helped me accept the difficulties." — Barbara Pawlak, Merrillville, Ind.

"When my father died, I moved in with my mother to take care of her, and I had to give up my ministry (as a residential child-care worker). But once I was here, the local pastor approached me with an opportunity for pastoral ministry. It turns out that what I had considered a deep loss ... has been transformed into a life-giving opportunity." — Sister Michele Fisher, CSFN, Hamburg, Pa.

An upcoming edition asks: Do you think of your family as having a tradition — roots that tell about the kind of people you are? Explain briefly. If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.





# Hal's story: the context of commitment

By Marybeth Shea  
Catholic News Service

tumors, tests or other trials. Each time we've faced some new hurdle, we have been spared the worst.

We count our blessings like beads on some quiet rosary, prayed mostly by rote: his kidneys are fine, the tumors are small, his vision is good, the scan is clean, he rides a tricycle. Sorrowful! Joyful! Glorious!

Grace came unexpectedly when he was 10 months old, the diagnosis first

Among the prayers of a new parent is this secret plea: "Please God, do not test my faith by hurting this child. Do not test my commitment to a positive view of life, to joy, to faith — to you."

Parents often believe they can bear anything but the suffering or loss of a



CNS photo by Michael Hayman

beloved son or daughter. Why? Perhaps because the commitment to a child becomes part of the parent's very identity. Some parents cannot even imagine life without this particular commitment.

How can faith survive when a child suffers?

My youngest child is not terminally ill, but he may one day be diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder whose most cruel form includes disfigurement, retardation and sometimes death.

At 3 he looks blessedly normal: sturdy legs, clear blue eyes and a shock of yellow hair. A casual observer will not notice three-inch scars left by two kidney surgeries before his first birthday. The many small aberrations on his optic nerves which may eventually be tumors are only visible on magnetic resonance imaging.

Despite frequent visits to many caring and able health professionals, our life is ordinary. Meals and carpool, lessons and gardening, prayers and soccer.

Living devours time so effectively that weeks pass without speaking of

broached. After many nights of holding sleeping Hal with my husband's arms around us, both of us too heartsick to sleep, I suddenly felt flooded with comfort. I knew all would be well.

It is not God's will that any should suffer. What God wills is that we not be alone with suffering. That is God's commitment to us, kept faithfully.

I can see Mary holding her son and know that she understood from bitter experience a child's pain and the loss of a child.

"Know my suffering!" we cry out in pain. "I do," says the Lord.

In our neighborhood, parish, school and workplaces are people facing financial hardship, desiring children, fighting loneliness, caring for frail parents, struggling with truculent teens, hoping for renewal in marriage: These are ordinary problems; to maintain faith and happiness and a positive view of life despite them requires extraordinary commitment.

It is not an isolated, solitary decision to remain committed that accomplishes this, however. It is commitment in a context: the context of God's own commitment to be with us.

I could so easily cast faith aside. But somehow faith finds me. Perhaps in weariness I yield to faith, and something firm and lasting takes root.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*How can I find out what I'm committed to?*

*A possible approach is to examine what consumes my time or money, I suppose. But what if I find out I'm committed to TV viewing or eating, for example? That might startle me.*

*Maybe it would startle me right into some serious thinking—and personal renewal. One problem with a word like "commitment" is that it is a complex challenge.*

*—For some, commitment mainly conjures up the notion of duty. I am committed to the things I must do.*

*—For some, commitment and vocation are virtually synonymous. The emphasis is on becoming more fully the sort of person I have chosen to be (Catholic-Christian; husband; father; editor).*

*—For some, commitments are limits, boundaries. To be committed is to be clear—and courageous—about the directions I've chosen not to take in life.*

*—For some, commitments are openings, involvements. To be committed is to be clear—and engaged in—the direction I've chosen to take in life.*

*Naturally, an individual's notion of commitment could encompass more than one of these points of emphasis.*

*But what is worth recognizing is that my commitments tell a lot about me.*

*What are you committed to?*

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

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## Commitment's blessings in disguise

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

It was not easy for Jairus to approach Jesus and publicly ask his help. Jairus was a man of standing, a synagogue official, and the religious establishment was openly hostile to this upstart Galilean peasant named Jesus.

But Jairus was first of all a distraught father whose daughter was critically ill. He would do anything to save her from death, even if it meant humiliating himself.

Jesus acceded to Jairus' request. Along the way to Jairus' house, Jesus cured a woman with a persistent and apparently incurable hemorrhage. Jairus' hopes soared, but precisely at this point news of his daughter's death reached him.

Hope evaporated.

Jesus, however, insisted that Jairus "just have faith" (Mark 5:36). Apparently Jairus did, and Jesus raised the little girl to life and vibrant health.

Bitter disappointment turned to inexpressible joy.

Jairus' commitment, tentative as it may have been, paid off richly.

It was similar for Mary Magdalen.

When she came to Jesus' tomb, "it was still dark" (John 20:1). Even if "the sun had risen" (Mark 16:2), it was still dark as far as Mary was concerned. The light had gone out of her life; Jesus lay buried.

She sought solace in being close to his remains, but even this was denied her. The tomb was inexplicably empty.

Mary Magdalen thought someone

had played a cruel joke by stealing the body. She "stayed outside the tomb weeping" (John 20:11). Love does not give up on its commitment, even when all seems lost.

Her persistence was rewarded when Jesus, whom she took for the gardener, ignored her tearful questions and spoke her name: "Mary!" The agony of disappointment turned to ecstasy, and Jesus made known that a different, more wonderful, time was beginning.

A third scriptural story conveys a similar message—a message not only for biblical times but for ours. The dividends of commitment are great, though it may not immediately feel that way. Living in a committed way may exact a cost along the way.

The little community at Jerusalem was growing by leaps and bounds. The future looked bright. But persecution broke out, and Greek-speaking Jewish Christians were scattered abroad. It looked like the end of what had seemed so promising, but the disappointment was a blessing in disguise.

For the disciples' scattering became the occasion for spreading the good news to wider circles. At Antioch some of them "began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus ... and a great number ... turned to the Lord."

It was "in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11:20-21, 26).

It can be darkest just before the dawn.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

## FAITH IN ACTION

"One of the hardest things for any of us to do today is to make a permanent commitment of any sort, especially when it pertains to love.... What is at the root of this?... Our incapacity to accept the limits of our own lives.... To choose one thing is always to renounce many others," writes Oblate Father Ronald Rolheiser in *Against an Infinite Horizon, The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives* (Crossroad Publishing Co., 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. 1996. Paperback, \$14.95). But the renunciation commitment involves "has the potential to healthily ground us in reality," the author says.

*Reflection: Father Rolheiser observes: "We all have had the experience of being within certain commitments (a marriage, a family, a church) where, at times, our heads and our hearts are not—but we are!... We remain there, held by something ... beyond what we can explain or feel. This is where faith lives, and this is what faith means."*



## People In The News

### Funeral Held For Jesuit Who Served China And Taiwan For 55 Years

HONG KONG (CNS) — The funeral of the apostolic prefect of Yangzhou, China was held in Taiwan Aug. 30, where he devoted most of his missionary life. Msgr. Eugene Fahy, who would have turned 85 the next day, was a Jesuit missionary who served in China and Taiwan for the past 55 years. He died Aug. 17 at St. Paul Hospital in Hsinchu Diocese, Taiwan, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. Born in 1911 in the United States, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1934 and later studied theology and Chinese in Shanghai and Beijing, according to an obituary provided by the Jesuit community in Hsinchu.

### Cardinal Bernardin Prays With Death-Row Inmate Before Execution

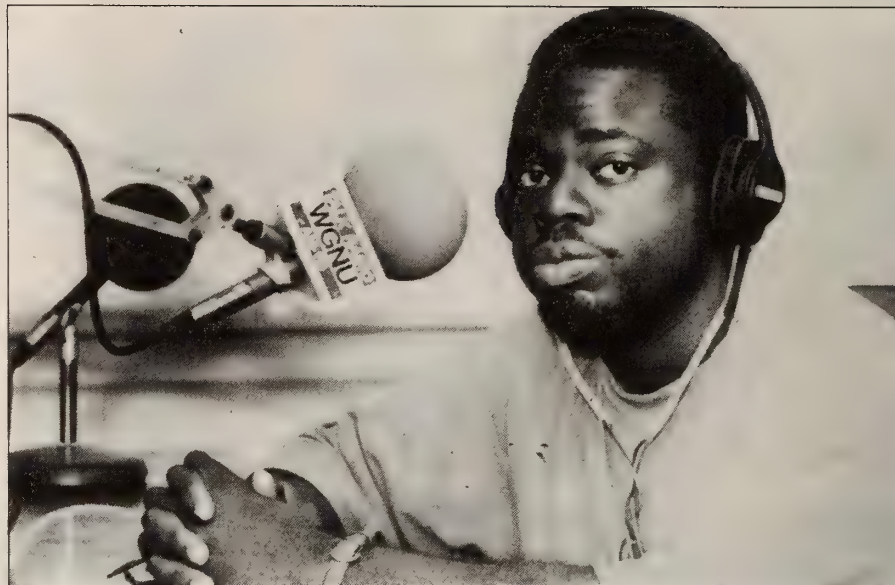
JOLIET, Ill. (CNS) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago prayed and talked with death-row inmate Raymond Lee Stewart Sept. 17, just hours before the convicted multiple murderer was executed at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet. Stewart's lawyer, Joshua Sachs, said the condemned man had asked to see Cardinal Bernardin because he wanted to be with someone who was also facing death. The cardinal, who had surgery for pancreatic cancer last year, announced Aug. 30 that the cancer has recurred in his liver and he has less than a year to live. Advantages,

### Advantages, Limitations Exist In Seminary Education

YONKERS, N.Y. (CNS) — Jesuit Father Avery Dulles, addressing a seminary audience, said seminaries had advantages over universities as places for theological study, but also limitations. "In the present situation one may hope for a more vital interaction between the two types of institution," he said. Father Dulles said seminaries relied on university theologians, interacting with other disciplines, to "address new and complex questions and to engage in creative research." But universities need seminaries to "maintain a deeper ecclesial sense and a firmer pastoral commitment," he said.

### Speculation Increases About Mother Teresa's Successor

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa's ill health has increased speculation about her possible successor as head of the Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa has declared that she will not be a contender for the post. She expressed a similar wish before the last election, but agreed to stay on as head of the order after an appeal by Pope John Paul II. Sources who declined to be identified said Missionaries of Charity nuns still want Mother Teresa to head the congregation she founded in 1950 and has led ever since. The congregation's headquarters confirmed that the chapter and the election of a superior general, originally set for Oct. 7, will take place at year-end or early next year.



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Jamey Francis Moses gets ready to go on the air with "Let's Talk Catholic," broadcast on a St. Louis radio station each Sunday evening. The radio outreach show, now in its eighth year, receives some funding from the Catholic Communication Campaign.

## Employment Opportunities

**Clerk: Office of Development:** The Office of Development has an opening for a part-time clerk. Candidate must be computer literate with prior experience in data entry. Responsibilities include entering census data, fielding phone calls and filing. This is a part-time position for 18 hours/week. Send resume by Oct. 15 to: **Jim Kelley, Office of Development, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.**

**Child Caregivers:** Child Care Aides needed for After School Program August 1996-June 1997 at St. Ann, All Saints, St. Patrick, St. Gabriel, Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Schools. Hours are 2:45-6 p.m. on regular school days. Salary: \$7.00/hour. Send resume or call for an application: **Ellen Buening, 641 Neill Ridge Rd., Matthews, NC 28105, (704) 844-0277.**

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**Media Assistant:** The Diocesan Media Resource Center is seeking to hire a part-time (27.5 hours per week) Media Assistant. The qualified candidate should be a catechist and enjoy working with media and the public. Word processing skills necessary. Send letter of interest, resume and references to: **Office of Telecommunications, Gail Hunt Violette, Director, 1524 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.**

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# Bishops, Others Laud House Override Of Partial-Birth Abortion Veto

By MARK PATTISON  
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishops and other pro-lifers praised the House vote to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and called on the Senate to follow the House example.

"I am very pleased," said a statement from Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia. "This vote is a significant step toward replacing our culture of death with one which values life."

He expressed "my sincere appreciation to the legislators who supported the override effort" and urged senators "to follow the lead of their colleagues in the House and the will of the people and vote to ban this procedure which is so close to infanticide."

"I congratulate the House of Representatives for its moral and civic leadership today by voting to overturn President Clinton's veto," said a statement from Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

"The practice of partial-birth abortion must stop if we are to be a civilized nation," the cardinal said. "No decent society can long endure lethal callousness toward any human beings, especially those who are very little or very sick."

The House override vote Sept. 19 was 285-137. A two-thirds majority is needed in each chamber to override the veto. The Senate override vote was expected to be held before Congress adjourns at the end of September.

The Senate approved the ban, 54-44, last December, well short of the two-thirds margin needed to override. The U.S. bishops launched a postcard campaign at Catholic churches nationwide over the summer to urge Senate and House members to override the veto.

The bill contains an exception to save the life of the mother. Clinton said he vetoed it because it lacked a provision that would have given exceptions for health reasons.

Bishop Edward J. O'Donnell of Lafayette, La., gave his congratulations to the House in a statement.

"In the House, Democrats joined with Republicans and a number of people who usually vote pro-choice voted instead for the override," he said.

"We pray that the Senate will follow the example of the House of Representatives in hearing the concerns of their constituents."

"The House has rejected aborting babies in the fifth month or later — most

of them perfectly healthy — by pulling them feet-first alive from the womb, puncturing the skull, and removing their brains," said National Right to Life Committee federal legislative director Douglas Johnson in a statement that described the procedure.

"Few of the House's actions are as significant as this one," said a statement from Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life. "When the brutal killing of a baby is put forward as a 'medical procedure,' then it is time for the government to stop it."

Michael Ferguson, executive director of the Catholic Campaign for America, in lauding the override, said in a statement, "The hierarchy of the Catholic Church has been at the forefront of the campaign to educate American citizens about the medical facts of this heinous procedure, and their leadership has been unfailing."

Ferguson added, "Catholic Americans can be proud of the positive impact the Catholic Church has had on this pressing moral issue."

"Americans on both sides of the life debate have joined together to say that this cruel procedure goes too far," said a statement by Family Research Council president Gary Bauer.

Bauer added, "When the political elite use the bully pulpit to argue that life has no value unless it's healthy, planned and desired, society's weakest members become vulnerable."

Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., who sponsored the House version of the original bill, said in a statement, "A humane society has an obligation to stop this barbaric act which kills babies as they emerge from the womb. We have taken a critical step to stop this insanity and protect our children."

Dissenting was Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

Michelman, in a statement, derided the timing of the Sept. 19 vote — five months after Clinton's veto but six weeks before the election — and "the unprecedented intrusion by Congress into medical practice.... It is simply unacceptable for Congress to be practicing medicine."



Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston speaks at the U.S. Capitol Sept. 12 against a backdrop of boxes of postcards against the veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, as Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington applauds.

CNS photo by Bob Roller

## Faith Formation Office Introduces New Process For Catechist Certification

HICKORY — The Faith Formation Office has launched one of the most unique and radical programs in catechist certification. The Charlotte Catechist Recognition Process invites the community to call forth catechists and to endorse them to the pastor. After discussing candidates with his faith formation director, the pastor presents the catechists to the community. Energized by this public affirmation, the catechists then take part in a 12-hour formation program under the aegis of the Faith Formation Office consisting of five training modules: Skills and Theory, Scripture, Sacraments, Creed and Morality.

"The process is radically innovative," remarked Dr. Cris Villapando, di-

ocesan director of Faith Formation, "because it consciously patterns itself after the catechumenate, incorporating elements such as 'a call by the community,' 'discernment,' 'presentation,' and 'commissioning.' It also symbolically places the pastor at the center of the catechetical ministry. In addition, it is competency-based. The catechist is expected to achieve the necessary competencies to midwife the faith."

"Fifty-two parish leaders endorsed this (program) with very strong consensus," said Dr. Villapando. "Bishop Curlin, Father Hawker, and Father West have been very supportive in allowing us to find a creative solution," he added.

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## Candidates Clinton, Dole Respond To USCC Questionnaire

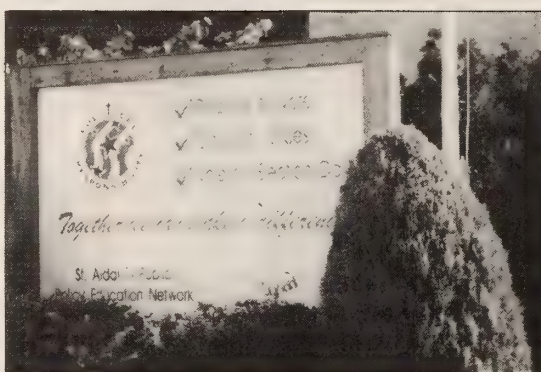
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Responses to a U.S. Catholic Conference questionnaire by President Clinton and Bob Dole show sharp differences on abortion and immigration but also highlight some areas of agreement.

The responses from the Democratic and Republican candidates for president were mailed to the U.S. bishops Sept. 6 and made available to Catholic News Service the following week. Reform Party candidate Ross Perot did not respond to the USCC questionnaire.

In a memo to the bishops, Frank J. Monahan, director of the USCC Office of Government Liaison, said the answers were distributed "for possible use as voter education material during the remainder of this election campaign."

The USCC office asked the candidates 28 questions on 13 topics drawn from the bishops' 1995 statement, "Political Responsibility: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life, Protecting the Least Among Us, and Pursuing the Common Good."

The candidates were asked to respond to each question with "support,"



A billboard outside St. Aidan's Church in Williston Park, N.Y., urges passers-by to study the issues, register and vote.

"no position" or "oppose," and were allowed to include brief comments on each question.

Clinton and Dole gave opposite answers on three abortion-related questions, on a comprehensive nuclear test ban, on school choice that includes religious schools, and on several questions related to immigration.

The candidates agreed, however, in their support for civil rights, defense of human rights, environmental protection and capital punishment, and their opposition to laws that would permit assisted suicide.

## Knights Of Columbus Octoberfest Is Oct. 19

ALBEMARLE — Knights of Columbus council 10495 hosts an Octoberfest fund raiser Oct. 19 from 7-11 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Family Center. Musical entertainment by Jerry Goodman's Sauerkraut Band with his German dancers. A German dinner, refreshments and many surprises also highlight the event. Cost is \$15. For information or for tickets, contact Jack Snyder, (704) 983-6789.

## Churches Celebrate Five Year Covenant

NEWTON — A celebration marking five years of dialogue between St. Joseph Catholic and Beth Eden Lutheran Churches is 3:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Beth Eden Lutheran Church.

Father Wilbur Thomas, pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Hickory, is keynote speaker. The festival features processions, choral music and ceremonies culminating in an opportunity for members of the parishes to sign a covenant agreement pledging to continue study, worship, pulpit exchanges, lay reader exchanges and fellowship opportunities in preparation for cooperative efforts into the 21st century.

## Annual BMHS Fund Drive Is Underway

WINSTON-SALEM — Bishop McGuinness High School began its Annual Fund Campaign with a party Sept. 21 at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent, and Sister Mona Wingert, assistant superintendent, joined parents and alumni for the event.

The goal of the campaign is \$60,000, which will be used for staffing enhancements, tuition scholarships, capital improvements and funding of the development office. Ten percent of the contributions will be invested into the BMHS Endowment Fund.

## Catechist Conference Is Oct. 5

BELMONT — A conference on planning prayer and worship for youth is Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Queen of the Apostles Church for anyone interested or involved in youth catechetical ministry. To register, contact your parish catechetical coordinator by Sept. 29.

## Dietzen, from page 5

In the opinion of the best medical authorities available, such absolutely irreversible impotence is increasingly rare today. Rehabilitative techniques and correction of some physical disorders that can cause impotence apparently are possible in the vast majority of cases.

When some such hope of reversal exists, the impotence is legally doubtful, the impediment therefore is not present and the couple have the right to marry.

Dealing with the fact that the prospective bride was previously married may or may not be so easy. Talk with a priest in your community, explain the circumstances and ask him to help you take the necessary steps.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

## Principal Fosters Family Atmosphere, from page 1

public schools that had all the bells and whistles and experienced first-hand how hard it is to produce excellence in education.

"In Catholic schools we discuss Christian values and we can pray," says Cavallo, who sees a direct link between behavioral problems in the public schools and the inability to convey Christian values explicitly. She is convinced that the clarity of the commitment to teach Christian values gives Catholic schools a solid edge in education excellence. She works to foster a Christian family atmosphere.

"I want to make sure that this school is solidly centered on Christian values. That's not just a word we talk about," she insists, "but the way we live."

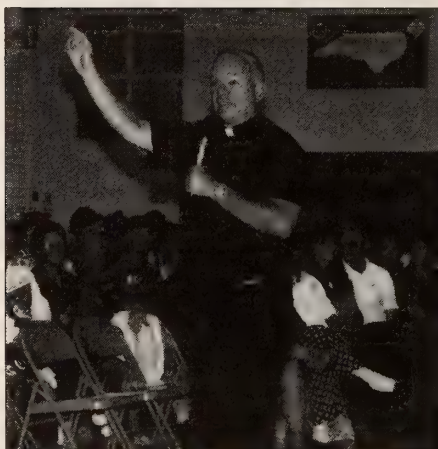
For Cavallo, the way of living at Asheville Catholic involves being "a place where the faculty is empowered to be the best they can be, where the parents are empowered to participate in this educational venture, and where the students are empowered to actually grow."

## Catholic Educators Gather For Retreat Day, from page 1

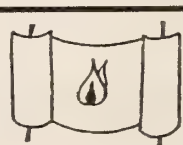
"They go through our system and do not learn how to pray," Bishop Ziemann continued. "I've seen too many graduates who don't pray. Teach them to pray."

Richard Martinez, principal at St. Michael School in Gastonia, felt "refreshed and alive" after taking part in Bishop Ziemann's "Emmaus Experience." "It brought absolute life to what we're doing as ministers in education. It set us on fire," Martinez said.

Capuchin Father Stephen Hoyt, chaplain at Charlotte Catholic High School, agreed. "Bishop Ziemann is able to energize educators and help them bring the Good News to students," he said. "He knows a lot about education, specifically Catholic Christian education, and he is able to convey that."



Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann was the guest speaker at the "Day of Reflection" for teachers and support staff Sept. 20



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## One Body: Sister Church Ministry Fosters Unity

KERNERSVILLE — After returning seven years ago to his native country of India, Father Thomas Selvaraj recently visited Holy Cross Church, where in 1989 he had spent several months as substitute pastor.

Father Selvaraj and Holy Cross pastor Father Thomas Fitzpatrick have established the Church to Church Ministry, through which Holy Cross became a sister parish to Father Selvaraj's church in India. Besides prayer and support, Holy Cross has sent some \$14,000 to India thanks to a sponsorship-and-contribution program begun in 1989.

With the funding, Father Selvaraj has provided school uniforms, books and educational opportunities for 250 children and allowed four students to enroll in college.

Because the people of India depend on agriculture for survival and are at the mercy of the weather, Father Selvaraj is currently helping establish a hammock business and has taught as sewing, brick making and typing to provide alternative means of earning wages.

To ensure the continuation of such efforts, contributions are always needed. For information on sponsoring or making donations to the Church to Church Ministry, call Barbara Baretto, (910) 993-2019. Send tax-deductible donations to Holy Cross Catholic Church, 616 S. Cherry St., Kernersville, N.C. 27284. Make checks payable to Holy Cross, noting "Church to Church" in the memo.

## Sisters Celebrate Anniversary Of Order

Twelve Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus are honored with a special service.

By STEVE UZZELL

MINT HILL — Some 150 friends and parishioners joined a dozen Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus Sept. 15 for a celebration at St. Luke Church. A commemorative Mass honored the order of sisters, which for 150 years has focused on education — teaching which often transcends the classroom.

"Education has taken on so many forms today that we're not always in the schools," said Sister Joan O'Neill, a visitor from Florida, who pointed out that instruction also includes such efforts as CCD, church history, and peace and justice. "It is a different type of education," she added, "but it is training the minds and hearts of the people."

Within the Diocese of Charlotte live two Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Sisters Veronica Grover and Jay McCann serve the parish of St. Luke, and Father Mulligan calls them "outstanding models" of courage. Sister Alma Cornelly, also a member of the Society who lived in Charlotte, passed away in 1995.

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus honors its founder, Cornelia Connelly, who devoted her life to teach-



Photo by STEVE UZZELL

Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus: (l-r) Sisters: Jay McCann, Helen Mulligan, Alice Penrose, Susan Slater, Joan O'Neill, Mary Urban Houghton, Jean Marie Guerin, Veronica Grover, Patricia Tirrell, Joan McIntyre, Helen McDonald and Barbara Linen.

ing. She took an active role in the Church in 1846 by forming a community dedicated to educating English female converts. After Connelly's death in 1879, the society continued its apostolate of education. Today, sisters serve on four continents.

"Cornelia Connelly was a bold style of woman when 'bold' was not fashionable or encouraged," said Father Joseph Mulligan, pastor of St. Luke Church. "These women have also stepped forward and shown a source of great power by their boldness."

The commemorative Mass began with a procession of Father Mulligan and the sisters, who were led to honorary seats and assisted at the Mass as lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Bagpipe music accompanied the entrance.

Sister Mary Urban Houghton, from Florida, enjoyed Father Mulligan's comments on the courage of the women in the order. "Leaving home was the

boldest thing I ever did," she said. "I was the first one to leave. After that, I did whatever God told me to do."

The Charlotte ceremony was one of many that the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus have observed during their 150th Jubilee celebration, which began in October 1995. In addition to commemorations in its American headquarters city, Rosemount, Penn., the Society has held observances throughout the nation. More than a half-dozen countries worldwide are celebrating the order's anniversary as well.

Following the Sept. 15 Mass, the celebration continued with dancing, music and a banquet. The "Rince Na'Heireann" Charlotte Irish Dancers team entertained the crowd, and singer-songwriter Thomas Rorie, along with musician Randy Jenkins, performed a self-penned tune which thanked the women for their "one call, many voices — all over the world."

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### BMHS Alumni Meet

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### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jack Sweeney at (704) 896-7757.

### First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are Oct. 5 at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30. For information, call Terry or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point areas meets the first 7:30 p.m. Friday each month at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

### Catholic Inquiry Series

NEWTON — Inquiry classes for people interested in learning about the Catholic faith begin in October at St. Joseph Church. The series is the first stage in becoming a member of the Church. Call the church, (704) 464-9207, and ask about this year's Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

### Craft Fair

CHARLOTTE — Holiday and quilted creations, homemade chili and more are offered at the St. Vincent de Paul Church Craft Fair Oct. 5 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Church Building Fund.

### Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday each month at St. Peter Church.

### Toys Needed

CHARLOTTE — The UNCC Catholic Campus Ministry needs new and nearly new toys for a silent auction fund raiser. For information or to donate, call Barbara Neff-Hutchison, (704) 547-4069, or Karen Reid, (704) 548-1348.

### Schedule Changes

ASHEVILLE — Beginning Sept. 28, the new Mass schedule at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., is Sat.: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 9, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Harvest Dance

CHARLOTTE — The Star Club of St. Matthew parish Harvest Dance is

Nov. 9 from 8 p.m.-midnight in the parish hall. Live polka music, refreshments and door prizes highlight the event. Cost is \$10 per person. For details, call Frank Czelunsiak, (704) 846-3205, Walter Swol, (704) 568-3238 or Dennis O'Neil, (704) 541-7844.

### Ministry Extension

CHARLOTTE — An informational meeting about the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program is Sept. 30 at St. Patrick Cathedral from 7-8:30 p.m. for people interested in pursuing a Master's degree or a non-credit continuing education certificate in Religious Education or Pastoral Studies. For information, call Joanna Case, (704) 362-0013.

### Bible Sharing Group

HIGH POINT — The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church GRACE (Growing Religiously in Adult Catholic Education) Bible sharing on the gospel of Mark is 9:45-11 a.m. Wednesdays until Oct. 23 in the administrative building.

### Fall Rummage Sale

ASHEVILLE — The Parish Involvement Circle of the Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., Fall Rummage Sale is Oct. 4-5 in St. Justin's Center. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### Knights First Degree

CHARLOTTE — The Knights of Columbus Charlotte Council 770 1st Degree in honor of Bishop William G. Curlin for all new members is Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the council hall. For information, call Chuck Malinowski, (704) 544-1927, or Pete Hubbard, (704) 523-5285.

### Fall Festival

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church Fall Festival is Oct. 11-12 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church. Highlights include food, games, a silent auction, and a car raffle. For information, call (910) 274-6520.

### Retrouvaille Session

The next Retrouvaille session, which begins Oct. 11, is designed to help heal and renew married couples who are drifting or have drifted apart. For information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

### International Family Rosary Day

CHARLOTTE — International Family Rosary Day is celebrated 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Father Paul Gary, rector at St. Patrick Cathedral, will speak.

### Alzheimer's, Dementia Support

CHARLOTTE — A support group for families affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia meets Oct. 14 from 2:30-4 p.m. (note new time) at St. Gabriel Church in the Family Room. The meeting features activities and support for families as well as persons affected

with the condition. For information or reservations, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, or B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5047, ext. 212.

### Golf Outing

GREENSBORO — The St. Pius X School 10th Annual Great Golf Outing is Oct. 4 at the Greensboro National Golf Course. Cost is \$85 and includes golf, refreshments and dinner. For information, call Daniel Kerr, (704) 282-4925.

### Youth Program Begins

CHARLOTTE — A city-wide Catholic Youth Group for mentally handicapped students is being formed. For information, call Anne, (704) 523-2774, or Sue, (704) 545-0242.

### Symposium Focuses on Aging

HENDERSONVILLE — The 11th Annual National Symposium Ministry With the Aging, sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte CRISM office, is Oct. 1-4 at Kanuga Conference Center. For information, call (704) 251-0428.

### Italian Dinner, Dancing

CHARLOTTE — A buffet-style Italian dinner is 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at St. Luke Church. Dancing follows. For information, call Betty Lou Smurro, (704) 531-6778, or Rosemary Ward, (704) 545-2482.

### Day of Reflection

HICKORY — The CRISM (Catholic Retired Invited to Special Ministries) annual diocesan Day of Reflection is Oct. 21 at the Catholic Conference Center. Father Richard Hokanson of St. Joseph Church in Newton is chaplain. Cost is \$10. For information, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871 Tues.-Thurs. A registration form is in this issue.

### Silver and Gold

CHARLOTTE — The annual diocesan celebration for couples married 25 or 50 years is 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at St. John Neumann Church. Contact your parish office to be included.

### Jesuit House Retreats

"The Bishops' Economic Pastoral" is an Oct. 4-6 retreat that examines the Pastoral and its place in everyday life directed by Jesuit Father Al Fritsch.

"Images of God In Our Relationship" is a Nov. 1-3 retreat for married couples directed by Steve and Marlene Stowe and Jesuit Father Vince Alagia.

"Come Be With Us" is a Nov. 22-24 retreat for recovering alcoholic men in A.A.

For retreat information, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, or (704) 622-7366.

### Mom's Group

CONCORD — A group for mothers with young children meets each Friday in St. James Church Hall at 10 a.m. For more information, call Julie Pantas, (704) 785-8349.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Francis, Go Repair My Church" is an Oct. 4-6 retreat honoring the feast of St. Francis with a dramatization of the Transitus directed by Conventual Franciscan Father Alfred Sartor. Cost is \$85.

"Songs are for Singing" is an Oct. 11-13 retreat in the colorful surroundings of the Smokies in autumn directed by Dominican Father Michael Burke. Cost is \$85.

"The Stillness of the Forest" is an Oct. 14-20 nature retreat directed by Father Eric Pitre, John Boyles, and Frank and Brenda Petras. Cost is \$235.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" is an Oct. 25-31 retreat of exploration and prayer inspired by the beauty of the mountains in autumn directed by Sisters of Charity Sisters Gloria Solomon and Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### St. Francis Honored

CHARLOTTE — The Transitus (passing from this world to the next) of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 with a prayer service at St. John Neumann Church.

### Seven Students Recognized

CHARLOTTE — The following Charlotte Catholic High School students are semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program based on their PSAT scores: William Belk, Craig T. Chepke, M. Lorraine Elliot, Kristen L. Grauman, Gregory P. LaCava, Holly J. McCartney and Andrew N. Romero.

Jameeiah A. Melton was named a semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. She also received the CCHS DAR Good Citizen Award.

Lorraine Elliot and Vanessa Hastie are scholar finalists in the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program.

### 50+ Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — The 50+ group meets 11 a.m. Oct. 9 at St. John Neumann Church featuring prizes for the best Halloween costume and guest speaker Larry Sprinkle. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

### Respect Life Benediction

CHARLOTTE — A "respect life" Benediction is Oct. 4 at St. Peter Church following the 12:10 p.m. daily Mass. For more details, contact Sheila Brown, (704) 347-8883.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the date of publication.



# World And National News Briefs

## Election Rhetoric Asks Wrong Question, Says Charities Head

CLEVELAND (CNS) — The election-year question that asks "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" emphasizes selfish interests and speaks poorly of national priorities, the president of Catholic Charities USA said in a Cleveland speech. "The answer is, 'Wrong question,'" said Jesuit Father Fred Kammer in a Sept. 20 address to the City Club. "The appropriate question is, 'How are we doing as a people, as a nation?' Too much of our politics is a rank appeal to our selfishness." Father Kammer's speech to the civic group preceded the annual meeting of Catholic Charities USA held in Cleveland Sept. 20-23.

## Lay Spirituality Is Key Issue In Catholic Schools, Says Survey

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS) — In an age when fewer brothers, priests and nuns are teaching in parochial school classrooms, Catholic school superintendents around the country say their top

concern is preparing an almost exclusive lay staff to be strong spiritual leaders. That's the major result from a national survey conducted for the University of Dayton's Center for Catholic Education. Finding qualified applicants for center-city schools was also on the educators' list of concerns. Superintendents listed technology training, strategic planning, marketing and fund raising as other top priorities.

## Oklahoma City Archdiocese Sells All Of Its Disney Stock

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has sold all of its stock in the Walt Disney Corp., citing the movie "Priest" and a fantasy wedding pavilion at the Walt Disney World theme park as its prime objections. Disney stock closed at \$61.125 on the New York Stock Exchange on Sept. 17, when the archdiocese sold its 3,400 shares. Father Edward J. Weisenburger, vicar general for the archdiocese, told Catholic News Service Sept. 18 that the approximately \$200,000 the archdiocese received from the sale would be "reinvested in other, appropriate funds."

## Ohio Bishops Say Riverboat Casinos Not In Citizens' Best Interest

TOLEDO, Ohio (CNS) — Passage of a state constitutional amendment allowing riverboat gambling casinos in Ohio "would not be in the best moral, social, and economic interest of the citi-



CNS photo from Reuters

In this file photo from July 23, Archbishop Joachim Ruhuna of Gitega views the bodies of 304 Burundians killed in a massacre. The archbishop himself was slain Sept. 9 in an ambush.

zens of our state," Ohio's Catholic bishops said in a statement Sept. 16. The bishops did not directly condemn riverboat gambling, but urged voters to consider the issue from economic and ethical perspectives. Citizens will vote on the amendment, "State Issue 1," in the general election Nov. 5, unless a petition challenge to block it succeeds.

## Bishop Urges Unification Of Catholic Church In China

HONG KONG (CNS) — A clandestinely ordained Catholic bishop has circulated a letter urging unification of the "open" and "underground" churches, but both sides see major obstacles. Bishop Andrew Han Jingtao told a Catholic source that he had sent a letter to the bishops in the underground and the government-approved, or open, churches calling for unification. Bishop Han spoke with the source Aug. 15 in Changchun, capital of Jilin province. His remarks were reported Sept. 18 by UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. In a letter May 26, Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Han urged all bishops in China not to review rights and wrongs but to act "to be one flock with one shepherd."

## Cardinal Hume Calls Celibacy Valuable, Despite Losing Priests

LONDON (CNS) — Although the Roman Catholic Church has lost some potentially excellent priests because of mandatory celibacy, the discipline has value and should be preserved, said Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster. "I believe celibacy is the right answer for the church," the primate of England told The Daily Telegraph in a Sept. 18 interview distributed by the bishops' Catholic Media Office. "It brings important value, and in a society which is preoccupied by sex, it serves as a fine witness to love. It is a value we

have to preserve," the cardinal told the London daily newspaper

## Somalia Disasters Of Biblical Proportions, Says Official

MOGADISHU, Somalia (CNS) — People of the Jubba Valley are experiencing disasters of biblical proportions, said Msgr. George Bertin, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Mogadishu. It began with two years of drought. Then in May, heavy rains in Ethiopia caused the Jubba and Shabeelle rivers to flood, drowning what few parched crops remained. According to Msgr. Bertin, renewed fighting among warlords has meant killing and looting. Food has become scarce, and some children have starved. In six weeks in late summer, more than 9,000 hungry people fled the port of Kismayu and went toward Kenya.

## Court Rules Against Ordering Treatment For Pregnant Woman

OTTAWA (CNS) — The Manitoba Court of Appeal has ruled courts do not have the authority to order a pregnant woman to undergo medical treatment, even if it is necessary to protect the fetus. The appellate court overturned a lower court's decision from August that ordered a 22-year-old, solvent-sniffing addict from Winnipeg to undergo treatment for her addiction.

## Vatican Prepares Document On World Hunger, Urges Greater Charity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican will publish a major document on hunger this fall, just in time for a World Food Summit. Vatican officials said Sept. 20 that the lengthy document, several years in preparation, will be unveiled in late October. The U.N.-sponsored food summit is slated for mid-November in Rome.

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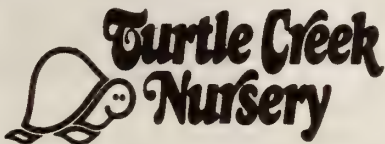
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## Our Lady Of The Annunciation Church

ALBEMARLE — The dedication of Our Lady of the Annunciation Church took place in 1934 with nine Catholic families composing the congregation. However, the first Catholic residents in the area arrived back in 1887, when the Ewing family relocated to Albemarle from Richmond, Va.

Visiting priests sporadically celebrated Mass in the area, or families traveled by train to Salisbury for Sunday services. That changed in 1934, when Father James Cowan, originally from New York, worked to establish a church in the South. Father Cowan celebrated Mass in the living room of the rectory until a gift from Our Lady of the Annunciation parish in New York made construction of a church building possible.

The new structure was dedicated on Sept. 4, 1934.

By the mid-1940s, 35 families made up the parish family, and the textile industry began to yield an even larger Catholic population in the area. A rectory was built in 1941, and Our Lady of the Annunciation began to experience its first significant growth. By the time of the parish's 25th anniversary in 1959, some 75 families called the Albemarle church their spiritual home.

Sustained needs for additional space marked the following years. The congregation saw a parish hall constructed in 1966 to provide room for their religious education classes and social events. Father Anthony Kovacic,

a native of Bijelsko, Yugoslavia, presided as parish administrator at the time — Father Cowan passed away that year — and became pastor in January 1969.

After the 1967 dedication of the hall, Father Kovacic turned attentions to building a new church, as the parish community grew to more than 100 families by decade's end. A sizable donation from the estate of Father Cowan and his mother led to the construction of a new facility, and on July 31, 1971, Bishop Vincent Waters said the first Mass at the new, 380-seat Our Lady of the Annunciation Church. Msgr. Michael J. Begley, soon to become the Charlotte Diocese's founding bishop, preached the homily.

Several diocesan priests have served the parish since Father Kovacic was appointed pastor to a Charlotte parish in 1973. During this time, the parish enhanced its participation in a number of community and ecclesial projects, such as Meals on Wheels, campus ministry, charismatic prayer and youth ministry.

On March 25, 1984, Our Lady of the Annunciation parish gathered to celebrate its Golden Jubilee Liturgy. Fathers Kovacic, Joseph Kelleher and Carl T. Del Guidice — all pastors of the Albemarle church at different points — joined Bishop Begley in celebrating the Mass for the more than 200 families who were then registered at the parish.

In May 1990, Bishop Begley dedicated a newly built Family Life Center to mark the continued physical expansion in the parish. Spiritual growth goes on as well, and many remain active in a host of ministries and community efforts. In addition to an ongoing youth ministry and participation in Meals on Wheels, parishioners give of their time to other projects, including a program for the elderly called OASIS, Knights of Columbus, pregnancy crisis outreach, and a morning prayer group which meets daily for rosary recitation and devotions. The church also has gone beyond parish boundaries by establishing Our Lady of the Americas in Biscoe as a mission.

The parish population of Our Lady of the Annunciation Church now consists of more than 250 families. The parish is one of the largest in the Albemarle Vicariate, and by its active stance in church and civic life, it makes a strong statement of devotion in this Stanly County town.

### Our Lady of the Annunciation

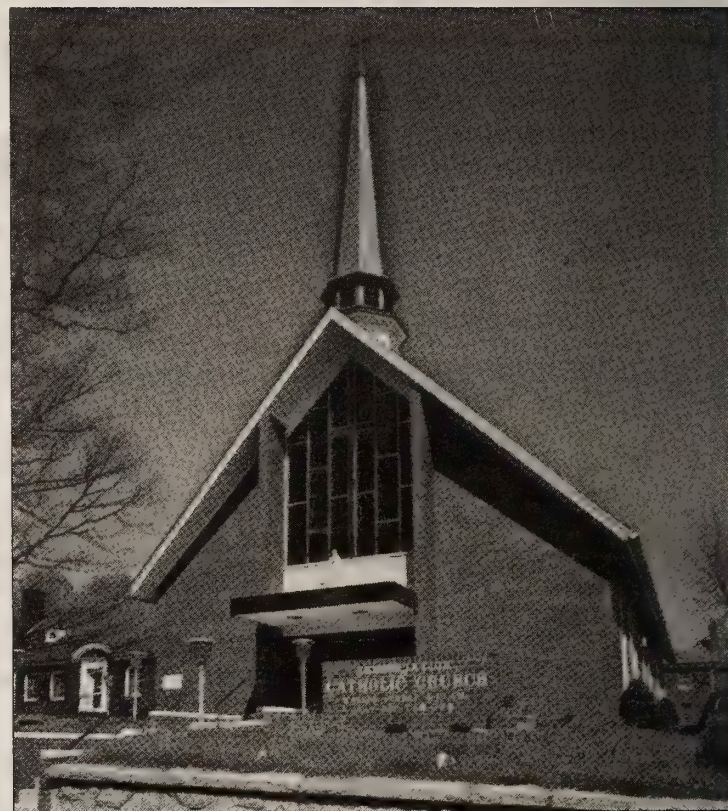
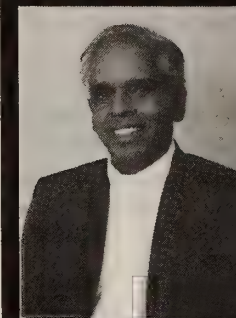
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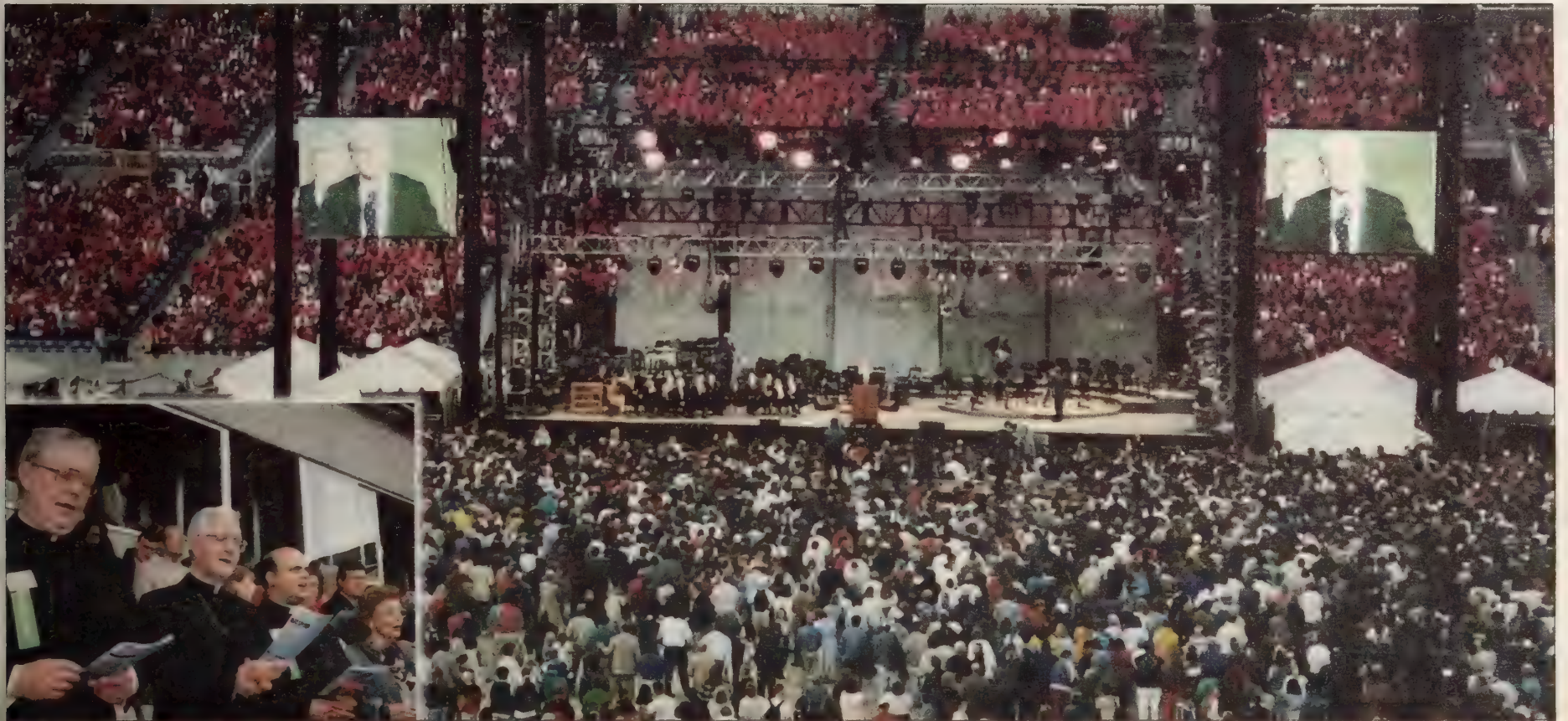


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Father Ed Vilkauskas, Bishop William G. Curlin and Father Anthony Marcaccio join in singing at Sunday evening's Crusade service. More than 336,000 people attended the four-day event at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte.

## Crusade Draws More Than 1,000 To Altar Calls

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
 Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Some 336,100 people came in faith to Ericsson Stadium during the Carolinas Billy Graham Crusade Sept. 26-29. Of those, more than 22,000 made commitments of rededication — more frequently referred to as altar calls. The group included an excess of 1,000 who expressed interest in taking their spiritual journey by way of the Catholic Church.

For Graham, a native of the Charlotte area, the event was a homecoming. For the more than 1,000 people indicating an interest in Catholicism, it was a spiritual return as well.

"The real work begins now," says Bishop William G. Curlin of the Diocese of Charlotte. "The real work is trying to help these people deepen their faith in Jesus and live a Christian life." Commit-

ment sheets were being processed by diocesan staff mid-week following Billy Graham's fourth Charlotte Crusade since 1947.

Bishop Curlin, who endorsed the Crusade and attended several of the prayer services, calls Graham "a man of extraordinary faith in Jesus." The bishop's respect for the evangelist and his message echoes a maturing relationship between Graham and Catholics, which did not exist 30 years ago.

"I've been told that there's never been such a unity of churches in Charlotte in history as there has been for this Crusade," said Graham to an applauding audience Sunday evening.

The Graham — and Catholic — approach to ecumenical ministry during the past three decades has nurtured the

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## Bishop Responds:

## U.S. Senate Fails To Override Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Veto

*The Most Reverend William G. Curlin, bishop of the 46-county Diocese of Charlotte issued the following statement in response to the senate vote on the partial-birth abortion veto:*

I am gravely disappointed by the action of some members of the U.S. Senate in their bold defense of the partial-birth abortion act. These elected officials have turned their backs upon humanity, ignored the voices of their constituency, and proceeded to endorse the most inhumane procedure of our generation.

Tragically, some senators and representatives have been falsely led to believe that partial-birth abortion is necessary to preserve a woman's life. Yet, this flies in the face of reality. Obstetricians, gynecologists and perinatologists are emphatic in their denunciation of the partial-birth abortion by stating this procedure is never necessary to save a woman's life, health or fertility. Former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop has stated publicly that this procedure is never medically necessary and charitably suggested that President Clinton was misinformed by his medical advisors. As leaders in the field of medicine have testified, such a horrendous procedure poses its own risk to a woman's health and fertility.

I plead with all women and men who seek to defend the sanctity of life, to raise their voices in protest against this action. Seventy one percent of Americans say they oppose partial-birth abortions, including 65 percent of those who call themselves pro-choice. Regrettably, 41 senators did not take this into account. We deserve better representation than this.

The issue of partial-birth abortion is of such weight that people should keep this in mind when they choose their representatives. We cannot and dare not let our country continue on a path of ever-increasing disregard for the sanctity of life.

The partial-birth abortion act is infanticide. It is time for us to speak up in defense of the truth.



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## Answering The Call:

### Bishops Urge Political Responsibility

This is last of three articles about the Catholic obligation to political responsibility. The articles revolve around materials written by the American bishops and issued through the United States Catholic Conference. The current materials are titled, "Political Responsibility: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life, Protecting the Least Among Us, and Pursuing the Common Good." These materials were made available to every parish in the diocese through Catholic Social Services Office of Justice and Peace.

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

It is the role of Christian communities to analyze the situation in their own country, to reflect upon the meaning of the Gospel, and to draw norms of judgment and plans of action from the teaching of the Church and their own experience.

These words are from Pope Paul VI's document *A Call to Action*. The American bishops use it and other Church documents as the foundation of their call to Catholics to get involved in the governing process.

Their approach is far from subtle. Nor is it a mere request. The American bishops have, for the past 20 years, issued a rallying cry to fellow Americans to effect the changes in their communities. They refer to this as an obligation to political responsibility. For some that may mean a trip to the voting booth every few years. But the bishops call us to much more.

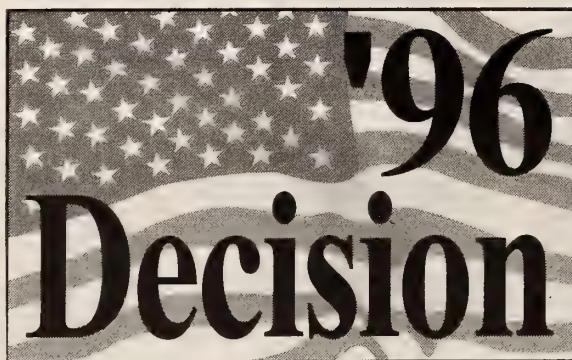
"People have to be committed to learning about the issues. They have to be willing to study and debate the substantive issues of the day," said Ron Krietemeyer, director for the Office of Social Justice in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

Learning the ins and outs of complex issues is not easy. But Krietemeyer believes the more Catholics expose themselves to the issues and institutions affected by them, the more they will understand them.

Jesuit Father Eugene McCreesh, a community activist in Charlotte, said studying issues is not enough.

"There are five types of conversion we are called to: God, prayer, community, working for the poor, and justice. The last, justice, is the most difficult because it is calling us to be countercultural," he said. "If we are people committed to justice we must first go through the teachings of the Church. We must know them, study them and take them to heart."

Armed with an understanding of Church teachings sheds light on where people of faith are called to stand. But Catholics should not judge issues with a sense of moral superiority, warns Krietemeyer. They are still obligated to get the facts.



"Being a religious-based organization does not exempt us from being competent with the facts," he said.

Once armed with this competency, Krietemeyer says the next step is getting involved in advocacy groups that deal with these issues. He suggests starting on the local level where people have greater influence in causing changes.

"One pastor told me he would like to see each member of his parish become an active participant in some community effort," said Krietemeyer. "Everyone ought to be involved in the public arena. I'm not talking about charity. We Catholics are good about doing charitable works. I am talking about getting involved in activities that effect change in the structure of our community. We should have as many volunteers working to change what's wrong with the structure as we have volunteers doing charity work."

Krietemeyer said community activism takes an individual beyond his own self interests and into a realm of building a better community for all people. It is an attitude, he said, that parents need to instill in their children, pastors need to emphasize for their parishioners, and Catholics need to remain faithful to throughout their lives.

Krietemeyer also recommends Catholics get involved in the political process. "They should seriously consider running for office, working for a candidate or party. If they are concerned about the shallowness and hassles apparent in politics today, they should do something to make it better. I say, 'Don't agonize. Organize.' A lot of people whine about the dirty game of politics but few do what it takes to clean it up."

Rather than condemn the ills of politics, the bishops urge Catholics to embrace the process as a tool for effective and righteous change. They write: "As religious leaders and pastors, our intention is to reflect our concern that politics receive its rightful importance and attention and that it become an effective forum for the achievement of common good."

For information about the American bishops' materials or the Oct. 18-19 "Faith Doing Justice" conference, which will further focus on political responsibility, contact Joanne Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1736.



Students from Charlotte's Catholic schools help Joe Marinello, co-manager of the Dilworth Harris Teeter, place items into a bin for the Metrolina Food Bank.

Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

## Charlotte Catholic Schools Help in Hurricane Relief

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — As the ill effects of Hurricane Fran are still being felt in the Diocese of Raleigh, children and youth of Charlotte's Catholic schools came together in service to aid the storm's victims by helping to collect close to 4,000 non-perishable food and household items.

Joe Marinello, president of the diocesan school board and co-manager of the Dilworth Harris Teeter on East Boulevard, came to Diocese of Charlotte Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Skube with the idea of the schools' getting involved in the Harris Teeter food drive. Harris Teeter stores began the two-week drive Sept. 13, and the schools began their collection shortly after.

Although some of the children are too young to remember the destruction Hurricane Hugo caused in Charlotte in 1989, they were aware of the needs of people faced with disaster now. "There were some bottles of water in my garage," explained Sydney Humbert, a first-grader at St. Gabriel School, "and my mom and me brought 'em to school,

'cause the people were thirsty."

While Mecklenburg County Harris Teeters had already set up displays in the stores, Marinello said that MACS' participation helped the project far exceed expectations. Students brought the items to their respective schools — Charlotte Catholic High School, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, St. Ann, St. Gabriel, All Saints, St. Patrick, and Our Lady of the Assumption — which later turned the food over to the store nearest to the parishes. Working in conjunction with Metrolina Food Bank to give the food to the Raleigh Diocese, Harris Teeter assisted in the storage and transport of the goods after the drive had ended.

Marinello, who called their enthusiasm for the project "awe inspiring," said the students seized the chance assist others. "Giving is an act of love," he said, "and I think that's a lesson these children learned, when they had the opportunity to give to someone else."

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
October 6 - 12



Sunday:	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Philippians 4: 6-9 Matthew 21: 33-43
Monday:	Galatians 1: 6-12 Luke 10: 25-37
Tuesday:	Galatians 1: 13-24 Luke 10: 38-42
Wednesday:	Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14 Luke 11: 1-4
Thursday:	Galatians 3: 1-5 Luke 11: 5-13
Friday:	Galatians 3: 7-14 Luke 11: 15-26
Saturday:	Galatians 3: 22-29 Luke 11: 27-28

## The Wedding Feast



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. (Mt 22:2) ... When the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. He said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet and cast him into the darkness outside....' Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Mt 22:11-14)





Office of the Bishop

October 4, 1996



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In *Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life*, the Holy Father states: "To all members of the Church, the people of life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal that we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love."

Daily we are reminded of the loss of respect for human life. Crime, family violence and an erosion of morals leave little doubt that the world is not always a safe harbor. The recent acceptance by some elected officials of the Partial Birth Procedure remains a frightening indictment of their leadership. You and I must work to prevent these assaults on the sanctity of life from becoming accepted values. We must become beacons of hope and light. We must say that there is a better way to deal with problems in today's society. Modern men and women must strive to hear the true message of Jesus.

A woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy deserves the message of Christ's love, not the "quick fix" offered by an abortionist. The terminally ill person needs to feel the comforting hand of Christ through our loving touch and not the hand of the Doctor of Death.

Rather than adopt a view that sees the teachings of the Church as restrictive, let us defend the moral leadership of the Church that promotes authentic freedom. During every Sunday Mass we profess our belief in everlasting life. The attacks on our belief demand a response in defense of the sanctity of life.

I invite you to join with me in returning to a holy tradition of refraining from eating meat on all Fridays of the year. (Today we observe this holy custom on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.) We are mindful of the Lord's promise that more is accomplished through prayer and penance than this world dreams possible. May this personal penance be a strong source of grace in our defense of human life.

Begging God to bless you for all that you do on behalf of the sanctity of life, I am as always,

Prayerfully in the Lord,

Most Rev. William G. Curlin  
Bishop of Charlotte

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## Pro-Life Effort To End Partial-Birth Abortions To Continue

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The effort to end partial-birth abortions is not dead, church and pro-life leaders agreed after the U.S. Senate failed to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

As Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and other religious leaders prayed in the Senate gallery Sept. 26, the Senate voted 57-41 to override the veto. That was nine votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.

"Contrary to what pro-abortion forces may believe, we are not discouraged or disheartened by what happened today," said Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, in a Sept. 26 statement.

"It is not a black day for the pro-life movement," he added. "Indeed it is a day of victory. For we have never been as galvanized, as unified, and as energized as we are at this moment."

A week before the Senate vote, the House of Representatives had voted to override the veto, 285-137.

The legislation vetoed by Clinton in April would have banned a procedure used in late-term abortions in which the unborn child is partially delivered before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the rest of the body.

"No nation, no civilization that abandons its moral foundations by legally destroying its own children through such a barbaric procedure can possibly survive," said Cardinal Bevilacqua after the Senate vote.

The cardinal and other Catholics joined Protestant and Jewish leaders in a prayer breakfast on Capitol Hill before the Senate vote.

When it became clear that there were not enough votes to override the veto, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi changed his "yes" vote to "no" so that he would be able, under Senate rules, to bring the issue to a vote again before adjournment.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, pledged that the bishops would "intensify our educational efforts until there is no one left in this nation who does not know what a partial-birth abortion is and why it ought never to be allowed in any humane society."

Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington noted in a statement that the three House members and two senators who represent parts of Maryland that are in his archdiocese had voted against the veto override.

"They ignored clear evidence from the medical community that this brutal procedure has no medical purpose whatsoever. They also ignored the will of hundreds of thousands of their constituents," Cardinal Hickey said. "Thoughtful citizens should keep this in mind as they ponder their choices on election day."

Rep. Charles T. Canady, the Florida Republican who was chief sponsor of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, said he would reintroduce the legislation next year in the 105th Congress.

"With the groundwork that has been laid, I am hopeful that we will be able to pass this legislation next year and put a stop to the atrocity of partial-birth abortion once and for all," he said. The day before the vote, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York joined in a telephone conference call with Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp and others to drum up support for the override.

In a sermon during Sunday Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral Sept. 29, Cardinal O'Connor criticized Catholic members of Congress who voted against the veto override.

The cardinal said they "either do not understand our teachings or fail to accept them. We pray for their souls. We pray they will be enlightened."

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," he added.

## Remember His Will In Yours.

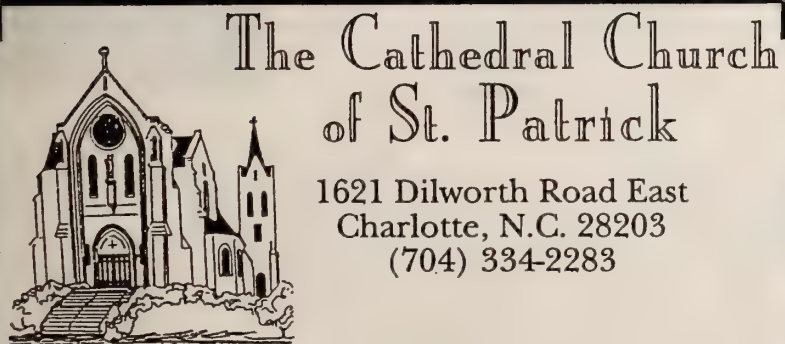
"A valid Will stands as a continuing expression of our concern for loved ones, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Church and the community in which we live."

Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



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Pope John Paul II *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 28

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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| <b>October 5</b><br>11 a.m.<br>Mass for Permanent Deacons of Diocese of Charlotte<br>Catholic Conference Center, Hickory | 5 p.m.<br>Confirmation<br>St. Vincent de Paul Church, Charlotte                               |
| 7 p.m.<br>Dedication<br>Grandover Resort and Conference Center<br>Greensboro   | <b>October 15</b><br>Priests Convocation<br>Camden, N.J.                                      |
| <b>October 6-10</b><br>Diocesan Priests Retreat<br>Maggie Valley   | <b>Catholic Physicians Guild</b><br>October 17, 7 p.m.<br>Basilica of St. Lawrence, Asheville |
| <b>October 11</b><br>Post Crusade Rally<br>St. Matthew Church, Charlotte   | October 18, 7:30 p.m.<br>St. Leo Church, Winston-Salem (reception/talk follows)               |
| <b>October 13</b><br>11 a.m.<br>Parish Visitation<br>St. Joseph of the Hills Church, Eden                                | October 19, 11 a.m.<br>St. Ann Church, Charlotte (luncheon follows)                           |
|  | <b>October 29</b><br>Faith Doing Justice Conference<br>Belmont Abbey College, Belmont         |

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Expresses Gratitude For French Catholics' Faithful Witness

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Sept. 25.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Having just completed my sixth pastoral visit to France, I wish to thank Divine Providence for enabling me to travel the roads of that country's past and present history. A particular word of appreciation goes to all those who made my pilgrimage possible, especially the bishops and the president of the republic and other civil authorities. I am deeply grateful to the Catholics of France who, by their presence, fervent prayer and countless gestures of solidarity, bore unmistakable witness to their faith and to their communion with the successor of Peter.

The Christian roots of France date back to the second century, and my visit coincided with the inauguration of a year dedicated to St. Martin of Tours, on the 1,600th anniversary of his death. My visit also commemorated the baptism of Clovis, king of the Franks. In fact, the central theme of my visit was the mystery of baptism, the sacrament of new life which initiates us into the faith and calls us to commit ourselves to the task of proclaiming the Gospel in every circumstance of our daily lives. The whole church has benefited from the more than 1,500 years of Christianity in France. Let us thank the Lord for the example of St. Martin and for the baptism of Clovis, and may each one of us respond ever more fully to the grace which we have received in this sacrament.

I am pleased to greet the new students of the Pontifical Beda College who have come to Rome to begin their formation for the priesthood. Upon all the English-speaking pilgrims, especially those from England, Scotland, Denmark, Sweden, Belarus, Australia,

Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Canada and the United States, I invoke the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope's Schedule Cleared For Appendectomy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II cleared his schedule during the second week in October for an expected appendectomy.

The Vatican said all official papal activities were suspended as of Oct. 7. The 76-year-old pontiff was expected to lead a beatification ceremony at the Vatican Oct. 6 before checking into Rome's Gemelli Hospital for the surgery.

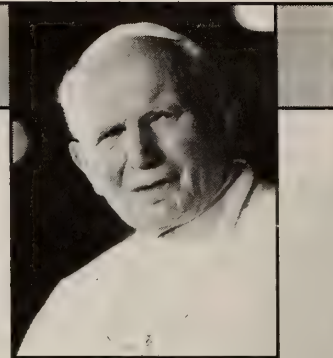
Papal doctors said in September that the pope's recent bouts with fever and nausea were provoked by a periodically inflamed appendix. They recommended it be removed, and the pope agreed.

The Vatican has not said how long a recovery period is expected. The pope had no major events planned at the Vatican until early November, but the surgery will cause him to cancel or postpone a number of private meetings, "ad limina" visits and group talks for at least several days.

The pope, speaking to visitors at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo Sept. 29, looked and sounded tired. A Vatican spokesman has said the pope is also suffering from nervous system disturbances.

At the Gemelli Hospital, the pope's 10th-floor suite of rooms was reportedly being prepared. The complex includes a chapel, a sitting room, a small kitchen and a place for a few aides to work.

It will be his seventh stay in the hospital since his election in 1978.



## Vocations Update

Father Frank O'Rourke

### Vocations and College: Opportunities Do Exist

Greetings and peace!

If you are a junior or senior in high school or are currently enrolled in college, I hope you will give careful consideration to exploring the possibility of your being called to priesthood.

College seminaries today allow young men to explore a vocation to priesthood in an environment which offers opportunities for personal development and growth. Within the group of 22 seminarians of the Diocese of Charlotte this year, we are blessed with three college-age men preparing for priesthood.

Matthew Ritter is completing his final year at Belmont Abbey College. Also, Brandon Schmitz and Matthew Buettner, seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa., have begun their journey to priesthood in their studies at the seminary's college division. The three men say that they feel a strong desire to serve, especially in the Diocese of Charlotte.

Numerous requests for information by young men of college age — along with current vocational literature — speaks of a renewed interest in beginning studies for priesthood during college years. I appeal to high school juniors and seniors and those already in college who hear a call to priesthood to recognize that vocational opportunities *do* exist in college settings.

I welcome your inquiries and will keep you informed in this column of "Come and See" weekends, which are especially tailored to provide college-age men with an introductory experience of seminary life.

Weekends sched-

uled for this year include: Oct. 12-14, Nov. 23-25, and Dec. 14-16 at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana; Dec. 6-8 at St. Charles Seminary's college division in Wynnewood, Pa.; and Nov. 7-10 at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. A Palm Sunday weekend (March 21-23) session is planned at St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, La., next year, although weekends in late October and mid-November are also possibilities.

The Church is in great need of generous men to offer their lives in service as priests. Please look within your families and church communities for young men who you believe possess these special gifts. Encourage them to contact the priest in their parish, community or school. I am also always available to meet with young people who are in the process of discerning their future.

Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Charlotte. For more information on vocations, contact him at P.O. Box 130, Clemmons, N.C. 27012, (910) 766-1882.



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Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney

**St. Thérèse: Making Sanctity Real**

The first of October marks the start of a year-long centennial celebration of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. It's a good reason to rediscover the reason for Thérèse's meteoric rise to fame which Pius XI called a "hurricane of glory."

The larger world was introduced to this Carmelite nun through her own words. I encourage you to read her autobiography, "The Story of A Soul," published just one year after her death at the age of 24.

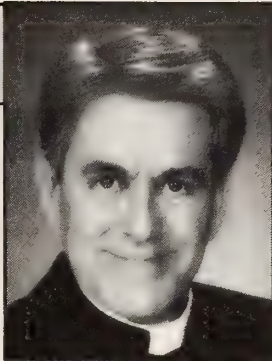
Benedict XV found in her writings "the secret of sanctity for the entire world." Her style is sentimental by today's standards. But her intimate candor in articulating her "Little Way" of approaching God through life's most ordinary moments makes the memoirs compelling. Thérèse was a woman in search of authenticity. And in the realm of the everyday she triumphed.

Her revelations even caught the

cinematic eye of French director Alan Cavalier. His controversial film "Thérèse" captured several international film awards as well as Time Magazine's list of top ten films of 1986. What attracted Cavalier and so many others to this young French nun's life over the last century was her realness, her enthusiastic belief in the love of Jesus as the centerpiece of her wholeness.

"My vocation is love," she wrote. Perhaps this is what makes her so lovable.

Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus could also improvise on the spirit of the Holy Rule of the Carmelites in deliberate acts of individuality that still engage us. She embroidered a cattail in scarlet in the center of her white pinafore. It was a symbol of ointment made from the marsh plant that was used to dress soldiers' wounds. She wrote a drama about Joan of Arc for her community, then covered her brown habit with full costume complete with wig and played the lead.



Thérèse's tuberculosis in the last years of her life caused physical suffering even as she wrestled to preserve faith in the face of doubt. The bouquet of roses piously associated with her may seem almost thornless. Not when you read Thérèse's last letter to her sister, Marie Martin:

"Did not Jesus cry out, 'Father remove this chalice from me?' Are you not ready to suffer all that God wills? Assuredly! And so, if you want to know joy and to love suffering, you are really seeking your own consolation, because once we love, all suffering disappears!"

It has been rumored among ecclesiastical circles that Pope John Paul II will name Thérèse a "Doctor of the Church," a title given to certain writers on account of the great advantage the

Church has gained from their doctrine. Only two other women, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Catherine of Siena have been named Doctors because of the influence of their spiritual teaching. Yet the rumor is tantalizing. If Thérèse were to join them, the writings of other great women of the Church might receive the careful examination they richly deserve.

With or without the title, what could be more real than a life so consumed with loving God that she embraced His children — not only her beloved family and Sisters and those of her lifetime, but of time to come? With total trust in God, she could proclaim, "I will spend my heaven in doing good on earth."

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Question Box

Father John Dietzen

**Promising To Baptize A Child Catholic**

*Q. One of our sons, when he was married to a non-Catholic, said in the papers he signed that he would continue his Catholic faith, and would do everything he could to raise his children Catholic also.*

*A few years ago, however, he joined another church, the Methodists, with his wife. Recently their child, our grandson, was baptized in their church.*

*Our priest has been a great help in many ways, but we haven't received a solid answer to one matter that concerns us. According to Catholic teaching, is our grandchild really baptized? Can you explain, and give us something we can tell our son and our other children?*

*A. In a word, the answer is yes. The Catholic Church clearly recognizes the validity of baptisms in many other Christian churches.*

There's nothing brand new about this. Thirty years ago, Vatican Council II referred to baptism as one of the sacramental bonds that link us with other Christian churches."

In one place, the council says, "the Christian way of life of these (Protestant) brethren is nourished by faith in Christ. It is strengthened by the grace of baptism and the hearing of God's word." (Decree on Ecumenism, n. 2)

About 20 years before that the church explicitly mentioned Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists and Disciples of Christ as among those who should not be baptized again if they convert to the Catholic faith.

The reason is that there is no reason to doubt the validity of the baptism they received in the church they belonged to previously.

As you imply the promise or affirmation made when your son was mar-

ried added nothing to the responsibilities any believing and committed Catholic has as she or he enters marriage.

Those who take their religious commitments seriously (and for Catholics this would include their beliefs concerning the church, the Eucharist, the sacraments, etc.) have a serious responsibility to do everything they can for their own faith, and to provide their children an opportunity for that same relationship with God.

Sometimes, however, even the best efforts and intentions do not work out, and it's impossible for us to get into anyone else's conscience to know their relationship to God in these matters.

This is why the affirmation made



by a Catholic before an interfaith marriage is worded as you stated: He or she will do everything within their power to share their Catholic faith with their children, and hold onto it themselves.

Your son's experience is one more evidence of how seriously couples should take their religious convictions at the time of marriage.

One of the primary purposes of the church's requirements before marriage is to bring the couple to a serious dialog about how they will keep and respect their own and each other's consciences in their religious lives.

*A free brochure, in English or Spanish, asking questions Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.*

Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir

**Love the Daughter, Not Her Lifestyle**

A few days ago a letter came to me in response to my radio ministry:

"Bless you for all your help to us. I am so lost, confused, hurt and in need of guidance. I found out my daughter is a lesbian. She has a beautiful little child whom I love deeply, though she has never been married. She is living with a woman. I tried to talk to her about her sin but she refused to listen. I cannot and will not accept this sin from her. When I talk to them we end up fighting. I get very angry when she tells me she will raise this child outside the Church. She feels there isn't anything wrong with her life. Am I wrong? Should I accept the

other person? If I do, I feel I will approve her lifestyle. Please help."

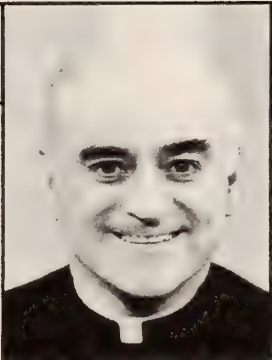
This was a difficult one. I thought and prayed about it before answering. When in doubt about any issue, I always consult the Bible first. On the morning I was planning to write her, the Gospel for the day's Mass was taken from Luke 6:37. It gave me the opening I needed:

"Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Pardon, and you shall be pardoned. Give, and it shall be given to you.... For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

There are many levels of law that

we need to observe, but above them all is the supreme law of love. To obey that law we sometimes have to close one eye to other things that are happening around us. When Jesus walked and talked with prostitutes, he wasn't thereby approving their lifestyle. Even though he knew he would be condemned by hypocrites for it, he chose to be kind and understanding to them nevertheless.

I think Jesus would want this woman to put the moral issue in perspec-



tive. Family support and love is important. You can accept the person without accepting the sin, and you can be kind in the process. It is enough to express disapproval of the relationship, but striving for peace and harmony after that is also a moral value. I encouraged her to speak more to God about her daughter, than to her daughter about God.

Respecting the conscience of another is a delicate matter. There is much that we do not know about the human psyche. When someone close is doing the best he or she can do in order to be a good person, I think it's best to live and let live. "Do not do to another what you would not want them to do to you."



# Immaculata Gift Targeted for Catholic Education

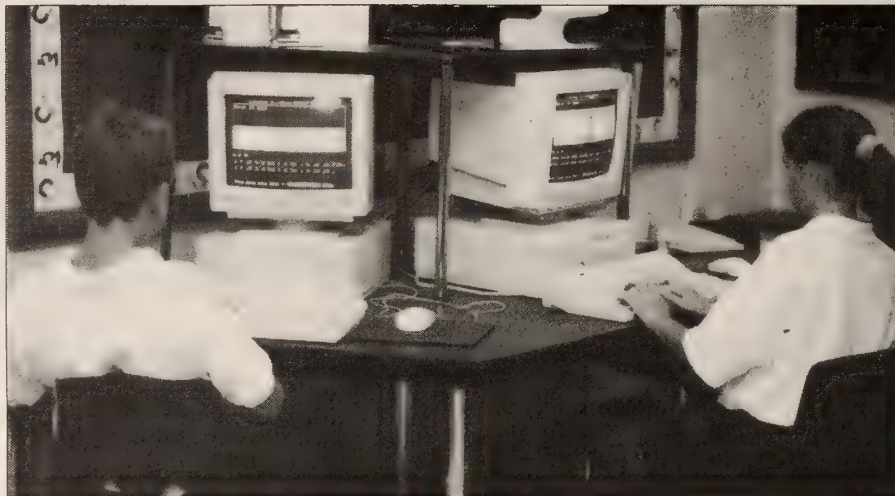
By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

**HENDERSONVILLE** — Mary Spinks has fond memories of her Catholic schools days. As a youngster in Greenville, N.J., Spinks and both her brothers attended parochial schools. In fact, nearly everyone in her neighborhood went to Catholic schools. "In those days, Catholic schools didn't have to worry about students — they got them. Things have changed though."

Those changes mean not only less students but tighter budgets for many Catholic schools — Immaculata School (pre-K through 8th grade) being no exception. With her love of Catholic education in mind, Spinks recently donated \$130,000 to the parochial school for a computer networking project.

For the past 10 years, Spinks has settled in as a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church, and her bond to the church goes beyond attending Mass. She has also grown fond of Immaculata School, which has served families in the area since 1926.

According to Sister of Holy Cross Judith McKenna, principal, Spinks' gift allowed the school to purchase four computers and a printer for each classroom in grades 1-8, plus a TV and VCR. A computer was also purchased for the pre-



Immaculata students at new computer stations.

K class. "What we had outlined in a five-year plan we were able to do in one year thanks to Mrs. Spinks' generosity," Sister Judith noted. Three computers in each classroom were earmarked for students' use, while the fourth was purchased for the teacher. The school will also soon be getting a digital camera, and a color printer for the library. Thanks to Spinks, the new computers are all on the same network as well. In addition, the gift includes teacher training, maintenance and purchase of additional software over the next five years.

An initial gift of \$108,000 was provided to Immaculata for the project, but when monies were needed for wiring, tables and chairs, Spinks donated an additional \$22,000. Sister Judith said Spinks' attorney approached her about the gift this past spring. "It was a magnificent surprise," she said.

While school officials and the attorney worked out the details, students and teachers returned to school in late August to find new computers.

Spinks, who splits her time between Florida and the North Carolina mountains, said she had been considering the gift for quite some time. "I have always felt education is so very important and I think more emphasis should be put on it," she said. "They need to run schools to the best of their ability."

"More and more Catholics who have the capacity to make significant gifts like Mrs. Spinks are doing so to support our schools, parishes and agencies," said Jim Kelley, director of development for the diocese who worked with Spinks on the gift. "Their stewardship of treasure will help secure the financial future of our Catholic organizations."

Sister Judith said the gift will serve Immaculata students well beyond the millennium. "It's a dream-come-true," she said. "Mrs. Spinks wanted to do something that would make a difference in the lives of children for years to come, and she certainly has."



Franciscan Father John Aurilia, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church; Mary Spinks; Sister Judith McKenna, principal; Dr. Michael F. Skube, superintendent of Catholic Schools, with students from Immaculata School.

## Churches Celebrate Five Year Covenant

**NEWTON** — A celebration marking five years of dialogue between St. Joseph Catholic and Beth Eden Lutheran Churches is 3:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Beth Eden Lutheran Church.

Father Wilbur Thomas, pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Hickory, is keynote speaker. The festival features processions, choral music and ceremonies culminating in an opportunity for members of the parishes to sign a covenant agreement pledging to continue study, worship, pulpit exchanges, lay reader exchanges and fellowship opportunities in preparation for cooperative efforts into the 21st century.

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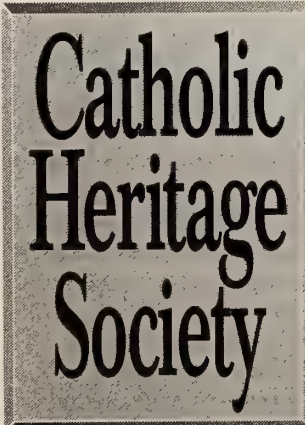
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# Catholics Among Those Drawn To Crusade, from page 1

realization of and focus on Catholics' belief in Christ as Lord and in the Bible as God's inspired Word.

That message — of accepting and believing in the providence of Jesus and the Bible — was conveyed in a variety of ways through the immense stadium in each of the services. The Rev. Billy Graham preached. Country music legends Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash sang. Former NFL coach Joe Gibbs drew comparisons between football and the "game of life." Contemporary Christian musicians dc Talk and Michael W. Smith rocked.

After asking the congregations whether they were trying to live their lives without meaning, Graham summarized his message in four words: "The answer is Christ."

At the services, Graham urged the crowds to try to find that answer through a public display of rededication to the Lord. The thousands who came forward included the faithful, the baptized, the devoted who sought renewal. The throng also comprised the unchurched, the confused, the unfulfilled. Bishop Curlin says the Church needs to ready itself to accept all of these people looking to find the way to Christ through Catholicism.

"They came forth. Will we come forth to help? That's going to be the great proof of whether the Crusade is a success: the follow-up. It's vitally important that men and women, religious and laity, commit ourselves to assisting those who have reached out and said, 'I need

Christ in my life.' We have to do our part now," the bishop says.

Hospitality efforts already are underway as commitment cards, which inquirers completed during the altar calls, are processed. Telephone committees are being formed, letters of welcome are being sent, and a meeting for parish evangelical representatives to discuss further follow-up efforts has been scheduled.

Perhaps most important to the initial welcoming phase for those who committed themselves to the Catholic faith is an Oct. 11 prayer service and reception at St. Matthew Church in Charlotte. With Bishop Curlin presiding, the service is intended as a celebration of recommitment to Christ.

Spiritual Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization and pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Monroe, expresses excitement at the



Photo by Sue Johnson  
Graham encouraged people to let Christ be the center of their lives.

prospect of helping "these 'travelers' take the second step of their chosen journey."

"We cannot force them," he adds, "We cannot push them and we cannot drive them. We can only make the path a little easier to travel."

Father Vilkauskas says that the Oct. 11 service, which begins at 7 p.m., is not

only a celebration for the renewed. It will also thank the numerous people who helped prepare for Catholic involvement in the Crusade. In addition, it will call on the members of the Catholic community who will encourage those beginning a new life in the Catholic Church.

From that point, Father Vilkauskas and his volunteer staff will help physically and spiritually place those inquirers, who reside in the Charlotte Diocese and beyond, into parishes. Programs intended to further the journey of people who responded have been established as well, and both Father Vilkauskas and Bishop Curlin — and, indeed, Billy Graham — plead that parishioners will assume the responsibility to meet with, counsel and support their brothers and sisters.

"I'm going to ask you to come and say, 'Yes' to Christ," said Graham during Sunday evening's altar call. Repeating an invitation he had conveyed throughout the event, he urged those who made their way to the field to read the Bible daily, pray, serve as Christian witnesses, and find a church.

Bishop Curlin says that the more than 1,000 people who reached out to the Catholic Church after the Crusade serve as reminders for all Catholics to continue their own renewal of faith. "I was moved each night to recommit my life as a priest and a bishop," he adds. "The faith demonstrated by those persons going down to the field and reaching out to Jesus stirred up in me a desire to know Him even more in my life. It was a time for all of us to reach out and touch the welcoming, reconciling embrace of Christ. I pray that God will continue in our ministry the good work He has begun through the Carolinas Crusade."

To find out more about ongoing Catholic hospitality efforts to welcome inquirers after the Carolinas Crusade, contact Father Ed Vilkauskas, director of evangelization for the Diocese of Charlotte, (704) 289-2773.



Photo by Sue Johnson  
Shown are people responding to the altar call Sunday evening.



CNS photo from Reuters  
Pope John Paul II elevates the host during an open-air Mass at a military base in Tours, France Sept. 21.

## 50 Years As Priest:

# ABC-TV Special To Focus On Pope

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope John Paul II's 50th anniversary as a priest will be celebrated in "John Paul II: A Light for the Nations," an hour-long documentary produced by the Catholic Communication Campaign for the ABC-TV network.

Karol Wojtyla was ordained a priest Nov. 1, 1946, for the Archdiocese of Krakow, Poland, where he served first as a parish priest, then as an auxiliary bishop, and finally as archbishop of the Polish see. In 1978 he was elected pope, becoming the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years and the first one from Poland.

The program will be distributed to ABC affiliates on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Viewers should contact local stations for date and time of broadcast.

The documentary includes interviews of a boyhood friend of the pope, the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican and others who give insights into the pope as priest, world citizen and statesman. The profile also looks at his influence on communism and its eventual downfall in Eastern Europe.

"John Paul II: A Light for the Nations" is the second of the four-part "Vision and Values" series offered annually to ABC-TV stations by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission. The commission is a consortium of Christian and Jewish faith organizations that produces religious documentaries for distribution

to TV stations.

Ellen McCloskey of the Catholic Communication Campaign, which funds media projects to promote Gospel and family values, is the show's executive producer, and Paulist Father John Geaney is its producer.

The campaign, which also operates a toll-free movie review line and a public service campaign called "Good Values Make Great Kids," is funded through an annual collection taken up in parishes nationwide.

Video copies of "John Paul II: A Light for the Nations" and an accompanying study guide are available for purchase by calling (800) 235-8722, the U.S. Catholic Conference, after Oct. 13.



# How the Gospel echoes through a culture

# FAITH alive!

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By Father Robert L. Kinast  
Catholic News Service

Given their cultural heritage, the Greeks in Athens just couldn't make sense of the message when St. Paul attempted to preach the Gospel to them.

Realizing this, Paul observed their culture more closely. What he discovered is that these Greeks paid honor to an unknown god

from it and the confidence that God is working through it. Before I was ordained, I worked for a summer in Appalachia. There I discovered that clogging to a fiddle and banjo can seem just as suitable for an entrance at Mass as a stately procession with organ music.

Vatican Council II encouraged the path of inculturation in its Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church

wide range of activities. They may be grouped under at least three headings.

1. Translation. This refers to all the ways people from a visiting culture may convert their expressions of faith into the language of a host culture. Did you know that instead of reciting the word "amen," some tribes in Africa would express the meaning of the word more naturally by stomping the

present incidents from their ministry to a group of other students and their supervisor for analysis and critique.

However, one student, a Filipino, was having a difficult time in the course. For, in his culture people did not share their feelings as readily as we expected, and no one ever criticized another person in public.

As a group we had to adapt our methodology so this student could participate in the group without violating his cultural values.

3. Construction. The third form of inculturation is the most demanding. Unlike translation and adaptation where one's own cultural expression remains the norm, construction means letting a host culture — in a foreign nation, perhaps — be the norm.

For missionaries this can mean discovering how the host culture can help to

express what we believe. This requires greater openness, while trusting that each culture has its own unique, God-given power of expression.

Among the Masai people in Tanzania grass is a sign of peace. When a certain missionary came to a Masai village for Mass, he would offer some grass to the elders, and it would be passed among the villagers. If anyone refused it, it meant that reconciliation was needed first. Only then could Mass be celebrated.

This liturgy reflected the custom of the people.

Similarly, the village life of many people in Latin and South America has launched the movement of small Christian communities that is energizing the church throughout the world.

No matter what form it takes, inculturation is a way of respecting the richness of human diversity and acknowledging that God uses all human expressions to share divine life with us because the whole world is God's.

(Father Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.)

**"People often assume ... that their cultural expressions of faith should be the norm.... But ... inculturation requires respect for a different culture, the humility to learn from it and the confidence that God is working through it."**

ground, and some Indonesian groups would whistle?

The most obvious example here involves the translation of the Bible, hymns or catechism into the language of the local people. More is involved than just a word-for-word translation. The idioms and customs of the host culture also play a part.

2. Adaptation. A second aspect of inculturation is adaptation. In this case people modify their own preferred forms of expression. Instead of traditional European hymns, for example, African or Indian chants may be used.

And, in terms of education, adaptation might mean that catechists replace a straightforward, logical presentation of Christian beliefs to Japanese students with a series of paradoxical statements similar to a Buddhist "koan."

I faced the challenge of cultural adaptation a few years ago when I was teaching a course on ministry. The usual practice was for students to



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— their way of acknowledging that God is beyond human comprehension (Acts 17:16-34).

So Paul utilized this element from their culture to help make his God known to them. In modern terminology he was "inculturating" the Gospel.

"Inculturation" is a recent term that refers to the creative process by which the Christian faith comes to be expressed in a variety of cultures.

People are often unaware of the ways their understanding and experience of faith is shaped by their own cultural environment. This is perhaps most evident in religious art.

I, for example, grew up taking it for granted that Jesus must have had fair skin, light hair and blue eyes. Only later did I realize how Jesus would look to an Oriental, African or Indian Christian.

People often assume also that their cultural expressions of faith should be the norm for everyone else. Take kneeling, for example. It may be a sign of humility for people accustomed to exercising power. But does it have the same significance for people accustomed to oppression?

Inculturation requires respect for a different culture, the humility to learn

(Ch. 2). Pope Paul VI advocated it in his apostolic exhortation on evangelization (1975). And Pope John Paul II has reinforced it in his encyclical on *The Mission of the Redeemer* (1991) and his apostolic exhortation titled *The Church in Africa* (1995).

The actual work of inculturation, led by modern missionaries, covers a

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### How do you benefit from the presence in your parish of people of other cultural backgrounds?

"We have an international festival here at the parish in the beginning of summer that celebrates each cultural group.... There are Hispanics, Filipinos and Vietnamese. We share different foods and the Filipino/Hawaiian group has dances, as do the Hispanics. Too often ignorance of another's cultural background leads to an atmosphere of fear, but here, the festival promotes a family atmosphere." — Gina Steele, Sacramento, Calif.

"I feel my horizons are widened. I become more aware that the world is a global village and that there are other people in the world who are unlike me but still part of my society. That realization enhances my vision of the world." — Jose A. Colon-Berdecia, Boston, Mass.

"It gives me a chance to understand how people of different cultures worship God. In Columbus here there are a lot of Mexican-American people, and seeing how dedicated they are to the faith and their affinity to the Virgin Mary has enhanced my own appreciation for devotion to the mother of God." — Gordon Green, Columbus, Neb.

"The differences between cultures and the ways different people worship God can really enliven our faith if each person is comfortable with his or her own culture and spiritual background so you feel you're contributing to the mix and not being overtaken by it." — Brother Tyrone Davis, CFC, Harlem, N.Y.



An upcoming edition asks: How can Christians be "in" but not "of" the world? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



## Factoring friendship into community diversity

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

"Inculturation" is a big word. The reality can be very simple. It can also be very complicated. Much depends on our attitude.

At bottom, inculturation is a matter of incarnation. The greatest act of inculturation took place 2,000 years ago when the personal Word of God became flesh in the person of Jesus.

Everyone is born in a particular culture. Jesus became flesh in the Jewish culture of Galilee.

Inculturation also is a matter of communication. The second greatest act of inculturation took place over a period of many years when the spoken word of God became Scripture in the Old and New Testaments. In the Bible, the word of God became Scripture in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek cultural expressions.

For little children, inculturation comes naturally. I remember when my brother Peter was no more than 3. Peter spoke only French. One day a Slovak family moved onto our street. One of their children was about Peter's age.

For my brother and our new neighbor that was no problem. They became fast friends. One spoke in French, the other in Slovak. To everyone's amazement they understood each other.



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children from different cultures becoming fast friends.

In the liturgy, inculturation is not just putting on a show or having a bit of cultural entertainment. It is a matter of being really catholic — really universal.

True inculturation requires sensitivity to one another. Liturgical inculturation means entering into one another's liturgical life, like two children playing together.

If the parish includes people from various parts of the world, the liturgy should show that, in the prayer intentions, for example, and in the hymns.

A second thing we learn is that inculturation asks that we appreciate, not just tolerate, what various cultures uniquely represent.

If we think of ourselves as "in Christ," the converse is also true: Christ is in us. Christ is in each of us, as well as in our various cultures. That means that each of us and each culture shows a particular facet of the features of Christ.

It takes all of us together to present the fullness of Christ's features to the world.

When many cultural groups are present in a parish, just being together is a great value, even when people do not actually do anything. But many of us do not find too much value in just being together — do not recognize the value. Perhaps that is why it often is a

struggle to build up community in our parishes.

At bottom, inculturation is a matter of grace, enjoying the new life each of us has in Christ. As a matter of grace, it is also a matter of peace.

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)

**"Liturgical inculturation means entering into one another's liturgical life, like two children playing together."**

Their communication went beyond words. It was very personal. They entered into one another's life.

Whenever two or more cultural backgrounds are involved, inculturation is a mutual process of cross-inculturation. Each one enters into the other's culture and makes himself or herself at home.

We can learn a lot about inculturation by watching children.

The first thing we learn is that inculturation cannot be forced. It has to come naturally.

In a parish, for example, inculturation does not mean just accommodating people who come from different cultural backgrounds. It is a matter of actively reaching out to people and welcoming them as fellow Christians and Catholics. It is a matter of friendship, like two

## Scripture mirrors heaven, but the world's cultures too

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

Christianity did not develop in a vacuum. Right from the beginning it was influenced by various cultures.

Take a look at John's Gospel. Early on, Samaritans had been brought into the Christian community where this fourth Gospel was produced.

The Samaritans tended to think of a Messiah as a Moses figure — one who comes down from a mountain on high to reveal his message. Not surprisingly, this Gospel's starting point for telling the Messiah's story becomes not his birth, but his pre-existence as divine Word of God.

In the beginning the dominant culture for Christianity was Judaism. Jesus and his immediate disciples were all observant Jews. But in reaching out to gentiles, preachers of the good news had to embrace other ways of communicating.

By welcoming gentiles to Christianity, St. Paul brought about a situation that was painful for many Jewish Christians, who had identified Christianity with their own culture. But Paul stood firm. Wisely adaptable, he "became all things to all, to save at least some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

It was not that Christianity's essential message was constantly changing. It remained always the same. But the terms in which faith was expressed and the worship that flowed from it reflected the people's cultural circumstances.

Gentiles simply could not think and pray in the same way as Jews, just as today Afro-Christians are quite different culturally from Euro-Christians.

### FAITH IN ACTION

"To prevent isolation and encourage communion" in a culturally diverse church setting, "there need to be periodic (not, however, weekly) celebrations of diversity," writes Father David Power, OMI, in *The Multicultural Church, A New Landscape in U.S. Theologies*, edited by William Cenkner (Paulist Press, 997 Macarthur Blvd., Mahwah, NJ 07430. 1996. Paperback, \$14.95). The celebrations encouraged by the author "are intercultural rituals that are designed as such, when the church celebrates its manifold richness and its liberating eschatological hope. Such celebration, for example, might very well mark the feast of Pentecost or the common celebration of saints who have become popular across cultures."

*Reflection: "Hospitality to all comers has to be the practice of Catholic liturgy," says Father Power. But, he says, this means "to receive the other as other and to let others see us as other." It is not, he says, "reducible to the bonhomie of meeting visitors at the door and inviting them to stand up and announce their names."*

Cultural adaptations are reflected in many ways in the New Testament. The biblical guidelines for family relationships — husband and wife, parents and children — reflect the accepted family structures of the day. These guidelines echo the "household codes" devised by several Greek philosophers. The author of Colossians 3:18-22 — with specific exhortations for wives, husbands, children and fathers too — was clearly influenced by one such "code," even though he "Christianized" it.

Even some ways of structuring the early Christian community's life were borrowed in various ways from surrounding cultures. At first some of these were modeled on the Jewish synagogue.

Our Liturgy of the Word — the part of the Mass that includes the readings and homily — reflects the order of the worship service in the synagogue. And our Eucharistic Prayer has undergone many cultural adaptations over time.

All such adaptations were necessary if Christianity was to be a "living" religion. Had Christianity been wedded indissolubly to just one culture, it would have had little meaning for people of other cultures, or it could have died with the death of any given culture in which it had thrived.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I can't imagine how cultural diversity will challenge the grandchildren I may someday have and who, some 35 years from now, will still be young parents. After all, I'm sure that when I was a child, my grandfather couldn't fathom the world of cultural diversity in which my family and I live and travel daily.

I'd like to predict that in the year 2026 or so things will go smoothly among people who are culturally different due to race, nationality, ethnicity or place of birth — and that in parishes people always will welcome each other and make each other feel at home.

But do you think I should take this for granted?

I suspect it's a good idea to take seriously one of Pope John Paul II's recent proposals. As part of preparations for celebrating the year 2000, he suggested that we spend time reflecting on certain "challenges of our time," among them "the difficulties of dialogue between different cultures."

You know, when he visited the United Nations in 1995, the pope said that, "unhappily," the world "has yet to learn to live with diversity." A key reason, he indicated, is that we fear each other. Clearly he considered our fear our loss.

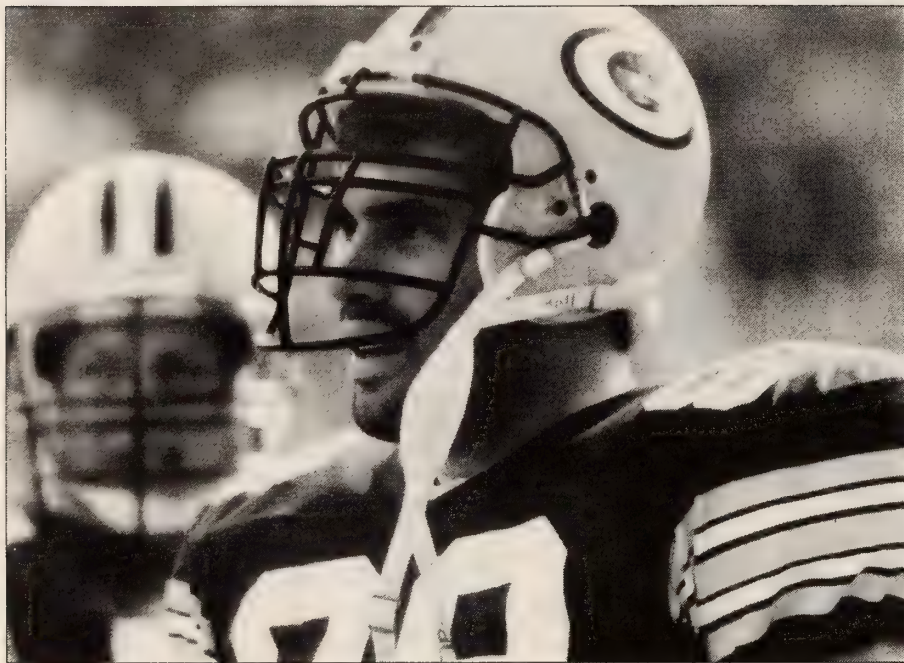
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## People In The News

### Injuries Were 'Part Of God's Plan,' Says Green Bay Tight End



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Green Bay Packer Mark Chmura says faith has helped him through the rocky times in football when injuries hampered his play. Now on top of the NFL world, the tight end credits God for his talents.

By TONY STALEY

GREEN BAY, Wis. (CNS) — Two seasons ago, Mark Chmura looked like he'd be lucky to still be playing football today. But not only is he a starter for the Green Bay Packers, he's a Pro Bowl player and one of the highest-paid tight ends in the game.

Much has changed for Chmura since the Boston College All-American was drafted in 1992 by the Packers. But one thing that hasn't changed is his strong Catholic faith.

"I grew up in a very religious family. Both my parents are devoted Catholics. My four brothers and I were all altar boys. Sometimes four of us were all serving at the same time," said Chmura, who served Mass for 10 years at St. James Church in South Deerfield, Mass.

"Mark is one of the best," said Father Julius Jutt, pastor at St. James, where Chmura also mowed the lawn. "Mark is an excellent model for the younger kids. They just love him here."

"Everything that happens to me is because of God," Chmura said. "He has a plan for me. I wouldn't be here today without Him. Sometimes people at this level forget that. But there were times

for me when it was rocky. I was almost out of the game, now I'm at the top. I attribute that to my faith and belief in God."

Back when injuries hobbled him, "I thought about quitting at times," Chmura said. "I think it was a test that is part of God's plan."

Chmura volunteers with charities. He appears with his wife, Lynda and their son, Dylan, in an NFL-United Way public service announcement that will air during games. He often donates equipment to charity auctions. The family is active at Nativity Parish in Ashwaubenon.

"A man only needs so much money. I try to help those who are less fortunate," he said.

Chmura has worn a scapular since 10th grade. Father Jutt frequently sends him a new supply because Chmura, wears out several each season because of heavy perspiration during games.

He also attends Mass before games and said, "If I don't see Father John Blaha going around blessing the Catholics before a game, I panic until I find him."

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### Mother Teresa Released From Hospital; Doctors Order Rest

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa was released Sept. 25 from Woodlands Nursing Home, where she had been hospitalized for 10 days after injuring her head when she fell from a chair.

She arrived at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse in Calcutta lying on a stretcher because of persistent back pain that was not due to the effects of her fall, a doctor said.

Her doctors ordered two weeks of complete bed rest for the Nobel laureate, who was hospitalized Aug. 18 to Sept. 6 in the same hospital for cardiac problems, malaria and a lung infection.

Doctors discovered a black spot during an initial brain scan after Mother Teresa was admitted to the hospital Sept. 16. They said the spot could be a hemorrhage or be from an earlier injury.

"We've found nothing abnormal in a brain scan," said Mother Teresa's personal physician, Dr. A.K. Bardhan. "Her reflexes are normal now, but her irregular heartbeat continues to be a cause of worry."

Upon her arrival at the Missionaries of Charity house, nuns greeted her with applause. As a chapel bell rang,

about 30 nuns gathered around her, singing and dancing before Mother Teresa was taken inside for prayer.

Mother Teresa was later taken into her room, wearing her white and blue-trimmed sari, and was examined by a doctor.

"...We prayed to God to make her stronger so that she can lead us in our work for the poor ... for many more years," Sister Priscilla Lewis told Reuters, the British news agency.

### Faith-Healing Archbishop Says He Prays Daily For Pope

ROME (CNS) — Faith-healing African Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo said he was praying daily for the health of Pope John Paul II. "We're all concerned because we can see he continues to suffer physically. But we never forget to ask for the prolongation of the life of the Holy Father," the controversial archbishop said Sept. 27. The 76-year-old pope is expected to undergo an appendectomy in October, and the Vatican said he has some nervous system disturbances as well. Archbishop Milingo, whose popular faith-healing sessions have been restricted by Italian church officials following objections by local bishops, said he and his congregations pray for the pope every day at Mass.

### Cardinal Bernardin Discusses Cancer With Pope

CASTEL GANDOLFO (CNS) — Chicago Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin discussed his battle with cancer with Pope John Paul II during a private meeting at the pontiff's villa outside Rome. The encounter Sept. 27 lasted about a half-hour, and the two discussed Cardinal Bernardin's health, his "spiritual journey" and the state of the Chicago Archdiocese, said Msgr. Kenneth Velo, who traveled with the cardinal.

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# Governor Awards Outstanding Volunteers



Caring Hearts AIDS Ministry Team of St. Joan of Arc with Father C. Morris Boyd, pastor.

**By PAUL FREDETTE**  
ASHEVILLE — To anyone who has ever looked in vain for a volunteer, the packed auditorium of Asheville High School Sept. 16 would have seemed unbelievable. The 177 recipients of this year's Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service were gathered with friends and supporters to be recognized for their contributions in seven categories of service to their community: arts and culture, environment, public safety, education and literacy, health, social service and special events.

The recipients filed onto the stage one at a time to accept their awards and be greeted personally by Governor and Mrs. Hunt. The governor expressed his gratitude for their example which is "shaping the quality and care and the kind of people we are in North Carolina." Some of the volunteers he commended for contributing time and talent were relatively young, but most were middle aged or older. Many were obviously people who "have the time now" to de-

vote to service clubs and civic organizations, and church associations.

Available hours alone, however, don't account for the generosity of retirees like Catherine Kelly of St. Joseph Church in Bryson City. Now 69, Kelly, "Cass" to friends, ignores disabilities she has endured since suffering a brain stem injury in 1979 to serve as a member of the parish council's family life commission, a lector, an Eucharist minister and after Mass refreshment coordinator. An average week for Cass usually includes two days staffing the parish thrift shop, working at the food pantry and helping at SAFE, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. She is a bit embarrassed by all the attention and reluctant to be singled out for credit she feels others deserve. "There are so many people involved," she says anxiously, concerned that the appreciation will include all those who have been supportive.

Cass's friend and fellow parishioner at St. Joseph, Mary C. Rose, also a 1996 recipient, was unable to attend the awards ceremony because of illness. Although legally blind, Mary, now 70, still walks the mile-and-a-half from her home without a white cane (unless the local constabulary catches her) to Cherokee Elementary School where she is a foster grandparent. Over the years her love of books and literature has involved her in countless hours spent helping children to overcome reading difficulties.

There were also volunteers whose "outstanding contributions" could have hardly resulted from having lots of time. For some, like Caring Hearts AIDS Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish, time itself is critical in responding to the urgent needs of those affected by HIV/AIDS. "I am so proud of our folks for living up to their names (Caring Hearts)," said Father Morris Boyd, pastor of St. Joan of Arc, who received the award on behalf of the team.

In Father Boyd's view, these care teams are examples of putting others first. "When Caring Hearts was organized 3 years ago, the very mention of



Catherine Kelly, Swain County volunteer and member of St. Joseph Parish in Bryson City, receives her award from Governor Jim Hunt.


Photos by PAUL FREDETTE

care teams scared some people," said Father Boyd. Those initial fears have since diminished, making room for compassion and growth.




Father Richard Hanson blesses Rose Menegay and her cat Lucy Marie during the Blessing of Animals and Children in honor of the feast of St. Francis Assisi at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Unity Prayer Service

**HICKORY** — St. Aloysius Church hosts a prayer service of peace and unity among all ethnic groups 7 p.m. Oct. 20. Marian hymns, prayers and rosary recitation are included. Pictures and statues of Mary are welcome for use as meditation aides. Dessert gathering follows. For more information, call Karen Miller, (704) 328-9126.

### Adult Education Presentations

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Peter Church Adult Education presentation, "Children at Risk: What We Can Do?" is 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at the church. Marjorie Warlick Tate of Child Care Resources, Inc. focuses on the early developmental years of children.

**GREENSBORO** — Our Lady of Grace Church presents "The Meaning of the Eucharist and Adoration" 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 8. Joe Lantham, a coordinator for the Maryfield Chapel Perpetual Adoration, facilitates. For information, call the office, (910) 274-0415.

### Crafts Bazaar

**CLEMONS** — Holy Family Church hosts "Ye Olde Village Shops" fair Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Seasonal crafts, baked goods, raffles and a silent auction highlight the event. For more information, call the church office, (910) 766-8133.

### Nativity Production Planned

**FOREST CITY** — Immaculate Conception Church is planning "Journey to Bethlehem," a live Nativity production, for Christmas time. Actors, volunteers and sponsors are needed. To help, call Brother Rufino, (704) 248-3348, or Jane Leach, (704) 287-0312.

### Holy Family Hosts Cantor School

**CLEMONS** — Holy Family Church hosts Cantor School, designed for the church musician, Saturdays in October from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Dr. Marc Alan Innes, minister of sacred music and liturgy, teaches applications of the fundamentals of cantoring. Cost for all four sessions is \$25 (Holy Family members are subsidized). For information or reservations, call Dr. Innes, (910) 766-8133.

### Belmont Abbey Visitation Day

**BELMONT** — Belmont Abbey College hosts a visitation day for high school juniors and seniors Friday, Oct. 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Tour of campus, sampling of classes, and conversation with college officials are included. For more details or to participate in "Abbey Experience," call the admission office, (704) 825-6665 or (888) 222-0110.

### Friends Group Meets

**LINCOLNTON** — Friends, a support group for the widowed, separated, divorced and those dealing with the loss of a child, meets Oct. 13 from 4-6 p.m. at St. Dorothy Church. The gathering includes a covered dish supper and organizational meeting. For more informa-

tion, call Suzanne Bach of Catholic Social Services, (704) 377-6871.

### Downtown Italian Festival

**CHARLOTTE** — The Charlotte Christopher Columbus Italian Club presents the "Ciao, Italia" Festival 3-9 p.m. Oct. 12 at Two First Union Atrium. with free parking on the atrium parking deck. The event includes food, live music, dancing, and games. Admission is \$4 (children 12 and under free). Tickets are available at the door. Food and beverage tickets sold separately.

### Blessing Of The Animals

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The annual blessing of animals, which coincides with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, is Oct. 5 at Winston-Square Park at 12 noon. Call Our Lady of Mercy Church, (910) 722-7001, for details.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**BELMONT** — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

**ASHEVILLE** — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. in the chapel. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., Adoration is from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. For details, call (704) 252-6042.

**HICKORY** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339, or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

### Scripture Classes

**SWANNANOVA** — St. Margaret Mary Church Scripture class series is 7 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 11 (no class on Oct. 13). For information, call Matt Propst, (704) 298-2536.

### Class Reunion

**CHARLOTTE** — The Charlotte Catholic High School Class of 1971 reunion is Oct. 19. For details, contact the CCHS Alumni Office, (704) 543-9118.

### Living Waters Retreats

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "Songs are for Singing" is an Oct. 11-13 retreat in the colorful surroundings of the Smokies in autumn directed by Dominican Father Michael Burke. Cost is \$85.

"The Stillness of the Forest" is an Oct. 14-20 nature retreat directed by Father Eric Pitre, John Boyles, and Frank and Brenda Petras. Cost is \$235.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" is an Oct. 25-31 retreat of exploration and prayer inspired by the beauty of the mountains in autumn directed by Sisters of Charity Sisters Gloria Solomon and Fran Grady. Cost is \$235.

To register for a retreat, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

Four individuals were recently honored for their service to the diocesan board of Catholic Social Services. Back row: Catherine Ess, Our Lady of Mercy Church, Winston-Salem; Father George Kloster, pastor of St. Michael Church in Gastonia; and Jane Anklin, St. Therese Church, Mooresville. Front: Lee Accettullo, St. Leo Church, Winston-Salem. Ess, Father Kloster and Accettullo are outgoing CSS board members, and Anklin served as Director Elizabeth Thurbee's assistant for five years.



### Natural Family Planning

**SHELBY** — The Couple-to-Couple league teaches a series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning beginning Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church. For information, call (704) 484-0997.

### Visit Right to Life Booth At Fair

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The Forsyth County Right to Life Office sponsors a pro-life booth for the 22nd year at the Dixie Classic Fair Oct. 4-13. A life chain gathering is 2-4 p.m. Oct. 6 at Peter's Creek.

### Flea Market And Rummage Sale

**ASHEVILLE** — The St. Eugen Church Women's Guild annual flea market and rummage sale is Oct. 11, 12 and 14 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at #18 and #20 Lexington Ave.

### St. Margaret Bake Sale

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — Baked goods are needed for the Second Annual St. Margaret Church Bake Sale. Deliver baked goods to Murphy-Garland Hall 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 11. For information, call Nancy Porter, (704) 926-3042.

### "A Night Of Fun"

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — A St. Margaret Players production, "A Night of Fun," is Oct. 18-19 at St. Margaret Church. Tickets cost \$5 in advance. For information, call (704) 926-0106.

### Singles Halloween Party

**CHARLOTTE** — Wear your costume to the Catholic Singles of Charlotte annual Halloween party Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. at Wildwood Apartments Clubhouse on Scaleybark Rd. Admission is a school supply donation for the refugee office. For information, call Larry at (704) 643-8109 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Cathedral Charismatic Mass

**CHARLOTTE** — A Charismatic Mass is 4 p.m. Oct. 13 and the second Sunday each month at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service is at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows.

### St. Joan Healing Mass

**ASHEVILLE** — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is 7 p.m. Oct. 10 and the second Thursday each month at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

**ASHEVILLE** — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at St. Eugene Church.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month.

**ARDEN** — Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville area Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

### Jesuit House Retreat

**HOT SPRINGS** — "Images of God in Our Relationship" is a Nov. 1-3 retreat for married couples directed by Steve and Marlene Stowe, and Jesuit Father Vince Alagia. For information or registration, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, NC 28743, (704) 622-7366.

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## Making a difference for LIFE!

*Room at the Inn, a pro-life ministry of the Catholic Church, proudly  
announces the recipients of its 1996 leadership awards:*

**The National Pro-Vita Award:** Miss Nellie Gray, President of the National March for Life. A graduate of Texas Women's University and Georgetown University Law Center, Nellie worked at the U.S. Departments of State and Labor before resigning in June 1973 to start the National March for Life, a non-profit, non-sectarian corporation working to restore legal protection to pre-born children from the moment of fertilization. Hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers gather each January 22, the anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision, to encourage elected officials to recognize this paramount right to life. March for Life works year-round to educate Americans about life issues. In 1979, Pope John Paul II conferred on Nellie the PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE, which was presented to her in Washington, D.C. by his eminence, William Cardinal Baum.



Sen. Thomas

**The Mary Corinne Nussbaum Award:** State Senators Thomas B. Sawyer and Wendell H. Sawyer. Few North Carolina families have committed themselves to the pro-life cause as strongly as the Sawyer family. After serving in the N.C. House of Representatives in the 1970s, Tom returned to the legislature in 1994 as a state senator, where he served until his death earlier this year. His son, Wendell, also a state senator, earned a reputation as a loyal friend of the unborn and of persons with disabilities. Both families have been involved in the pro-life movement as leaders and foot soldiers from the early seventies.



Miss Nellie Gray



Sen. Wendell



Fr. Dennis Kuhn

**The Monsignor William Wellein Award:** Father Dennis Kuhn. Father Dennis, a convert from the Episcopal Church where he served as a priest for nine years, has been tirelessly involved in the pro-life movement for years. As chaplain at Charlotte Catholic High School, he worked with young people to develop a strong pro-life witness of faith, especially with the student group, *Voices of Life*. Currently, he is Associate Pastor at Saint Gabriel Church. Until recently, he served as Associate Pastor at Saint Ann Church. From the classroom, the sidewalk and the pulpit, Father Dennis has provided bold and courageous leadership in the fight for life.





## World And National News Briefs

### Religious Ed Curriculum Developed For Mentally Retarded

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — A comprehensive religious education curriculum for children and adults with mental retardation has been developed for nationwide distribution. The curriculum has the approval of Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh and the enthusiastic support of Eunice Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics and executive vice president of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation in Washington. The Pittsburgh Diocese's Department for Persons with Disabilities guided the curriculum's preparation.

### Judge Won't Try Covenant House Suit Against Glue Maker

NEW YORK (CNS) — A federal judge ruled Sept. 23 that his court did not have jurisdiction to try a case supported by Covenant House against the H.B. Fuller Company, a Minnesota manufacturer of glue and other products. The suit charged the company, which has headquarters in St. Paul, with responsibility for the death of a Guatemalan youth, Joel de Jesus Linares Polanco, who allegedly died as a result of sniffing glue produced and sold by a Fuller subsidiary. But U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis of St. Paul said the case was "immutably Guatemalan," and he would not accept it.

### USCC, Other Groups File Brief In Taped Confession Case

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic Conference and other religious organizations filed a joint friend-of-the-court brief urging the destruction of a secretly taped recording of an Oregon prisoner's sacramental confession and the transcript of it. The brief has been filed in an appeal of a lower court ruling brought to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by Archbishop Francis E. George of Portland, Ore., and Father Timothy Mockaitis, who heard the confession, in another attempt to have the recording and its transcript destroyed. Their appeal, filed Aug. 23, followed a ruling Aug. 12 by a U.S. district court judge that the tape's role in a murder case outweighed the Catholic Church's religious liberty interest in having it destroyed.

### Bishops Lobby For Conscience Vote On Abortion Bill

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — South African bishops are lobbying the government to allow members of Parliament to vote according to individual conscience on the Termination of Pregnancy Bill. The bill would allow abortion on demand up to 14 weeks of pregnancy and under "broadly specified circumstances" up to 24 weeks. The bill needs a simple majority in Parliament's two houses to become law. The bishops are also preparing to fight the legislation in the Constitutional Court if the bill is passed. The ruling ANC's national executive committee recently decided that its members must vote in line with the party's policy of abortion on demand.

### Patriarch Sabbah, Christian Leaders Condemn Violence

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Latin-rite Patriarch Michel Sabbah and other Christian religious leaders condemned the new outbreak of violence between Israelis and Palestinians and called for calm on both sides, urging them to continue to move forward toward peace, in spite of the grave situation. "We express our condolences to all who have lost their loved ones," said the patriarch in a statement issued with other Christian religious leaders. "We express our solidarity and share all the sufferings of the people in the Palestinian territories. We urge the authorities, Israeli and Palestinian, to take the steps necessary to alleviate these sufferings ... and to reactivate the peace process with new determination."



Kayaker Brain Merline says farewell to his parents, Agnes and Bernard, as he sets off to begin a water journey from DePere, Wis., to New Orleans. Along the way, he intends to raise funds to help the poor in Honduras.

CNS photo by Rick Evans, The Compass

### Cardinal Says Proposed Law Worse Than Under Communism

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The head of the Catholic Church in Belarus warned that a proposed religious law would impose "even worse restrictions" on Catholic activities than under communism. "When I worked here by myself, my parish stretched from the Baltic to the Pacific Ocean, since I was told I had a right to travel around the whole Soviet Union, visiting the sick and conducting funerals," said Cardinal Kazimierz Swiatek of Minsk-Mogilev. "But under the new law, I must obtain the authorities' consent to assign a priest to a parish and must consult with them again if I wish to move him," he said.

"It is proposed that parish priests will not even be able to celebrate Mass elsewhere in their diocese."

## Employment Opportunities

**Clerk: Office of Development:** The Office of Development has an opening for a part-time clerk. Candidate must be computer literate with prior experience in data entry. Responsibilities include entering census data, fielding phone calls and filing. This is a part-time position for 18 hours/week. Send resume by Oct. 15 to: **Jim Kelley, Office of Development, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.**

**Cook:** The Little Flower, the first Catholic-oriented assisted living residence in the Diocese of Charlotte, recently opened and has become home to about 45 senior adults. We are seeking an experienced cook who enjoys working with and making a difference in the lives of senior adults (28-35 hours per week; competitive wage). If interested, please call or write to: **Keith Adams, 8700 Lawyers Rd., Charlotte, NC 28227, (704) 545-7005. (Equal Opportunity Employer)**

**Secretary:** The Diocesan Catholic Schools Office seeks a full-time secretary with secretarial qualifications and knowledge plus experience using Microsoft Office. Knowledge/experience of Catholic schools an advantage. Send letter of interest and resume to: **Dr. Michael Skube, Superintendent of Schools, Catholic Schools Office, 31044 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209-2002**

**Data Entry/Office Worker:** Needed for general office work and data entry 20 hours/week starting Nov. 1, 1996. Call Terri or Albert at (704) 643-0699.

**Receptionist:** The Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Center seeks a full-time receptionist with excellent switchboard, clerical, verbal and interpersonal skills. High school graduate, at least one year experience required. Includes excellent benefits package. Send resume to: **Diocese of Charlotte Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 36776, Charlotte, NC 28236. Application deadline is Oct. 14.**

**Archival Clerk:** Needed for filing and cataloging in the Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Center Archives Department. Hours: 10 hours/week. Send resume to: **Diocese of Charlotte Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 36776, Charlotte, NC 28236. Application deadline is Oct. 14.**



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# Parish Profile

ASHEVILLE — Father John Barry visited Asheville in 1840, thereby marking the first time — according to written records, at least — Mass was celebrated for the Catholics living in that mountainous area. The priest, who would later become Bishop of Savannah, made history, although it took nearly a half-century before Asheville had its first resident pastor.

Father James White held that distinction in 1887, which marked decades of work to bring the Catholic Church, both in spiritual and physical terms, to the mountain town. Before then, missionary priests had celebrated Mass for the few Catholics there. One such priest, Father Thomas Price, was a North Carolina native who later co-founded the Maryknoll Mission Society.

Plans for building a church in Asheville came to fruition in 1868, when Bishop James Gibbons visited the village. He arranged to purchase land on which to build, and within two years dedicated the new structure.

Seventeen years passed before Fa-

ther White was appointed resident pastor of the church. In 1888, he found a more accessible site to build a new church on. Father White remained in Asheville until 1895, when ill health forced him to retire.

The new, albeit modest, wooden structure was only half-filled with the year-round congregation. However, during summer months visitors and tourists joined with the locals, thereby overflowing the church each week.

One visitor was the famous architect Rafael Guastavino, from Valencia, Spain, who was in town in 1908 working at the Biltmore House. After being unable to find a seat at Mass, he approached the pastor, Father Peter Marion, with the statement that each Catholic church should be large enough to take care of guests. During that fateful occasion, he offered to design plans for a new church and to donate a dome for the structure.

With the permission of Bishop Leo Haid, construction began and in October 1909, St. Lawrence Church was dedicated. Eleven years later, the church became the first in the North Carolina Vicariate to be consecrated. Construction of the rectory was completed in 1929.

Through the decades following, St. Lawrence has been a spiritual harbor for

## The Basilica Of St. Lawrence, D.M.

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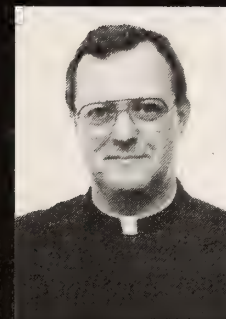
Vicariate: Asheville

Pastor: Msgr. John J. McSweeney

Mass Schedule: Sat.: 5 p.m.;  
Sun.: 9 and 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

Number of parishioners: 1,185

Number of households: 475



residents and visitors of the western Carolina town.

St. Lawrence has marked the historical changes in the Church as well. In keeping with the spirit of Vatican II, the church underwent major renovations in 1968: Part of the altar was moved to the middle of the sanctuary, and the fresco of the Last Supper and the side panels were moved and topped with a block of marble. This allowed priests to celebrate Mass while facing the congregation. Lay committees and the parish council were established soon thereafter.

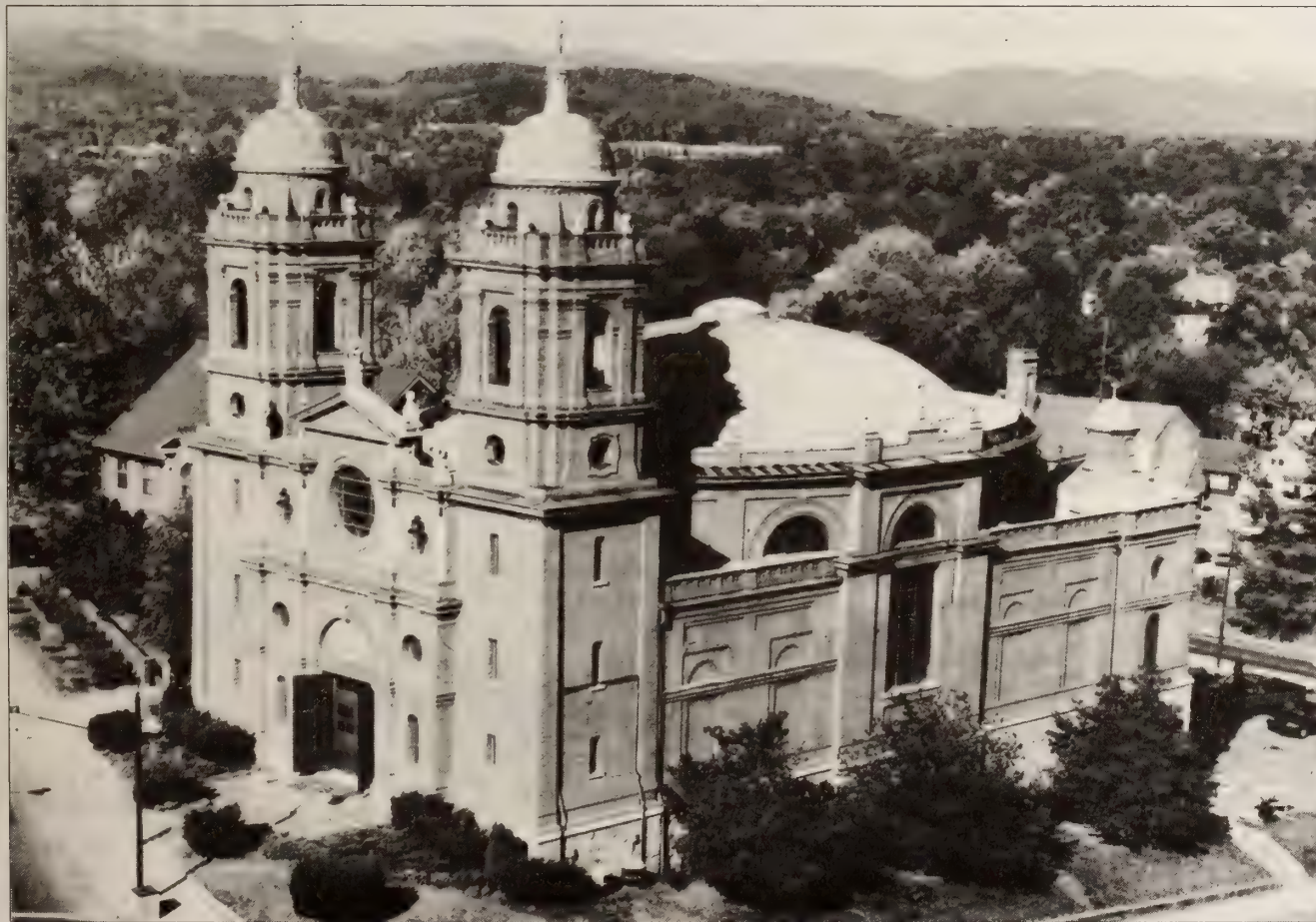
Another addition to the property

came during Father Justin Pechilus' residence as pastor, from 1977 to 1983. A building across from the church was bought and renovated, and has been used for religious education and other church activities. Named St. Justin Center in honor of Father Pechilus' patron saint, the building is also furnished with a parish hall and kitchen. In 1994, a fund drive for and subsequent purchase of several parking lots near the church expanded the facility as well.

A monumental page in St. Lawrence's history book was written in 1993, when in April of that year Pope John Paul II designated the church as a basilica. Since then, with its unique history, architecture, art, and place as a significant center of worship, the Basilica of St. Lawrence has had a special relationship with the Holy Father. Considered the mother church of western North Carolina, the structure is an important landmark of the expansion of the Catholic Church in the Tarheel state.

At present, the church is actively promoting lay ministry and evangelization. Special inner-city, ecumenical ministries have been established which St. Lawrence is actively involved in. In addition, St. Lawrence has hosted daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament since 1989, the lengthiest period of time for such devotion in the diocese.

Msgr. John J. McSweeney, former chancellor of the Diocese of Charlotte and the first priest ordained to the diocese, is currently pastor at the basilica. Remembering Rafael Guastavino's plea for the Church's need to accommodate visitors, he emphasizes that the basilica is a sanctuary for all, both residents and visitors. He welcomes everyone to share in the history of the Catholic Church in North Carolina by visiting the basilica, the only church of its kind in the Carolinas.



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## ...The Little Flower Has Blossomed!

Named in honor of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Little Flower* recently opened as the first Catholic-oriented assisted living residence in the Diocese of Charlotte. The residence, with its wrap-around porch, courtyard and chapel, caters to senior adults who seek to maintain their independence in a residential setting.

*The Little Flower* owners, Keith Adams and Sharon Mayfield, believe that "Respect for Life" encompasses not only new life at conception, but life that has grown in wisdom through the passage of time as well. The residence serves seniors that, although they can no longer live as comfortably or as safely on their own as they would like, do not require the 24-hour medical care provided at a nursing home.

### In Thanksgiving...

To our Lord, Jesus Christ — May we always be worthy of His blessings.

To the following individuals without whom *The Little Flower* would not have been possible:

- ♦ Bishop William G. Curlin
- ♦ Reverend Mauricio West, Chancellor
- ♦ Msgr. William Wellein, Resident Chaplain
- ♦ Our families and friends for their prayerful support and patience
- ♦ The Little Flower residents and their families
- ♦ The Little Flower staff and their families
- ♦ Bob Davies, Architect
- ♦ H.C. Barrett & Associates, General Contractor
- ♦ Suzanne Bach, Interior Design
- ♦ Warren Miller & Frank Ix, Bank of Mecklenburg
- ♦ Richard G. Hoefling, Attorney at Law
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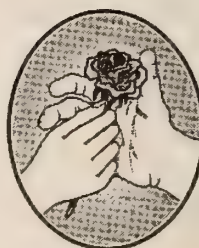
Last, but not least, to Saint Thérèse, *The Little Flower*. May she continue to intercede on our behalf by showering us with her "Roses from Heaven."



### You're invited ...

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Conventual Franciscan Father Edgar Holden sprinkles holy water on Xana, a Burmese python, during the Blessing of Animals held Oct. 5 at Winston Square Park in Winston-Salem. Also shown is pet owner Sequoyah Matthews, a parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel. The popular tradition of the Blessing of Animals originated with St. Francis of Assisi in the early 13th century.

## Permanent Diaconate Retreat Celebrates Ministry

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

HICKORY — By definition, they compose the first of three ranks of ordained ministry in the Catholic Church. Their beginnings date back to scriptural times, and since the Vatican II council they have been restored as active ministers of the Church.

They are deacons, more than 60 of whom serve the Diocese of Charlotte. From Oct. 4-6, they, along with their wives, gathered together at the Catholic Conference Center to focus on their life's calling.

"I think it is good to share with other deacons what we're doing in our ministry," said Rev. Mr. Jos Vandermeer, regional vicar and permanent deacon serving St. Eugene Church in Asheville, of the retreat. "It's really invigorating and beautiful to see that the faith is at work."

Throughout the weekend, retreat master Franciscan Father Paul Williams, from St. Anthony of Padua Church in Greenville, S.C., reminded the deacons to be Christ-like to all whom they serve.

The diaconate as it exists in today's Catholic Church is made up of two components. Permanent deacons — such as

those who attended the retreat in Hickory — receive holy orders and remain deacons for life. Transitional deacons are ordained as a step toward the priesthood. In both cases, they are ordained ministers of service to the Church.

Historically, the permanent diaconate was suppressed between the fifth century up to the second Vatican council. Between then, the Western Church generally ordained deacons only as a measure preceding priesthood. Since Pope Paul VI's restoration of the permanent diaconate, however, the ministry has experienced a rebirth.

In biblical times, the apostles appointed seven men "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom," as is explained in

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## Little Flower Assisted Living Home Blossoms

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — For some, it is the new friends they've made. Others talk of the care used to prepare each meal. Many enjoy the countless activities, including line dancing the macarena. These amenities are indeed a part of the environment at The Little Flower, but resident Edgar Hill sums it up best: "It's home."

Hill, 82, and his wife, Jerrie, 80, are among the 41 residents who moved into the new assisted living care facility on Lawyers Road in south Charlotte nearly two months ago. They are happy to be a part of The Little Flower family. "This should have happened 10 years ago," says Mrs. Hill. "It's so wonderful."

Keith Adams and Sharon Mayfield, co-founders of The Little Flower, formed a planning committee in 1994 that included the Hills. Together, the group watched the concept of an assisted living home for Catholic seniors blossom.

"The project took two years from conception to opening," says Adams.

The Little Flower is geared toward

people who are basically independent but need help with their daily living tasks. "The resident assistants are at the core," says Adams. "They are the ones who have their little neighborhood and are responsible for their residents to make sure they are healthy and happy."

The staff at The Little Flower makes sure physical and personal care needs are met, with social, spiritual and intellectual needs at the forefront.

"The residents get to do things they haven't be able to do in years," adds Mayfield. "They get to be with people everyday, that's the other thing."

"We couldn't have done this alone," explains Adams. "Sharon and I are more the orchestra directors that have brought in other people that have really made it. We planted the seed, but others helped to make it grow."

Nearly 80 percent of the residents are Catholic, but the home does not discriminate. "The Catholics and non-Catholics have blended very well," notes

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## Pope Has Surgery, Doctors Rule Out Serious Disorders

By JOHN THAVIS

ROME (CNS) — Doctors successfully removed Pope John Paul II's inflamed appendix and ruled out any more serious intestinal disorder for the 76-year-old pontiff.

The pope regained consciousness almost immediately after the 50-minute surgery Oct. 8 and "greeted and thanked everyone" on the medical staff, said Dr. Francesco Crucitti, who performed the operation at Rome's Gemelli hospital.

Crucitti said all of the pope's vital signs were normal during and following the surgery. He said the pope might get out of bed the next day and could be dismissed from the hospital in a week or so.

"It might be even sooner. But let's not forget the pope is in his 77th year," he said.

Crucitti said the operation con-

firmed what he and other doctors had diagnosed earlier this year: that the pope was suffering from recurrent episodes of appendix inflammation, which produced symptoms of fever and nausea.

"The regional examination allowed us to exclude, once again, the presence of other pathologies," he said. He said he could "categorically" rule out a tumor as a cause of the pope's recent flare-ups.

Crucitti expressed irritation with recent Italian newspaper reports suggesting that the pope had a more serious disease, such as cancer, which doctors were either concealing or failing to diagnose.

"It's time to put an end to all these fantasies we've read," he said. "There is no secret. I'm here to tell you what the situation really is, and it's exactly as we described it" in previous medical statements.

Crucitti said a textbook appendectomy was performed on the pontiff. Doctors found exactly what they expected to find: that the pope's appendix had been inflamed and had developed scar tissue. The doctors also removed some "adherences" in the area, scar tissue that sometimes develops following surgery. The pope has been operated upon twice in

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## The Little Flower Blooms In Charlotte, from page 1

Adams.

The privately owned home includes a chapel, and Msgr. William Wellein serves as resident pastor. Many residents, including the Hills, take advantage of the chance to nurture their faith.

"The nicest thing is having Mass every day. That is such a blessing," says Jerrie Hill. "We also have Holy Hour on Friday, rosary on Wednesday and confessions on Saturday, and it's right here for those of us who don't get around too well."

The past decade was a struggle for the Hills. Health problems forced the couple to give up driving, so they depended on friends to get to Mass, doctors' appointments and the grocery store from their Indian Trail home. Each day presented new challenges.

"We made due by the grace of God," says Mrs. Hill. "Edgar was in the hospital six times; I already had medical problems, so I was just poking along. We had wonderful neighbors, but it wasn't easy."

The Little Flower is the pseudonym for St. Therese, and for residents, it was only fitting that Bishop William G. Curlin celebrated Mass and blessed the fa-



Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR  
Bishop Curlin shares a sign of peace with residents of The Little Flower during Mass Oct. 1.

cility on Oct. 1, the feast day of St. Therese. "You will receive more than food, medical care and a helping hand," said Bishop Curlin. "Here you will encounter the presence of Jesus."

Love is evident at The Little Flower, from Adams, Mayfield and the entire staff to the residents themselves. "The dear Lord has taken such good care of us. And the people here, we just all mesh," says Mrs. Hill. "It's like one big family. It really is. It's a joy to be here."



An Open House was held at The Little Flower Sept. 29. Shown are residents chatting in the dining room.

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## Deacons Celebrate Ministry At Annual Retreat, from page 1

Acts 6: 1-6, to serve as the first deacons of the Church. In the centuries following, deacons have tended to charitable and pastoral duties and have pledged allegiance to their bishops.

Bishop William G. Curlin, who concelebrated Mass during the retreat, praised the deacons for their work. He sprinkled humor and anecdotes into an impassioned homily commending the diaconate while also strongly reminding its members of their duty.

"Be what you say you are," Bishop Curlin implored. "You are holy men of God. You are transformed by the Gospel that you live."

"As your bishop, I beg you to ask Jesus each day to reveal His loving presence through you," he continued. "That's what your life is all about. Put Jesus Christ at the center of all that you do."

Bishop Curlin in his homily — and Father Williams in his conferences — focused on the spirituality of the deacon and his ministry. Included in those discussions was much focus on the role of marriage in the diaconate.

Calling marriage "the greatest act of faith on earth," Bishop Curlin urged the deacons to realize their importance of growing in their faith not only individually, but with their spouses as well.

"With your husbands you share that magnificent sacrament of marriage," he told the deacons' wives. "You also share with them their ministry of trying to



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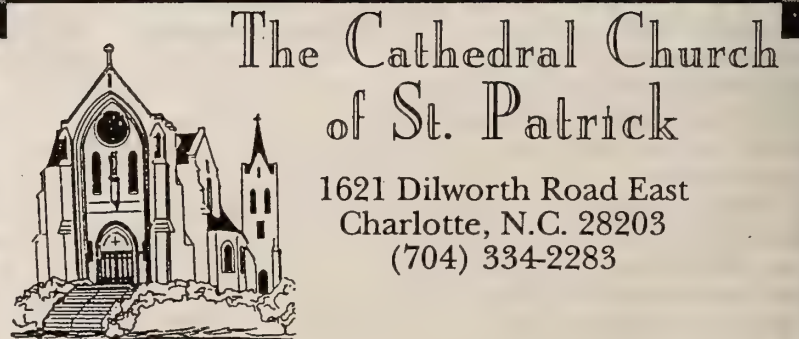
Franciscan Father Paul Williams, Bishop William G. Curlin and Father Mo West share a moment at the permanent diaconate retreat at the Catholic Conference Center.

bring Christ to others. Your husbands need your comfort, your encouragement, your advice and your wisdom."

Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd, permanent deacon of Our Lady of Consolation Church, said the retreat allowed the deacons and their wives to recommit themselves spiritually. "We came together to celebrate who we are and what our ministry is," he added.

Rev. Mr. Todd agreed with Bishop Curlin and Father Williams' message of keeping the fires of faith brightly lit and facing daily challenges. "As permanent deacons, we were ordained to be Jesus to others," he said. "We can't take the easy road. We can't do certain things just to be popular, or allow our ministry to be guided by worldly attitudes."

Throughout the weekend, the deacons and their spouses took opportunities in the brisk early autumn air under blue skies to remember their commitment: living life as followers of Jesus.



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**Pope Has Surgery,**  
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the intestinal area, after a 1981 shooting and in 1992 to remove a benign tumor.

The pope went through the operation well, and all his circulatory, respiratory, blood and metabolic functions remained within the norm during surgery, he said.

The pontiff had about 10 stitches. He was being treated with antibiotics and was receiving the normal therapy for appendectomy patients, Crucitti said.

He added that the pope's spirits were good before and after surgery.

"He was always serene," he said.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, speaking at a separate briefing at the Vatican, said the operation's success was expected at the Vatican — and it left people relieved.

"I think there's relief whenever a surgical operation confirms a previous diagnosis. But the Vatican had every trust in what the doctors had diagnosed. There was no surprise," he said.

The Vatican spokesman said the pope awoke at 3 a.m. the morning of surgery and spent some two hours alone in prayer in a private chapel next to his hospital room. At 5 a.m., he celebrated Mass with his personal secretary.

The pope began the pre-operation routine at about 7 a.m., and surgery was completed by 8:40 a.m. The pope had awakened by the time he reached his room and asked doctors how the surgery went, Navarro-Valls said.

The doctors then handed the pope the medical report they had just drawn up for public release; the pope asked a nun standing nearby to read it.

According to the medical bulletin, Crucitti was assisted by three other surgeons, along with a cardiologist and three members of an anesthesia team.

Two other doctors performed an immediate microscopic tissue examination of the removed appendix which showed fibrosis caused by previous inflammations, it said. The bulletin said additional routine microscopic examinations would also be carried out.

It said the pope's personal physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, also was present for the operation. Another doctor from the Gemelli hospital helped prepare a preventative treatment against cytomegalovirus, a blood virus that affected the pope in 1981.

In his briefing for reporters, Crucitti was also asked about the pope's nervous system disorder, which the Vatican has described as an "extrapyramidal" disturbance, a term that could include Parkinson's disease.

Crucitti said that disorder was a separate one being followed by other medical experts. He said it posed no problems for the pope's surgery or recovery, but did not elaborate.

The pope entered the hospital late Oct. 6 and spent the next day undergoing a series of routine pre-operation exams, all of which reassured doctors that the pope was ready for surgery. It was his sixth operation at the Gemelli hospital, which has arranged a special suite of rooms for the pope's exclusive use.

## Father Girzone In Luck With "Faith Renewal" Tour

By PAUL FREDETTE

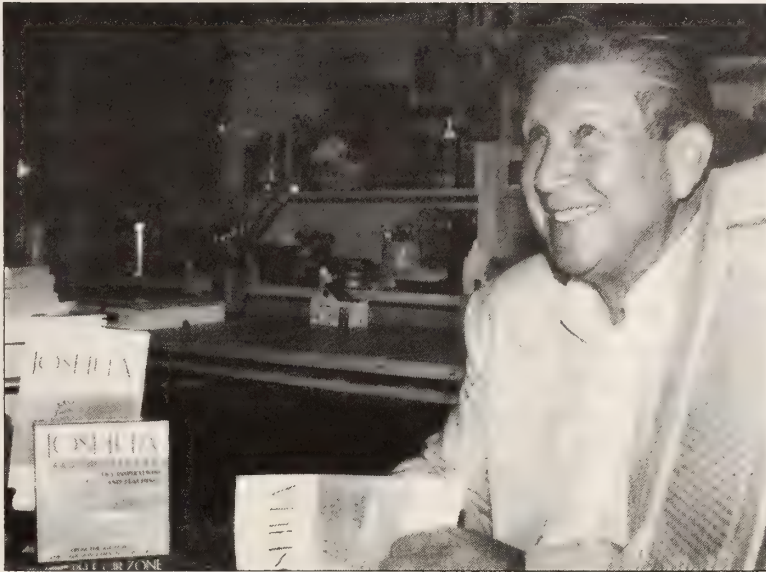
LUCK — Sometimes when you're in Luck, you really are. Local folks and tourists who happened by Little Bit o' Luck arts and crafts shop on Highway 209 Sep. 21 could have met Father Joseph Girzone, author of the best-selling *Joshua* books. Father Girzone signed autographs and chatted with visitors at the quaint old roadside general store 15 miles north of Lake Junauska where he was scheduled to speak at the Methodist Assembly. He spent several days with friends in the Waynesville area while on a speaking tour entitled *A Faith Renewal*.

More than 200 people gathered at The Harrel Center at Lake Junaluska to hear Father Girzone describe the understanding of Jesus that prompted the writing of *Joshua* and its sequels (*Joshua and the Children*, *Joshua and the Holy Land*, *Joshua and the City and the Shepherd*.) now estimated to have been read by 30 million people in this country alone.

The fictional novels which place Jesus (*Joshua*) in a variety of modern settings have already sold 1.5 million copies. Several of the books, now published by MacMillian and Company (Girzone first published *Joshua* himself) have made the New York Times Best Seller List and translations have found their way into the Vatican bookstore as well as the Kremlin. Copies of *Joshua* have circulated through the White House and General Norman Schwarzkopf tells of being moved by it during Operation Desert Storm.

The motion picture rights for the *Joshua* series were purchased five years ago, and planning has begun for a full length feature production as well as a TV series based on *Joshua and the Children*.

Meanwhile, one gets the impression that Father Girzone is still astonished at the "rags to riches" success he now enjoys. He is quick to admit it is not his literary gifts but his timely message that accounts for the sustained popularity of



Father Joseph Girzone was in Luck recently to speak and autograph copies of his book, *Joshua*.

Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

the *Joshua* books.

"So many people I've met hunger for the joy and freedom that Jesus offers," says Father Grizone. "They are tired of religious bickering and strife," he adds with quiet certainty, "and may have been so hurt, so bruised by rigid and inflexible ministers in the Church." He speaks gently but insistently about the necessity to overcome denominationalism as a genuine response to Jesus. "I've been told that Catholics worship the Church, and Protestants worship the Bible, and that darn few people ever get to know Jesus, so I've tried to help people meet Jesus today."

Fifteen years ago, serious health problems forced Father Girzone to retire from active pastoral ministry when he was only fifty years old. He then embarked on what he envisioned would be a more quiet and leisurly writing career in the Adirondacks. Since the phenomenal reception of *Joshua*, he finds himself busier than ever doing retreats and addressing groups around the country and, when he can find the time, writing. In his latest book, *Never Alone: A Personal Way to God*, a non-fiction work published in 1994 by Doubleday, he explores his own spiritual journey.

Recently Father Girzone has been joined at the Joshua Foundation in Altamont, N.Y. by Dominican Sister Dorothy Ederer. Together they travel articulating a vision of Christian living that looks beyond the legalism and factionalism which they believe discourages far too many. Their views are based on the Gospel portrait of Jesus as compassionate, forgiving and non-judgemental. They emphasize the freedom Jesus came to bring people and describe Christ as one who "invited people to grow at their own pace rather than force changes in behavior."

Although Father Grizone's work has been criticized as simplistic, misguided and even dangerous, he insists that he loves the Church as "God's gift to the world." The "anti-establishment" flavor evident in the *Joshua* books, he says, is not calculated to hurt the Church but to provoke much needed change. Father Girzone hopes to convince sufficient numbers in authority that "people starving for the message of Jesus" should not have to settle for a cold and stony church bureaucracy. Judging from the broad appeal of *Joshua* his hopes have touched a sensitive nerve in the body of the faithful.

### Scripture

Readings for the week of  
October 13 - 19



Sunday:	Isaiah 25: 6-10 Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10
Monday:	Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5, 1 Luke 11: 29-32
Tuesday:	Galatians 5: 1-6 Luke 11: 37-41
Wednesday:	Galatians 5: 18-25 Luke 11: 42-46
Thursday:	Ephesians 1: 3-10 Luke 11: 47-54
Friday:	2 Timothy 4: 9-17 Luke 10: 1-9
Saturday:	Ephesians 1: 15-23 Luke 12: 8-12

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



**"I invite you to join with me in returning to a holy tradition of refraining from eating meat on all Fridays of the year. May this personal penance be a strong source of grace in our defense of human life."**

— Most Rev. William G. Curlin  
Bishop of Charlotte

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**October 13**  
11 a.m.

Parish Visitation  
St. Joseph of the Hills  
Church, Eden

5 p.m.

Confirmation  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Church, Charlotte

**October 15**

Priests Convocation  
Camden, N.J.

**Catholic Physicians Guild**

October 18, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Leo Church,  
Winston-Salem  
(reception/talk follows)

**October 19, 11 a.m.**

St. Ann Church,  
Charlotte  
(luncheon follows)

**October 19**

Faith Doing Justice  
Belmont Abbey  
College, Belmont

**October 20**

12:15  
Confirmation  
St. Ann, Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Visitation Demonstrated Mary's Role In Spreading The Good News

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Oct. 2.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider the mystery of the Visitation. Following the Annunciation, and now filled with the grace of the Incarnation, Mary sets out for the hill country of Judea, bringing the "good news" and messianic joy to the house of Elizabeth, her kinswoman. Mary's visit to Elizabeth is thus a prelude to the future mission of Jesus and an anticipation of the crowning of that mission at Pentecost.

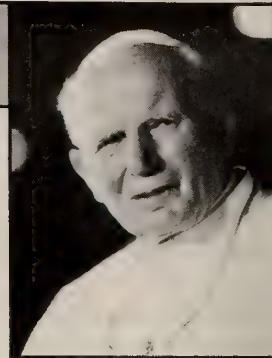
St. Luke tells us that at Mary's greeting the child leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb and that Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Lk 1:41-2). These inspired words of praise have been repeated by the church in every generation in the "Hail Mary." Like Elizabeth, the church rejoices that Mary is the mother of the Lord who brought her son into the

world and who constantly cooperates in this mission of redemption for all mankind.

I am pleased to greet the students of the Pontifical North American College who will be ordained deacons tomorrow. Dear young men: By ordination to the diaconate, you will be configured to Christ and sent forth as ministers of the Gospel and servants of the people of God. May you always be joyful witnesses of the grace and truth which God has bestowed upon us in Jesus his son.

As the feast of St. Francis of Assisi draws near, I also offer greetings and encouragement to the members of animal protection groups celebrating "World Animal Day."

Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from Denmark, England, Ireland, Australia, the Philippines and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our savior.



## Guest Column

Reverend Richard J. Neuhaus

### Evangelium Vitae: A Love Letter To The World

*Evangelium Vitae* is a love letter to the whole world. At the same time, it is a prophetic indictment of what we human beings are doing to one another at the threshold of the new millennium. Love and prophecy are not opposed. Love that deceives is neither truthful nor loving. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to speak the truth in love. (Eph 4:15) This encyclical is a powerful example of doing just that.

Sometimes the truth is painful. Prophetic love does not pander. It tells us not what we want to hear but what we need to hear. The Old Testament prophets were calling the people of Israel back to their high destiny as the elect people of God. Criticism was driven by a love that could not betray the truth without betraying the beloved. In *Evangelium*

*...In fact, we are our brother's keeper. Recognizing the "personal dignity" of the other, we recognize that we owe everyone "respect, generosity, and service."*

*Vitae* the Holy Father says a firm "no" to this and a firm "no" to that. It would be a great mistake to think the message is essentially negative. Every "no" is premised upon a prior and greater "yes."

This is nothing less than a yes to the human project, to which God is irrevocably committed through Jesus Christ. The teaching of *Evangelium Vitae* and of the Catholic Church is aptly described as prophetic humanism. Such humanism knows that the choice is not between the will of God and the well-being of humanity. Rather, the will of God is for our well-being, and our well-being is in doing the will of God.

At the dawn of the modern era, Thomas Hobbs and other thinkers of the secular Enlightenment said that a relatively humane world could only be secured by people forming a "social contract" based upon self-interest. In the 18th century, intellectuals invested their hope for the human future in bringing everything under rational control; in the 19th they looked to scientific and technological progress. After the First World

War, much of humanity turned its eyes towards various ideologies. None of this prevented the century that is now coming to an end from being the most lethal in all of human history.

This terrible history is the background for *Evangelium Vitae*. It teaches us that if we are to turn from death to life in the third millennium, we must learn that a humane society cannot be secured on the basis of calculated self-interest, nor by technological and scientific progress, nor by grand ideological schemes. The turn toward life requires that each one of us, one by one, reject the response of Cain when God asked him about his brother, Abel. In fact, we are our brother's keeper. Recognizing the "personal dignity" of the other, we recognize that we owe everyone "respect, generosity, and service." When this is forgotten, when we value others only for their abilities or their usefulness to us, "the first to be harmed are women, children, the sick and suffering, and the elderly." This, says *Evangelium Vitae*, "is the supremacy of the strong over the weak" (no. 23) which is the way of the long, dreary, blood-drenched history of Cain and Abel that is rewritten daily.

The Gospel of Life is a call to conversion, one by one, to the Lord of life. Personal conversion is the beginning of the turn away from the culture of death and toward the culture of life. The personally converted then turn toward converting others, and each of the converted accepts responsibility for turning society itself toward life.

*Evangelium Vitae* sees our world standing at a turning point as crucial as any in the long history of humankind. The third millennium will witness a flowering of the culture of life or a continuing descent into the abyss of the culture of death. We Christians have the great privilege and responsibility of persuading the world to choose life — for God's sake, for our sake, for the sake of humanity. In the encyclical, Pope John Paul II quotes St. Irenaeus: "The glory of God is man fully alive."

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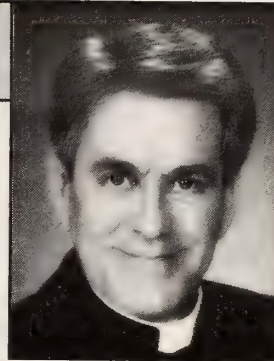
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### Why Should I Bother To Vote?

With just weeks to go until this year's elections you've probably already had it with speeches and political ads, attacks and innuendo. Am I the only one using the remote to zap past these commercials brought to us by the-committee-to-elect-somebody-or-other?

But, like it or not, the political process matters. And government is too important to leave in the hands of those few who bother to stay both aware and involved.

Life and death issues justifiably grab headlines, but even the most mundane situations are affected.

Serve on a jury, collect unemployment insurance or worker's compensation, see firefighters or police officers in action and watch government in action. Put trash out for recycling, pay sales tax or apply for a passport and you're in-

involved in local, state or national government.

It is difficult to think of any human activity in our society where the impact of law and politics is not felt. You don't have to be a politician to be concerned

with the legislative, judicial and executive branches of our nation. Certainly, most of us are only too willing to express our opinions on questions large or small.

So why is it that so many of us don't even bother to vote?

Voters are a minority in the United States. Most people ignore pri-

maries. A typical turnout is roughly 10 percent of the voting-age population. And in the past decade, almost half of the eligible voters have been staying home even in the general elections.

Yet ours is a nation, more than any other, founded on the recognition of Di-

vine truths and our God-given rights. So how do we answer such apathy and indifference?

History teaches that crises often arise when citizens stop paying attention to the day-to-day doings of government.

That's a concern addressed in the U.S. Catholic Conference's document on *Political Responsibility*: "We need more, not less public participation. The key to renewal of public life is reorienting politics to reflect better the search for the common good and a clear commitment to the dignity of every person."

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are God-given rights. Government possesses neither the power to confer it nor the power to usurp it. But it does have the clear duty to protect and secure it.

Most of us are comfortable with the notion that Church and State should be kept separate. But this is not the same as saying religion and politics must be kept apart. A human being does not have two

consciences, one for judging religious matters and one for judging political questions. Nor does the Constitution say that only those who have no faith get to participate.

Being an active citizen means more than just voting for the sake of voting. *Nobody* has enough time, but make it anyway. Educate yourself on issues and make decisions based on reason and values, then write a letter, attend a meeting, be part of the process. Dare to consider what's best for others as well as yourself.

When you come right down to it, does it make any sense to call ourselves religious and American, and refuse to be part of the electorate — and the solution?

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## Question Box

Father John Dietzen



### People Who Leave The Church

*Q. Several of us couples were in a discussion recently concerning people who leave the Catholic Church and join another congregation.*

*When we studied the catechism long ago, most of us learned that if you left the Catholic Church your soul was lost. Does the Church still teach this? If not, what is the Catholic doctrine now?*

A. Let's admit first of all that no one, now or in the past, knows the eternal destiny of anyone who leaves one faith to accept another.

To claim such knowledge would

claim to know much more about the workings of God's grace and the condition of another person's relation to God than we will ever know this side of eternity.

We believe, if we are knowledgeable and committed Catholics, that sources of life with God and avenues to recognize and acknowledge God's love for us — the sacraments, the Eucharist, encouragements and means of prayer, the support of a community of like believers — are available in our Church in a unique and spiritually priceless way.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the

mediator and revealer of these truths and, as St. Paul says, that he dwells permanently in His body, the Church, as its head (Col. 1:18).

We believe further that when God provides such knowledge and gifts for us, He has a right, as Creator and Savior, to expect and oblige us to accept them and use them.

These truths undergird the doctrine that "the Church, a pilgrim now on earth, is necessary for salvation" (Vatican Council II, Constitution on the Church, 14).

None of us needs reminding that, to put it mildly, not every person in the world agrees with what I've said.

For one thing, billions have never heard of it. Other countless millions have heard it all, but have never been able to accept it in faith.

This latter group includes, among others, Christians of Protestant denominations, whose conscientious faith decisions we obviously respect.

And we must admit that this same group includes many former Catholics, whose knowledge or experience of our faith, for whatever reason, never reached a level of personal conviction and commitment.

Others were to all appearances once committed members of the Catholic faith; but something serious, perhaps

something over which they had no control, intervened somewhere to negatively affect their faith.

The Catholic Church recognizes the possibility of all these situations. Thus, the Second Vatican Council, in the same paragraph quoted above, says the following: "Hence, they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it."

The words in the middle of that sentence are crucial. They profoundly affect what we believe about salvation and membership in the Catholic Church. The same thought is repeated often in this and other documents of our faith.

To put it plainly, therefore, because of the reasons I indicated above, Catholic doctrine acknowledges that people can in good conscience refuse to enter our Church, or choose not to remain in it, and still come to eternal life.

Here as always, the words "in good conscience" carry a load of responsibility. But again, unraveling the spiritual effects of an individual's motives and actions is God's prerogative, not ours.

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from the desk of Bishop William G. Curlin

## Everyone Can Help Pray For Vocations

When I was installed as the Bishop of Charlotte, I soon discovered the remarkable growth in our Catholic population. While some dioceses in the United States are closing parishes, we need to open new parishes, schools and ministries. Yet, to do this requires more priests and religious. The harvest is indeed great, but the laborers are few! This year five pastors retired but only two priests were ordained. More priests will continue to retire every year. Thanks be to God, the diocese is blessed with the generous ministry of religious communities. But they too are experiencing a need for more vocations.

Father Frank O'Rourke, our diocesan Director of Vocations, zealously works to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But he cannot do this alone! He needs our help. More is needed than an annual vocations sermon and distribution of vocation pamphlets. Prayer is needed! It speaks to our heart of God's love and our response to that gift! Saints have described how quiet communion with God in prayer helped them to recognize His "invitation to leave all things and follow Him."



Pope John XXIII reminded us that "the Church receives the vocations it prays for." In my first parish, there was the custom of praying during every Mass for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; the parish records reveal that 78 of its sons and daughters became priests and religious. I encourage your parish to do the same. Include a petition for vocations and a Hail Mary during every weekend Mass. In parishes that have Perpetual Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, make your special petition that God will bless your parish family with holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Jesus promised miracles through prayer!

Priests and religious often speak of their parents' strong faith and love for the Church. A good Catholic home is called the priest's first seminary and the religious' first novitiate. God bless our diocese with many such homes. Parents who want happiness and success for their children need to listen to the words of Jesus, who promised eternal happiness for those who leave all things and follow Him. Surely that promise includes parents who generously offer their children to God's service.

Today the Church begs God for an increase in holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May our daily prayer be that God will continue to bless our diocese with many holy and zealous priests and religious.

### Pastor and Parish

Of 220,117 parishes worldwide, 60,350 are without a resident pastor.

55,542 — non-resident priest pastor  
373 — entrusted to permanent deacon  
116 — entrusted to religious brother  
1,109 — entrusted to woman religious  
1,474 — entrusted to lay people  
1,736 — entirely vacant

From 1994 data reported by 95 percent of Catholic dioceses worldwide.

Source: Statistical Yearbook of the Church: 1994  
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Religious priest pastor  
12%

No resident pastor  
27%

Diocesan priest pastor  
61%

In parishes worldwide, 73 percent have a resident priest serving as pastor. The remaining churches are without a resident pastor, according to the latest Statistical Yearbook of the church released at the Vatican in July.

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#### Vocations: The Priesthood

Interviews with priests reveal how they made their vocation decisions and what it meant to their families, friends and parishioners.

#### Called by God

Married, single, in the religious or priesthood, we are all called to "partnership with God."

#### Come Follow Me

Explore the possibilities of the religious life through interviews with a variety of people who have answered the call.

#### Hands of Love (The Little Sisters of the Poor)

A documentary about the vocation of the Little Sisters of the Poor that tells about their work with the aged, poor, their daily life and includes the story of their foundress, Blessed Jeanne Jugan.

#### I Can Find My Way: Vocation Education

Three videos designed with school-age children in mind. The first video explains how we are called from Baptism to serve God's people. Explains vocation, priest, brother, nun, deacon, marriage or the single life in simple terms. The second, video deals with vows in a manner young viewers can comprehend. The final video presents how one becomes a priest, sister, brother or deacon. The process of formation, and steps taken to become ordained or a religious is also discussed.



## 'WILL YOU BE MY WITNESS?'

*In World Mission Sunday message, Pope John Paul challenges Catholics to see link between faith and mission*

Observing that "faith spurs us to be missionaries," Pope John Paul II challenged Catholics worldwide to let World Mission Sunday be the occasion to let themselves "be personally summoned by the Lord to the apostolic challenges of our time."

"Faith and mission go hand in hand," the Holy Father noted in his message for World Mission Sunday, October 20, "the stronger and deeper the faith, the more we will feel the need to communicate, share and witness to it."

On World Mission Sunday, the Pope continued, "Christ

asks each baptized person: 'Will you be my witness?'"

"growth of dioceses, parishes and Christian families."

**W**ho, in fact, is the Christian? A person whom Christ "has made His own" and who therefore longs to make Him known and loved everywhere, "to the ends of the earth."

Pope John Paul II



The Holy Father stressed in his message the important role of the Propagation of the Faith for the

The Propagation of the Faith is vital to sensitizing Catholics to the mission *ad gentes*, the Pope said.

Through this "sensitization," he continued, "every believer can have a renewed awareness of his duty to open his heart to all those in the missions who live in conditions of critical material and spiritual need."

Such awareness, the Holy Father concluded, "will certainly lead to the commitment to take responsibility for the needs of our poorest brothers and sisters."

Pope John Paul encouraged prayer for missionary vocations. He also noted that Christian witness "is marked by the unavoidable and distinctive presence of the Cross." "There can be no authentic witness without it," he added, speaking specifically near the end of his message about the "heroic witness given by new 'martyrs' who shed their blood in order to remain faithful to the Lord." In the past decade, close to 200 missionaries have shed their blood in heroic witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ✠

## JESUS SAID: 'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES...EVEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH'



**H**is healing was miraculous, sign of greater power, greater love. A man who had never stood walked. A man with leprosy was cleansed. A little girl, thought dead, arose, her hand in His. Comfort through our hands mirrors Christ as we, too, love.



**H**e gathered them for stories, maybe held the smallest on his knee as He opened up the world and helped them peek at the wonders of His Father. We copy Him as we tell the age-old stories to little ones given to us, and as we pray with them "Our Father."



**A**t table, the Twelve gathered round Him. Bread broken was no longer bread. Wine passed, no longer wine. Oh, this is the mystery at the heart of our lives! We know Him in the breaking of bread. We reflect Him as our broken lives are mended with His forgiveness.

How will we be His witnesses today?

(Above)  
Local Sister, Leprosy Rehabilitation Center, Indonesia

(Above Right)  
Missionary Bishop Raymond Kalisz, S.V.D., Papua New Guinea

(Right)  
Missionary Father Luigi Bono, Eucharistic celebration, Ethiopia



## MISSION NEWS

In February, in the war-zone of Sudan in Africa, 23 catechists traveled 370 miles by foot to a main mission to ask for a priest. They had instructed hundreds of children and prepared them for Baptism, the Eucharist and the other Sacraments. A priest was sent to them for Holy Week and Easter; he visited the main villages, baptizing more than 2,000 children and initiating the basic organization of Christian commu-



CATECHIST IN THE SUDAN

nities. ✦ Throughout the Missions, there are some 350,000 catechists, part-time and full-time. ✦ Bishop Franjo Komarica of Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, testified this June before the U.S. Congress. He noted that nearly every church in his diocese was damaged or destroyed during the years of ethnic strife, and that Catholics in Bosnia continue to be denied their human rights. "We are strengthened only by our faith," he said. The Propagation of the Faith is helping with the great needs of Banja Luka, as well as of the other dio-

ceses of Bosnia: Sarajevo and Mostar-Duvno. ✦ Ground was broken this past May for a Catholic hospital in Najin, North Korea. It will be staffed by Benedictine missionary priests. This is the first Catholic institute to be built in the North since the Korean peninsula was divided by the Korean War. The 200-bed facility should be completed by May of 1997. ✦ In mission territories depending on Propagation of the Faith help, the Church operates 2,045 hos-

pital, 2,921 orphanages, 729 leprosaria and 6,981 medical dispensaries. ✦ Last November, the foundation stone was blessed for a new Catholic church in Kazakhstan, one of the republics of the former Soviet Union. The church will be built with help from the Propagation of the Faith. ✦ An American missionary in Wa, Ghana, Father Bill Curran, M.Afr. writes: "The big news in our parish is the opening of our senior high school. Also, we have just finished our parish youth festival with over 200 young people. This year we baptized more than 50 school children. We finished constructing the eight miles of road in the east part of the parish, opening up nine villages to safe water, schools, a mobile clinic and other services. To all of you who support us we offer our prayers and thanks!" ✦ In the Missions, the Church educates young people in more than 53,000 elementary and high schools. ✦ Last October, the first Bhutanese priest was ordained: Jesuit

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY HELPS...

✦ the Church as  
it serves the poor in Africa, Asia,  
the Pacific Islands and remote regions  
of Latin America through the  
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✦ mission areas in the  
United States through the  
**American Board of  
Catholic Missions**

✦ the missions of the Middle East  
through the  
**Catholic Near East  
Welfare Association**

ordained to the priesthood, including 753 in Asia and 707 in Africa. The Propagation of the Faith provided support last year for close to 26,500 major seminarians in the Missions. In addition, 19 new seminaries were opened in the Missions to handle the increasing number of seminarians. Support was also provided last year for close to 10,000 Religious novices. ✦ Last summer, 2,000 Catholics and 25 priests gathered in Phnom Penh for the first ordination of a Cambodian priest since 1973. Following the ordination, 98 young men and women participated in the first-ever meeting of young Cambodian Catholics. In addition, a seminary has been opened in Battambang, Cambodia, and at present there are six students in formation. ✦ In Bangladesh, a

YOUR GIFT ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY...

**\$15-\$25** helps to support  
a catechist for a month  
**\$100** helps a village mission,  
with chapel, school and health services  
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novice or a mission seminarian



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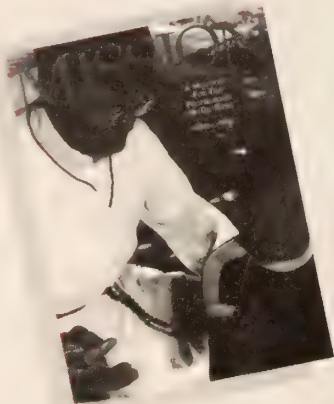
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SISTER BENEDICT CARES FOR ORPHANS  
IN BANGLADESH



local Religious Community of Sisters carries on the Church's tradition of caring for orphan children. In the past

three decades, the Home run by the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions has cared for some 5,000

children. Sister Zita sees the value of her work and her witness to Jesus Christ in Bangladesh. "When I am in the cities and villages, my presence, just by my way of dress, is a witness," she said. Bangladesh is predominantly a Muslim nation. ✦ In the Missions, there are some 170,000 Sisters and 14,300 Brothers serving in various apostolates, including education, health-care, social services and



World Mission Sunday contributors receive **MISSION**, the national magazine of the Propagation of the Faith.



# The Witness of the Church Makes All the Difference!

The witness of the Church in Udon Thani — its bishop, priests, Religious, laity and missionaries — makes a tremendous difference among the people. "All the difference," says Bishop George Phimphisan, Redemptorist bishop of Udon Thani.

To illustrate, he tells the story of a Buddhist family in which the father, a prominent police official, was killed. The youngest child, a girl, attended the local Catholic school. "When the Sisters came to visit the family," Bishop Phimphisan says, "the little child ran to the Sisters, telling them of her sorrow. Her mother said to the Sisters, 'She did not do this with anyone else; that is how much love she has for you.'"

"That is how we evangelize," Bishop Phimphisan says, "by witnessing to people showing them, through our actions of charity, the Gospel, the new life Jesus offers, and His love. People who come into contact with me or the missionaries or the Sisters will ask, 'Why do you do this for us?' We tell them, 'Because our faith teaches us to do this. You are children of God.'"

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pastoral work. Redemptorist missionary Father Alfred Bradley, C.S.S.R., in sending last year's World Mission Sunday contribution from the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, wrote: "This past year we experienced once again the tremendous destruction of another severe hurricane. Our people have suffered a great deal. Our schools and churches sustained much damage. Our good people know from their own experience how important it is to reach out to those in need. It is our sincere hope that our small contribution to the Propagation of the Faith this World Mission Sunday will help support the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world."

Jesus loves you and we want you to know that."

The love of Jesus has motivated one missionary in the Udon Thani diocese for the past three decades. Father Larry Patin, a Redemptorist from Grand Rapids, Mich., began his ministry there in 1965. His early missionary days were spent serving people with Hansen's disease (leprosy). These days, with their medical needs being addressed, he finds himself involved in the day-to-day struggles of the poor farmers of his parish on the Mekong River on the Thailand-Laos border. AIDS is also a big challenge in ministry.

The needs of the handicapped must be addressed as well, Father Patin notes, adding that their existence, in many cases, is just being revealed to Church workers. This is a challenge that the Church in Udon Thani is answering. Bishop Phimphisan tells of the diocesan program in which volunteers are trained to visit handicapped persons in their homes, working with them on rehabilitation, physical therapy and education.

Both Bishop Phimphisan and Father Patin emphasize the need for missionaries. "Just looking at the priests in this diocese," Bishop Phimphisan says, "there are seven or

eight nationalities working here." Udon Thani has 10 local diocesan

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priests and 25 missionary priests.

Father Patin observes: "I work in a country where 99 percent of the people are Buddhist, and where I have the opportunity to radically change their lives, to touch them with Christ's love.

"I wake up every day with that thought," he concludes, "excited by and grateful for the possibility the Lord offers me to tell them about him."

On Sunday, Oct. 20, we will wake up knowing it is World Mission Sunday. This is our special day of the year (but not the only day of the year!) to focus on our own missionary responsibility, our own call to touch the lives of people all over the world with the love of Christ.

Last year Pope John Paul II reminded the world, in a series of talks

on the universal mission of the Church, that the Church is "essentially missionary." At the very soul of the Church is that dynamism, which comes from the Holy Spirit, that unfolds preaching the Gospel, in spreading the faith and in the invitation proclaimed "to the very ends of the earth" (cf. Pope John Paul II's *Missionary Catechesis*, April 19, 1995).

This is shown in a concrete and effective way, the Pope says, "especially in those who, starting with the Apostles, go to regions far from their land for the sake of the Gospel." (Those like Father Patin.) The Pope continued, "Even if all are not called personally to go to mission lands, each one in the Church and with the Church has the task of spreading the light of the Gospel...Indeed, all are called to cooperate in this mission." (That is all of us.)

For many, daily life can include 50-hour weeks in the office, caring for home and family, volunteering in the parish. For others daily life may seem limited by the difficulties of illness, pain or advanced age. In the midst of whatever daily reality is ours, we are called to be missionaries, not as an "extra" in our faith lives but as the core of our being Christians.

We could wonder how to find the time, the energy, it takes to participate in the missionary task. But it isn't so much time and energy; rather, our participation is made up of faith and love expressed through prayer and sacrifice.

The spiritual and material help sought on World Mission Sunday is for the work of the Diocese of Udon Thani, and 1,000 other mission dioceses in the Developing World that depend for their basic daily support on the Propagation of the Faith. A portion of the funds gathered here in the United States on World Mission Sunday remains in our country for the work of the Home Missions.

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope John Paul II reminds us that the "Holy Spirit sends every baptized person to proclaim and bear witness to Christ to all nations...Today Christ asks each baptized person: 'Will you be my witness?'"


**Will YOU?**

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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October 11, 1996



Dear Friends in Christ:

When Pope John Paul II visited the United States last fall, he spoke again and again of the Church's evangelizing mission, and, in particular, of the call to each one of us to be missionaries. "The Church is alive in you!" the Holy Father said. "You have received the gift of new life. You have been charged with bringing the good news 'to all creation' (Mark 16: 15)."

Day after day, throughout the year, each of us is called to be a witness for our faith in Jesus Christ, in our families, our workplaces, our parishes and diocese; indeed, to the very ends of the earth. On World Mission Sunday, we unite with Catholics throughout the world in special commitment to the missionary task that we all share. We pledge our prayers and financial help to this effort through the Propagation of the Faith.

Our sacrifices help the Church throughout the world: in Liberia, Sudan and Bosnia, where war and civil strife have meant great suffering for the Church; in Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar, where there are hope-filled signs for the Church; in Mongolia and Albania, where there is a renewal of the Church after years-long oppression.

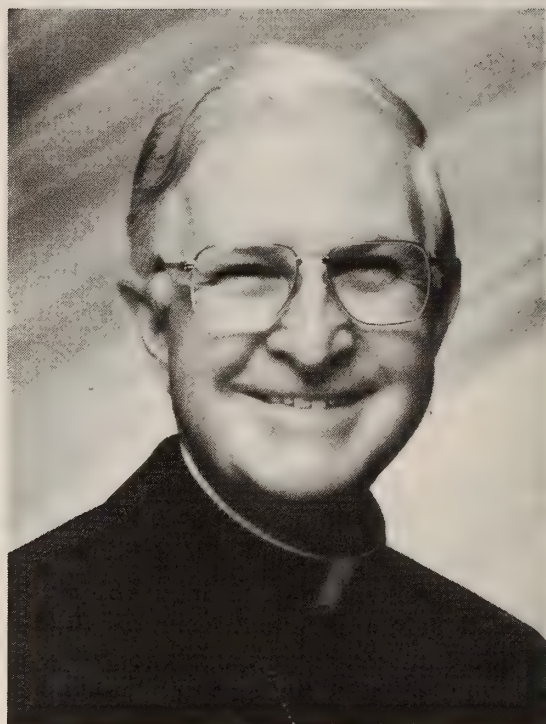
In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, our Holy Father asks: "Today Christ asks each baptized person: 'Will you be my witness?'" I urge everyone in the Diocese of Charlotte to respond with great generosity to that question, offering your prayers and sacrifices through the Propagation of the Faith for the Church's missionary efforts at the Eucharist on October 20. As your generous response affects the lives and faith of our sisters and brothers in mission dioceses, it will also be a source of blessing for our own diocese as we place the worldwide mission of Jesus at the heart of our life as Church.

Prayerfully in the Lord,

*+William G. Curlin*

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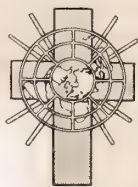
## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

*is an important date  
in the life of the Church  
because it teaches how to give:  
as an offering made to God,  
in the Eucharistic celebration and  
for all the missions of the world.*

Pope John Paul II

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



**G**racious and Loving God, help the men and women of the Diocese of Charlotte to hear the call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

**O**pen the hearts of many. Raise up faithful servants of the Gospel — dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons — who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

**B**less those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The Diocese of Charlotte offers prayerful thanks to the following communities for their generous and unselfish sharing in the faith life of the diocese.*

- Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)
- Congregation of Our Lady Help of the Clergy (Maryvale)
- Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians)
- Daughters of Charity
- Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (Graymoor)
- Franciscan Secular Institute
- Marians of the Immaculate Conception
- Missionaries of Charity
- Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Trinitarians)
- Oblates of St. Frances de Sales
- Order of Friars Minor
- Order of Friars Minor Capuchin
- Order of Friars Minor Conventual
- Order of St. Benedict (Benedictines)
- The Home Missioners (Glenmary)
- Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
- Poor Servants of the Mother of God
- Redemptorists
- Religious of Christian Education
- Sisters of Charity
- Sisters of Holy Cross
- Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
- Sisters of St. Dominic
- Sisters of St. Francis
- Sisters of St. Joseph
- Society of the Holy Child Jesus

# Seminarian Update

## Priesthood Is A Second Career For One Seminarian

Not all calls to vocations come to people early in their lives; seminarian Matthew Leonard's calling to the priesthood came during a 10-year career in the culinary arts.

"I was a cook in the Navy for four years and a cook for six years for the Fraternal Order of Police in Washington, D.C." said the 34-year-old Virginia native.

Currently enrolled in Third Theology at St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore, Matthew said his discernment process began in the Navy and continued while he worked in Washington. "It slowly pulled me in with a need for increasing activity," he said. "I finally realized this (the priesthood) was what I was called to do."

After earning degrees in theology and philosophy at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, Matthew entered the seminary in Baltimore. "It's hard to answer why I chose the Diocese of Charlotte....It just felt right," he explained. "Every time I came to visit, there was such a peace about it. The people are friendly and hospitable. The more I came to visit the diocese, the better I felt about this is where I should serve."

On April 19, 1997, Matthew will be ordained to the diaconate at St. Mary's. He currently serves a parish in the Baltimore area while preparing for the future. "I'm very involved," he said, adding that he helps at Masses each weekend. "I love parish ministry and the idea of becoming a parish priest."

Matthew worked in St. Pius X parish and at the Franciscan Center in Greensboro during his first summer assignment, and spent this past summer in clinical pastoral education at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. "I still don't know a lot of people, but I pray for the people of the diocese, including the ones I will serve someday. A bond is being created within me."



## College Seminarian Prepares To Serve Diocese

Matthew Buettner grew up in a faithful Catholic household in Peoria, Ill., but the 20-year-old seminarian says he really did not know Jesus on an intensely personal level until the summer following his high school graduation.

Buettner is one of three college-aged men currently preparing for the priesthood as a seminarian of the Diocese of Charlotte. Studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia, he is projected to be ordained in the year 2002. He sees the chance of attending college while in seminary as a special way of drawing closer to Christ.



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## National Vocation Week: A Time For Renewed Interest Father Frank O'Rourke

Greetings and peace!

As National Vocation Awareness Week again approaches, we in the Diocese of Charlotte are reminded to recommit



ourselves to praying for men and women who hear the Lord's call to serve. Priests, brothers, sisters and deacons are key components of the lifeblood of today's Church. They are people of God who bring a spiritual energy to parishes from the Piedmont to the mountains.

In addition to our diocesan priests in this diocese, men and women have devoted their lives in service to 32 religious orders. The permanent diaconate comprises more than 60 men sacramentally ordained to the Church as well. Their ages and their educational, faith and cultural backgrounds vary widely, a diversity that makes us aware of the universality of God's Church. Such variety reminds us, too, that the Lord calls us at different times and stages of life.

This issue of *The Catholic News and Herald* includes stories of and opportunities for people hearing God's invitation to dedicate themselves to the Church in a most special way. Appearing is a list of awareness videos available through the diocesan Media Center. These resources provide valuable insight for parish groups, families and individuals interested in pursuing and encouraging vocations.

While the week of Oct. 13-19 — and this issue of *The Catholic News and Herald* — hopefully inspires awareness of a wide variety of opportunities to serve the Church, my particular focus is on priesthood in this diocese. In this and upcoming issues, I will introduce you to the seminarians who have been led by the Spirit to give their lives to the Church.

I am more aware than ever that the response of these men stepping forward is the fruit of much prayer of people in the diocese. I urge each of you to continue to pray for vocations and to look within your families and communities for men having those special gifts that the Church is in need of. I beseech those who hear the call to meet with a priest, brother, sister or deacon who can start and guide you in your journey.

I look forward to introducing you to our seminarians. With each comes a story of faith, and it is my hope that their profiles will continually keep your interest in vocations renewed and enthusiastic.

Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Charlotte. For more information on vocations, contact him at P.O. Box 130, Clemmons, N.C. 27012, (910) 766-1822.



## People In The News

### Missouri Native Named To Head U.S. Catholic Mission

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sister Rosanne Rustemeyer, a School Sister of Notre Dame from Jefferson City, Mo., is the new executive director of the U.S. Catholic Mission Association. Sister Rustemeyer, who spent nine years as a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa, will direct the activities of the Washington-based nonprofit group, which has 620 individual and organizational members.

### Worcester Priest Named To Head Bishop's Liturgy Secretariat

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father James P. Moroney, a priest from the Diocese of Worcester, Mass., has been named executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for the Liturgy in Washington. He succeeds Msgr. Alan Detscher, who had headed the secretariat since April 1994. Msgr. Detscher was to return to his home diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., in October after concluding a three-month sabbatical. Ordained in 1980, Father Moroney had been associate director of the secretariat since February. Before that he was pastor of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in Spencer, Mass.

### Fifth-Grade Transplant Patient Connected To Classroom By Computer

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (CNS) — "You're making history, Katelynn." As Sister Lillian Reilly, principal of St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield, spoke those words in early September, fifth-grader Katelynn Battista may have become the first student in the U.S. Catholic school system to return to the classroom through the technology of interactive video computer schooling. That statement from Sister Reilly, a Sister of St. Joseph, was met with a giggle from 10-year-old Katelynn, who appeared on a small monitor placed atop a desk at the right rear of the classroom. Katelynn underwent a bone marrow transplant June 13, and one of the restrictions of her recovery period was that she could not attend school for one year. So the school came to her via computer and fax machine.

### Quebec Premier Bourassa Dies, Worked To Keep Quebec In Canada

OTTAWA (CNS) — Canadians joined together to remember former Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa as the man who chose not to take Quebec out of Canada. The four-time premier died

of melanoma, a form of skin cancer, at Montreal's Notre Dame Hospital Oct. 2. He was 63. Bourassa, a Catholic, was first diagnosed with the disease six years ago. Though he initially entered politics to create jobs and improve Quebec's economy, the Montreal-born Bourassa was cast into an intense sovereignty debate. In 1974, during his second term, Bourassa's government passed the Official Languages Act that made French the official language of the workplace and the civil service. Angry Anglophone and immigrant Quebecers joined with separatists in defeating him at the polls in 1976.

### Dominican Nun Receives Extension Society Award

CHICAGO (CNS) — Dominican Sister Maria Sarto Moreau received the Lumen Christi Award, given each year by the Catholic Church Extension Society, for her missionary work on the southern part of the 25,000-square-mile Navajo Reservation in eastern Arizona. Sister Moreau, 63, received the award from the Chicago-based society Sept. 27. She has worked among the Navajo for 23 years. Prior to that, she taught school for a year in her native Maine and was a language teacher for eight years in Tokyo, Kyoto and Sendai, Japan. Once as-

signed to the Arizona mission, Sister Moreau immediately began learning the Navajo language. "I promised myself that as soon as I came, I could learn the language so I could speak with the people. I delved into it on day one," she told *Extension*, the society's monthly magazine.

### Amarillo Bishop Receives 1996 Bishop O'Neill Award

TORONTO (CNS) — Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen of Amarillo, Texas, publisher of the *West Texas Catholic* diocesan newspaper, is the 1996 recipient of the Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Award. The award, presented Sept. 26 at the combined Midwest-Eastern regional convention of the Catholic Press Association in Toronto, recognizes exemplary support among Catholic bishops, archbishops and cardinals for the Catholic press and for editors of Catholic publications. The honor is given by the staff of *The Observer*, newspaper of the Diocese of Rockford, Ill., and is named for Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill, who headed the diocese from 1968 to 1994.

## Party Affiliations

American citizens responding to the question, "In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or Independent?"

	GOP	DEM	IND
White Catholics	30%	32%	34%
Hispanic Catholics	18	39	41
Hispanic non-Catholics	24	35	37
Black Christians	6	66	24
White Mainline Protestants	34	26	37
Jews	15	46	37

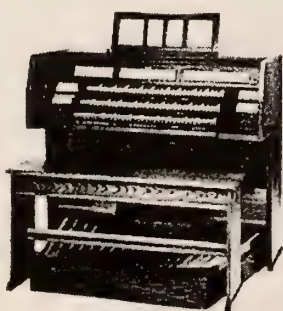
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BELMONT — The Office of Peace and Justice sponsors the “Faith Doing Justice” conference at Belmont Abbey College Oct. 19-20 for all who search to integrate the Church’s social mission into their own lives. For registration information, call (704) 331-1736.

Holiday Craft Event

BREVARD — The annual craft fair at Sacred Heart Church is Nov. 8-9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Items include handmade crafts, canned and baked goods, and holiday items. For details, call Mavis Gosse, (704) 891-7102.

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LAKE JUNALUSKA — The Annual “Fire in the Mountains” retreat is Nov. 16. It will explore ways to bring more life to parish communities through talents, skills and concerns. For information, call your parish office or contact Richard Carl Wolf, (704) 891-8926.

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MORGANTON — To correspond with the chaplain for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the Diocese of Charlotte, Rev. Mr. Jim Johnson, write him at 2055 Eastbrook Circle, Morganton, N.C. 28655 or call him at (704) 437-3491 at home or (704) 432-5792 at work.

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CHARLOTTE — The Ancient Order of Hibernians meets 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at St. Gabriel Church’s in the parish center art room. All Catholic men of Irish ancestry are welcome. For more information, call Tim Lawson, (704) 522-9728.

Lasagna Luncheon

SHELBY — St. Mary Church sponsors a lasagna luncheon Oct. 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office, (704) 487-7697. Proceeds go the debt reduction fund.

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Crafts Bazaar

CLEMMONS — Holy Family Church hosts “Ye Olde Village Shops” fair Oct. 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Seasonal crafts, baked goods, raffles and a silent auction highlight the event. For more information, call the church office, (910) 766-8133.

Golden Agers

LINCOLNTON — The Golden Agers group of St. Dorothy Church meets the fourth Wednesday each month and welcomes new members. For information, call Christine Kiser, (704) 435-4813.

Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited at St. Leo the Great Church in the convent chapel at 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday.

Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother at

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CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets the third Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Leaders’ School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders’ School follows.

Latin American Festival

CHARLOTTE — The Sixth Annual Latin American Festival featuring a cultural village, arts and crafts, food and beverages, and music and entertainment is Oct. 20 from 12-8 p.m. at the Mint Museum of Art. Cost is \$3 per adult. Children under 12 and parking are free.

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MAGGIE VALLEY — A St. Margaret Players production, “A Night of Fun,” is Oct. 18-19 at St. Margaret Church. Tickets cost \$5 in advance. For information, call (704) 926-0106.

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HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339, or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

Fall Card Party

CHARLOTTE — The St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Guild Fall Card Party is Oct. 16 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. Call Doris Reinhardt, (704) 552-2026 or Anne Kenney (704) 552-0376 for ticket information. Proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

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CHARLOTTE — Charlotte’s German-American Club presents its annual Oktoberfest Oct. 19 from 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the National Guard Armory on West Blvd. at the Cargo Airport Entrance. Highlights include an authentic German dinner, a chance to win a trip to Germany and music from The Happy Rhinelanders band. Cost is \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. For more information, call Don Kahrer, (704) 948-0351; Eva-Marie Sagovac, (704) 553-0346; or Alfred Riebe, (704) 338-9913.

Renewal Program Begins

HICKORY — St. Aloysius Church begins “Another Look at the Catholic Faith,” a direct-mail program intended to reconcile inactive Catholics with their faith and Church, Oct. 12 and 13 at Masses. Father Wilbur Thomas, pastor, invites all who know of people possibly receptive to returning to Catholicism to submit those names to the church. Those whose names are received will receive five newsletters on topical issues facing today’s Church. For more information, call Rita Borst, (704) 459-2397.


Knights Present Rail Tour

WINSTON-SALEM — Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council 2829 sponsors a presentation of “A Canadian Rockies Rail Tour” Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church’s activity center. For more information, call (910) 924-2012.

BMHS Golf Marathon

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Booster Club fund raiser is Oct. 28 at Homestead Golf Course. For information, call Tony Nitz, (704) 545-1807.

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## World And National News Briefs

### NCCB Official Says Church Must Practice Economic Justice

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ing on a short list of 10 ethical principles for economic life. "Maybe these 10 points should be on our wall or on our desk as we make the hard choices every day," she said in her Sept. 30 address. The set of principles, to be discussed and voted on by the bishops at their national meeting in November, begins with statements that "the economy exists for the person, not the other way around" and "all economic life should be shaped by moral principles."

### Village Offers Special Care To Mentally Retarded

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Don Guanella Village has to be one of the great success stories in child and adult care in the history of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. The village, outside the city of Philadelphia in Springfield, consists of two parts: Don Guanella School, which cares for and teaches mentally retarded boys; and Cardinal Krol Center, which continues to provide a sheltered environment for them once they have reached age 21. It also provides some educational services for Divine Providence Village, a sister institution nearby for mentally retarded girls and women.

### Pope Beatifies 16, Including Christian Brother, Polish Martyrs

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Before entering the hospital Oct. 6 for an appendectomy, Pope John Paul II placed 16 people one step closer to sainthood. Pope John Paul beatified the Irish founder of the Christian Brothers, two women religious who headed institutes for families and children, and 13 Polish Catholics, whom he declared martyrs for the faith. The pope used the occasion to address problems in Northern Ireland, where an abandoned cease-fire has led to renewed violence and diminished prospects for peace. "Let us all pray that the Irish people will put tension and conflict behind them and go on to build a brighter and more serene future for the younger generation," the pontiff said. "Nothing is lost through peace; everything can be lost through violence."

### PLO Envoy Says Israel Has Turned Its Back On Peace

ROME (CNS) — A Palestinian envoy, in Rome for talks with Vatican officials, said recent Israeli "provocations" show that the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has effectively turned its back on the peace process. "Palestinians are under tremendous shock today. We tried collectively to play by the rules of the game, only to discover that it's a game with no rules," Afif Safieh, the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the Vatican, said in an interview Oct. 7. He made the comments after renewed Israeli-Palestinian violence left more than 70 people dead in Jerusalem and the West Bank. The conflict broke out after Israel opened a controversial archeological tunnel near Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.



Hundreds of Palestinians and Christians stand in Jerusalem's Old City Sept. 29, meters away from the exit door of the controversial tunnel which passes from a Jewish holy site to the Moslem quarter of the Old City. The demonstration was peaceful, calling for an end to clashes between Palestinian and Israeli security forces.

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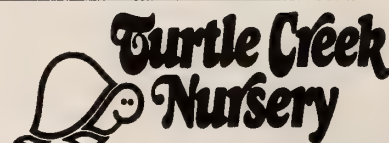
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# St. Lucien Church

**SPRUCE PINE** — A small number of Catholics lived in the Spruce Pine area during the 1920s, but one of the faithful in particular, who had family ties in Tennessee, was indirectly responsible for bringing regularly celebrated Masses to the mountain town.

Margaret Wilson Tappan, a resident of Johnston City, Tenn., and grandmother of Spruce Pine citizen Jack Tappan, suggested to a local priest to make weekly train trips to Spruce Pine to celebrate Mass. The priest began these journeys in 1928, when he said Mass at a hotel in town. On a monthly basis, a Jesuit father from Revere offered Mass at the hotel as well.

In March 1935, Bishop William J. Hafey received a gift of property from Ella Clapp Thompson, an Episcopalian from New York, on which the present church stands. A house on the property was remodeled to ready it for a chapel and priest's residence.

Named St. Bernadette, it became the first Catholic church to serve Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties. The first Mass was celebrated there on June 28, 1935, by Father Thomas Carney, appointed administrator by the bishop.

When Father Stephen Sullivan assumed the pastorate at St. Bernadette, he began making plans to build a new church and rectory. Construction began in November 1939, and the church was completed in April of the next year.

At the order of the bishop, the church was renamed St. Lucien because the principal donors placed as a condition of their gift that the church be christened in memory of their daughter, Lucien Price. The new church and rectory were dedicated and blessed on Aug. 17, 1940.

No sooner than Spruce Pine had its church, a 30-seat chapel was being built in nearby Linville. Father William Kuder, in March 1942, was named pastor of both churches, and Linville's new St. Patricia became a mission of the Spruce Pine parish.

Father Walter Higgins was named pastor of the Spruce Pine and Linville churches in 1951, and was celebrating Mass in Burnsville as well by mid-decade.

Glenmary fathers took responsibility for the churches in 1956. An energetic period of evangelization and building followed: Sacred Heart Church was constructed in Burnsville; St. Lucien Church was renovated; catechetical classes and preaching took place in communities throughout the area.

The Glenmary priests remained until 1968. Diocesan priests have served the Spruce Pine parish since then.

The church was again remodeled in the late 1960s, and in the years following catechetical classes were begun and expanded.

In 1980, a locally crafted altar was purchased for the church. Two years later, Father John Pagel was appointed to the parish and immediately expanded the CCD program and other parish- and community-level activities.

Increasingly larger crowds at Mass — both residents and visitors — led the parish to plan a building program in 1985, which involved the construction of a new rectory and an expansion of the church. Ground was broken for the rectory in 1987 and the house was completed within six months. The former rectory was transformed into the parish social hall, complete with offices and classrooms.

Meanwhile, Father Pagel also turned attentions to building a new church in Linville. The diocese purchased land facing Grandfather Mountain in November 1984, and three years later construction was begun. The first Mass at the new 300-seat church, named St. Bernadette, was celebrated on New Year's Eve in 1988.

The Spruce Pine pastorate assumed responsibility of the new Linville mission. Sacred Heart Church had been elevated to parish status in September 1986, while St. Patricia, which no longer adequately provided for the local and visiting Catholics in the area, was returned to its donating family by the diocese.

St. Lucien parish has experienced continued growth over the past 10 years. Expansions and renovations to the church more than doubled its seating capacity and improved the facility. Also, a house adjacent to the property was purchased and the parking lot was paved. An active faith formation program has been developed during the tenure of the present pastor, Father Aloysius D'Silva, and he has also overseen the professional landscaping of the church grounds. In addition, the "house next door" has been tailored for use as a parish center.

Nearly 70 years have passed since those first Masses were celebrated in Spruce Pine by a Tennessee priest. Since then, St. Lucien Church has both epitomized and promoted evangelization of the Catholic Church in the North Carolina mountains.

## St. Lucien Church

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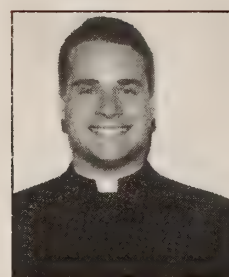
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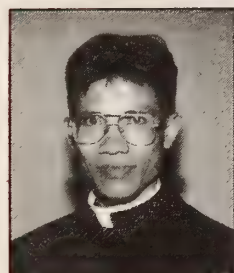


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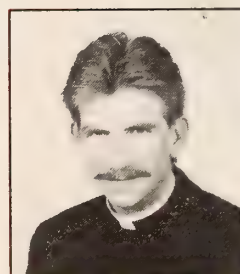
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*"Receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly."* Bishop William G. Curlin lights a candle during a celebration of faith and light at St. Matthew Church Oct. 11.

## Nobel Prize-Winning Bishop Credits People, Church

By NANCY HARTNAGEL

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The first Catholic bishop to win the Nobel Peace Prize said the award is a recognition of those with whom he has struggled for peace.

"This is a recognition, not of me, but of all the people of Timor, for the Catholic Church which works in Timor, and for all those who work for peace and reconciliation between people," said Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo in a statement issued Oct. 11 in Rome by his order, the Salesians.

The 48-year-old apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Dili, East Timor, who has been twice nominated for the award, was celebrating Mass in Dili at the time of the announcement.

He told reporters he learned about the prize after Communion. "I can say that I am surprised, but at the same time, not," he said. "I am surprised because there are many other people in the world who deserve this recognition more than I do. I am not surprised because I live the ordinary life of a bishop and all events are the same before God."

Bishop Belo shares the 1996 prize with Jose Ramos-Horta, 51, an exiled East Timorese activist based in Australia. They will receive the \$1.2 million award at a Dec. 10 ceremony in Oslo.

A Salesian spokesman said, "The Nobel prize will be an important support for the work the entire Timor Catholic Church and its bishop are contributing towards an oppressed minority."

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Bishop Belo's award "constitutes a recognition of his activity as a man of the church, marked by the untiring search for dialogue always aimed at peaceful solutions."

Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Worcester, Mass., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Policy, called the shared prize "a cause for true rejoicing."

The Nobel committee, which announced the winners Oct. 11 in Oslo, Norway, accused Indonesia of persecuting the people of East Timor, according to an Associated Press report. The committee said the prize was given to "spur

efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the conflict in East Timor based on the people's right to self-determination."

Bishop Belo has been a champion of human rights for the East Timorese.

In a 1986 pastoral letter, he sharply criticized the Indonesian government for its East Timorese birth control program, charging that family planning workers were distributing contraceptives indiscriminately to poor people who were inadequately informed about the program.

The bishop was instrumental in bringing the East Timorese situation to the attention of the international community following a 1991 massacre in which troops shot and killed up to 200 marchers at a funeral procession in Dili, and again in 1994, after hundreds of mainly Catholic protestors were beaten by police.

In 1994, Bishop Belo said Indonesia had turned East Timor into "hell" through arrest, intimidation and Islamic proselytizing among the territory's Catholics. East Timor is 89 percent Catholic, while Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population.

East Timor, a Portuguese colony for four centuries, occupies half of Timor, an island in the Malay Archipelago northwest of Australia. Indonesia invaded East Timor during a civil war in 1975, after East Timor declared its independence from Portugal, and annexed it as the country's 27th province in 1976. The other half of the island, formerly a Dutch colony, is now Indonesian Timor.

Neither the Vatican nor the United Nations has recognized the annexation and most countries still view Portugal as territorial administrator. Many in East Timor also do not accept the legitimacy of Indonesia's claim, and the territory has endured 20 years of guerrilla warfare and repeated reports of human rights violations.

In a statement issued in Washington, Bishop Reilly recalled that the U.S. Catholic Conference issued major policy statements on East Timor in 1987 and 1994, "expressing solidarity with Bishop Belo and with the church and people of

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## Post Crusade Rally Is A Celebration Of Faith, Light

By JOANN KEANE  
and MIKE KROKOS

CHARLOTTE — With a little help from a native son evangelist, the Catholic Church envisions new members.

Last month, the Billy Graham Crusade in Charlotte brought nearly half a million people together in faith. The crusade altar calls beckoned more than 22,000 towards the pulpit with encouragement to explore the fullness of Christian doctrines. The faithful filled out cards specifying denominational interest, and those cards were forwarded to churches throughout the city.

More than 1,000 expressed interest in the Catholic Church. And on Oct. 11, nearly 300 stepped closer to the Church during a welcoming prayer service at St. Matthew parish.

"Who can love us like Jesus? Who can forgive us like Jesus?" Bishop William G. Curlin queried those making the spiritual journey. "We come here tonight for many different reasons. I come as your shepherd, asking God to make me a better person and to give me the strength to fight my weaknesses."

"Some of you come because you

are victims of a broken marriage or have other heartaches in your life. For some of you, it has been years since you've been to a church, and you're saying to yourself, 'things are so different.' You think the Church doesn't want you," the bishop continued. "The Church does want you; Jesus wants you."

"Tonight we can meet Him here in the sacraments, in the Church and in each one of us," Bishop Curlin added.

Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization and pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Monroe, invited those who stepped forward at the crusade to commit their lives to Christ and renew their baptismal vows during the St. Matthew prayer service.

Bishop Curlin also called them forward to receive the light of Christ. From a singular candle, the flame ignited the faith, as candle passed from person to person until the dimly lit parish glowed with a newfound spirituality.

Present were non-Catholics exploring the mother Church, former

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## Prayer Service Offers

### Warm Welcome, from page 1

Catholics with a desire to return to their roots, and practicing Catholics seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

Brad Labarre, a student at Central Piedmont Community College, made the decision "to turn his life over to Christ" at the crusade. Although he was not brought up in any particular faith as a youngster, Labarre feels drawn to the Catholic Church.

"I feel comfortable here," he said, adding he has begun visiting a priest for spiritual guidance. "I hope to join the Church sometime in the future."

Following the prayer service, participants gathered in the parish hall for fellowship and the opportunity to peruse

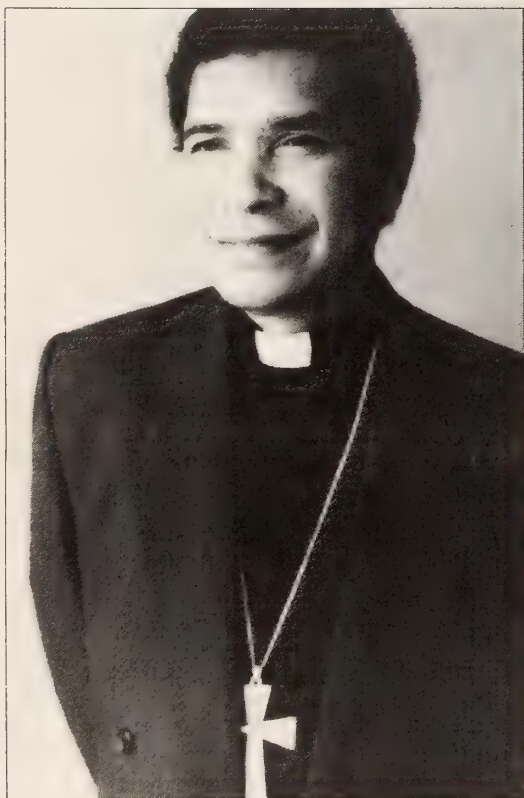
literature from 11 parishes, as Charlotte, Mooresville, and Monroe parish representatives offered hospitality and a simple message that the Church can be a true home for them.

"The parish response has been excellent," Father Vilkauskas said. "They welcomed the people beginning a new life in the church."

This is only the start of the journey for those who recommitted their lives to Christ, Father Vilkauskas added. "We plan to write follow-up letters to all participants saying we hope they have been in contact with their parish and become more involved," he said.

Results of the evangelization efforts may be measured at the Easter Vigil when the Church initiates those it has welcomed with open arms.

## Bishop Belo Wins 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, from page 1



CNS file photo

Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo

who killed my father, my mother, my brothers. Reconcile with whom, our enemies?" I answer that as Catholics, we have no enemies, that we must always forgive as Jesus said," he said.

A spokesman for the Indonesian government expressed "regret" that the peace prize was given to Bishop Belo and Ramos-Horta, accusing the latter of "inciting and manipulating the people of East Timor."

In 1995, Bishop Belo received the John Humphrey Freedom Award for promoting human rights and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio, who nominated Bishop Belo for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, called him "a man of tremendous inspiration who stood up for his people in the face of violent repression."

*Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden in Rome.*

East Timor."

In congratulating Bishop Belo on behalf of the committee, Bishop Reilly extended "our prayerful wish that this award may hasten the day when the people of East Timor can live in peace and security in their own land."

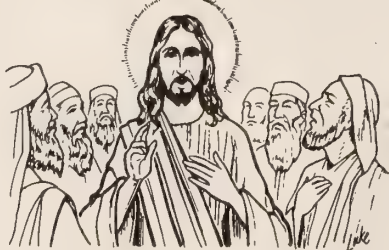
Born Feb. 3, 1948, in Baucau, East Timor, Bishop Belo was ordained a Salesian priest in 1980. He was named apostolic administrator of the Dili Diocese in 1985.

In a pastoral letter before Pope John Paul II's 1989 visit to East Timor, Bishop Belo said the pope was the bishop of Dili — alluding to the see's establishment directly under the Vatican to avoid the political issue of being within the Portuguese or Indonesian bishops' conferences.

In an interview published in an Italian magazine early this year, Bishop Belo said the central message of his pastoral work is reconciliation.

"I speak of pardon, but frequently people respond: 'Pardon whom? The one

## The Greatest Commandment



"When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them tested him by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mt 22:34-40)



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## Life Chain '96 Produces More Positive Response

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HICKORY — To some it may have seemed like an ordinary Sunday, but to the participants in the Life Chain and those who witnessed their commitment to life, Respect Life Sunday was a prayerful and grace-filled day.

Event organizer and the Respect Life Coordinator at St. Aloysius Church, Dick McDonald, was pleased with the turnout for the Oct. 6 event. In Hickory, more than 500 participants and approximately 30 churches took part. The Unifour Life Chain, which expanded to include Burke and Lincoln counties with Catawba County this year, had nearly 3,000 participants.

"There was a good response; people have been so friendly," said Pat von Drehle, St. Aloysius parishioner.

The cars passing were much more cordial

than in previous years, with record numbers of smiles, honks and waves. "Hey, you all are doing the right thing!" shouted one young man from his car.

A member of a Baptist church in Granite Falls said that this was the first



Photo by KATHY SCHMUGGE

Trish Kerley from Holy Trinity Church in Taylorsville and her son Matthew took part in the Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 6.

the unborn.

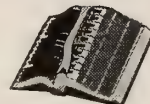
Even after the recent defeat of the ban on partial-birth abortion, the Life Chain continues to remain dedicated to a prayerful and peaceful end to abortion.

time in 10 years that she did not receive one single unpleasant gesture. "I think as people become more vocal, the nation will see that the majority of citizens are against abortion," she said.

In addition, there were many young faces showing their support for life. Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Taylorsville made the Life Chain a youth ministry activity. One teen mentioned how great it felt to actually do something to help the pro-life movement. Their determination and optimism was a testimony to all, a promise for the future of

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
October 20 - 26



Sunday:	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21
Monday:	Ephesians 2: 1-10 Luke 12: 13-21
Tuesday:	Ephesians 2: 12-22 Luke 12: 35-38
Wednesday:	Ephesians 3: 2-12 Luke 12: 39-48
Thursday:	Ephesians 3: 14-21 Luke 12: 49-53
Friday:	Ephesians 4: 1-6 Luke 12: 54-59
Saturday:	Ephesians 4: 7-16 Luke 13: 1-9

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## Emmaus Program Broadens Ministry, Schedules Retreats

Coordinators of the Emmaus retreat program, a ministry in the Diocese of Charlotte, have scheduled three retreats in the upcoming months which mark the growth of the program as a ministry, and members look forward to continuing its development.

"We are very pleased, as it brings to fruition the hard work and prayers of many," said Emmaus coordinator Bud Yoham, a parishioner at St. Barnabas in Arden.

Father Ray Berg, spiritual adviser to the group and a team member, added, "Emmaus has been growing significantly as a retreat ministry."

Originating in Miami, Fla., nearly 20 years ago, Emmaus consists of retreat weekends focusing on personal encounters with Jesus. Coordinators have been operating the ministry in North Carolina for three years.

Yoham said the weekends are formatted around Scripture readings, with strong emphasis on the value of personal sharing by lay persons. "While we seek to share individually as to what Jesus is doing in our lives, we do not discourage the person who would rather remain quiet," he added.

Two weekend retreats take place each year, and while the ministry reaches out to both men and women, separate retreats are held. Men's retreats are Nov. 22-24, and March 7-9, 1997. The next retreat for women is April 18-20, 1997. They will be at the Living Waters Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, with Sister Jane Schmenk as retreat coordinator.

For information on the ministry and its upcoming conferences, contact Bud Yoham, (704) 665-8249 or Tom Sparacino, (704) 255-0095 for the men's retreats, and Cindy Yoham, (704) 665-8249 or Jan Coyle, (704) 254-4345. Registration deadline for the November retreat is Nov. 11.

## MACS Annual Campaign To Begin

CHARLOTTE — The Fourth Annual Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) Education Foundation Giving Campaign gets underway the week of Oct. 27, with a goal of raising \$125,000 for the seven schools that make up the system.

Funds donated tend to both the current and future needs of MACS, which comprises Charlotte Catholic High School, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, and All Saints, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Ann, St. Gabriel and St. Patrick elementary schools.

In addition to yearly tuition assistance and an endowment — the latter of which currently totals \$40,000 — monies are allocated to particular areas of need within the schools. The 1995-96 campaign allotments have been given for a curriculum review, to the MACS 2000 project, for the expansion of Holy Trinity, to teacher grants and for technology needs.

Foundation Chairperson Dan Kuhn looks forward to this year's campaign, adding that the contributions of MACS families, friends, faculty and staff — as well as members of the local Catholic community — directly impact people's lives.

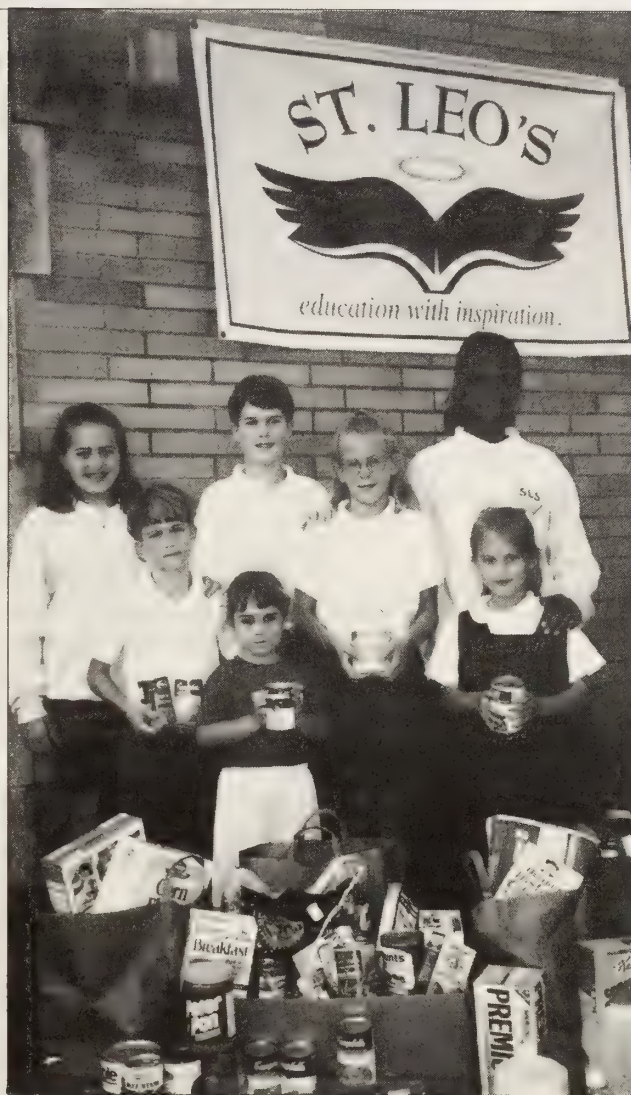
"Each year we are able to educate more and more people about the benefits of giving through the Foundation," he said. "This past year 600 families answered the call to give. We hope to see participation increase even more this year."

The campaign is set up as a pledge program with pledges collected from January through June 1997. For tax purposes, contributions may be made before Jan. 1, 1997 as well. Those who pledge may give in monthly installments or in one payment.

Jennifer Wheeler, MACS director of development, said that phone-a-thons will also take place at the schools between late November and early December.

For more information on the MACS Annual Giving Campaign or to make a contribution, contact Wheeler at (704) 331-1729.

## Students Help Out With Disaster Relief



Students attending St. Leo School in Winston-Salem recently collected more than 800 canned goods, bottles of water and other non-perishable items to aid the victims of Hurricane Fran. Third-grade teacher Maureen Patti, outreach coordinator for the school, said, "We work with St. Leo Parish as much as possible to jointly serve the community and help foster stewardship among our children." Pictured are: Beth Hurley, Matthew Sechrest and Elena Schexnider, back row, left to right; Rob Hendrix and Emily Hoeing, middle row, left to right; and Alexandra Fox and Sarah Troutmann, front row, left to right.

## Masses Honor Healthcare Professionals

MONROE — Healthcare professionals in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend one of two Masses in honor of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians and health care professionals, on Oct. 18 or 19. Bishop William G. Curlin will preside at both Masses.

Following the services, diocesan officials plan to discuss the possible formation of local chapters of the Catholic Medical Association (Catholic Physicians Guild). According to Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization, the purpose of the groups would be: the building up of faith through peer support; bringing some members of the medical profession back to the Church; to provide a forum for the discussion of medical moral questions, among other things.

The Oct. 18 Mass at St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all healthcare professionals in the Triad. A reception and short presentation will follow the service.

The Oct. 19 Mass at St. Ann Church in Charlotte starts at 11 a.m. It includes a luncheon afterward (reservations are necessary).

For more information, contact Father Vilkauskas, (704) 289-2773.

## Remember His Will In Yours.

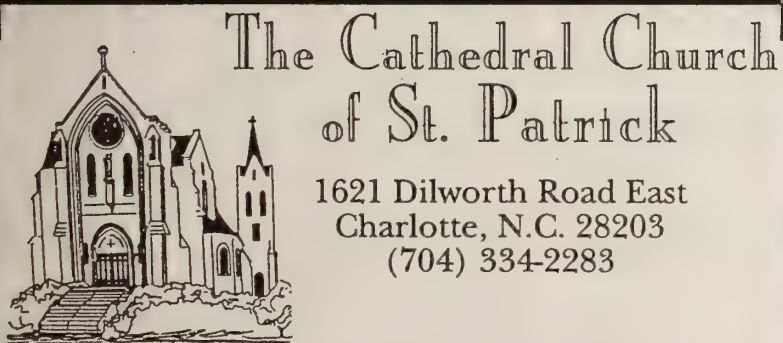
*"A valid Will stands as a continuing expression of our concern for loved ones, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Church and the community in which we live."*

Bishop William G. Curlin

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For more information on how to make a Will that works, contact Jim Kelley, Diocese of Charlotte, Office of Development, 1524 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1709 or 377-6871.



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**Confession:** Saturday 4-5 p.m. or by appointment



## Pro-Life Corner



**Accepting partial-birth abortion is a betrayal of our humanity. The reasons put forward by abortion advocates for the procedure are the same as those the Nazi doctors invoked to justify their medical experiments.**

**Bishop McHugh, Bishop of Camden**

*The Respect Life Office Diocese of Charlotte*  
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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

**October 20**  
12:15 p.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Ann Church  
Charlotte

**October 22**  
6 p.m.  
Diocesan School Board  
Meeting, Charlotte

**October 23**  
1 p.m.  
Fire Truck Blessing  
St. Patrick School  
Charlotte

**October 24**  
6:30 p.m.  
Room at the Inn  
Fund Raising Banquet  
Adams Mark Hotel  
Charlotte

**October 26**  
6 p.m.  
Confirmation  
Immaculate Conception  
Church, Hendersonville

**October 27**  
3 p.m.  
25th & 50th Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration  
St. John Neumann  
Church, Charlotte;  
6:30 p.m.  
MACS Education  
Foundation "Circle of  
Celebration '96"  
Charlotte

**October 28-29**  
Annual Assembly of  
Bishops & Priests of the  
Atlanta Province  
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## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Ritual At Gemelli: Pope Visits Kids With Cancer Before Leaving

ROME (CNS) — Just hours before Pope John Paul II left Rome's Gemelli hospital he had to perform a ritual.

The doctors, the patients and their parents all knew it was coming, but that did not dampen the excitement or emotion of an Oct. 15 papal visit to Gemelli's pediatric oncology ward.

After having his stitches removed in the morning, Pope John Paul paid his customary visit to "the kids next door" — as the children signed the get-well message they sent the pope after his Oct. 8 appendectomy.

The rooms of the young patients, most of whom have leukemia or brain tumors, are on the hospital's 10th floor along with a special suite of rooms reserved for papal hospitalizations.

As with his previous stays at Gemelli, the pope visited the youngsters just hours before returning to the Vatican.

He spent about 20 minutes on the ward, greeting each of the patients and their parents. He tenderly caressed cheeks and heads bald from the effects of chemotherapy and made the sign of the cross on the little ones' foreheads.

It was not a surprise visit.

"We expected him to come because every time he has been hospitalized here, he has come to our ward to see the children who have very special problems," Dr. Renato Mastrangelo, director of pediatric oncology at the hospital, told Catholic News Service.

"But more than we do, the parents expect and await his visit," the doctor said. "They get hope from him. All they want is to see the Holy Father and to have him touch their children. And that's what happened."

The doctor said there was a definite air of excitement in his ward, "but the children were happy. The excitement was not a problem at all."

For an older patient hoping to glimpse the pope

as he walked out through the lobby of the hospital, connected to Rome's Catholic university, the crush of hundreds of journalists was a problem.

"Let me through, I'm sick and I want to see the pope," said the woman in a silk dressing gown and slippers as she tried to edge her way through reporters, photographers and television crews.

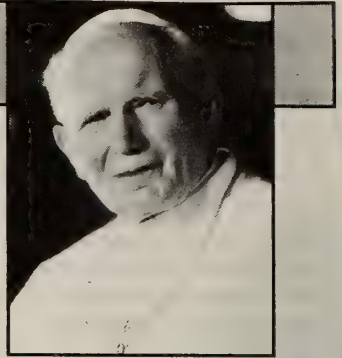
She did not end up in the front row, but she was close and joined the hundreds of people clapping and shouting, "Viva il papa!" ("Long live the pope") as Pope John Paul walked, unassisted, through the lobby with his primary surgeon and with Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state.

Although the pope walked very slowly through the lobby, he seemed to find a burst of energy as he pulled himself, standing, into the sleek black convertible with the top down for a final wave to his fellow patients, who were standing on balconies and waving.

Vatican officials have not said when Pope John Paul would resume a normal schedule, although Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope was expected to lead the midday Angelus prayer Oct. 20.

While a general audience Oct. 16 was clearly out of the question, Vatican officials said the pope might come to the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square to greet well-wishers missing a Wednesday audience but wanting to mark the 18th anniversary of his election as pontiff.

Doctors said the 76-year-old pope was making an excellent recovery from the 50-minute operation Oct. 8, a "textbook" appendectomy in which adhesions or scar tissues from previous surgery also were removed.



## Letters

To The Editor,

The sex and violence that is portrayed by the television and movie media is of grave concern to many of us. The average person has become tolerant of bad moral behavior and the entertainment industry is, to a great degree, responsible.

A letter I wrote several months ago was accepted by the Bishops' Advisory Council. However, their feeling was not one of great enthusiasm, though it is felt that abusive sex and violence is a very serious matter.

I urge your readers to discuss the problem with each other and parish priests.

Please write the Bishops' Agenda Committee: National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 3211 4th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1194

**Jack Lavens, Winston-Salem**

To the Editor,

You state that Billy Graham's view of the Gospel differs "somewhat" from the Catholic view (*Graham Crusade Offers Opportunity For Renewal*, Sept. 20). This is like saying that water differs "somewhat" from air.

Despite current rapprochement, our differences remain substantial. To cite just one: The Graham view of authority for Christian belief looks to the Bible alone. In contrast, the Catholic view has always been that this authority has two sources: Scripture and the teaching office of the Church, the Magisterium.

There are many others, including significant differences in our understanding of the sacraments. Let us continue to pursue ecumenical goals within the context of what Catholics and Protestants truly believe,

rather than attempt to structure commonalities which at present do not exist.

**John J. Moran  
Tryon**

To The Editor,

Considerable notice was given to the "Justice and Peace" conference. The words *peace* and *justice* in the program's title were accompanied by the incessant use of the word "social." Since Vatican II there has been a disproportionate, and often subtle, attempt to co-mingle sociology with theology.

Conspicuous by its absence in the agenda was any mention of abortion under the broad heading of *justice*. Most right-thinking Catholics will admit that abortion is a travesty of justice. What is more faithless than the crime of abortion? God forbid that abortion be excluded from justice on the grounds that it is not theological. Informed Catholics need and are entitled to a full measure of knowledge as to abortion integrated with justice leading to ultimate *peace* of conscience.

Additionally, two of the keynote presenters at the conference are cited in the publication *Ungodly Rage*. One is identified as an "influential progressive;" the other as a member of a non-canonical sisters group and associated with Catholic feminist work. I fear that our model diocese is being duped into a do-gooder program versus Catholicism that works.

In good conscience, I could not support "Faith Doing Justice."

**Father Ed D. Kirsch, pastor  
St. William, Murphy  
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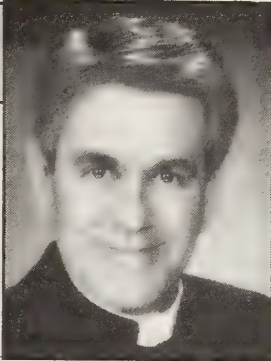
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# Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



## Words Have Consequences

For 25 years I taught at least one course in Speech Communications every semester at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. And on more than one occasion a student would deliver a speech that would knock my socks off.

It happened last year when one student started by saying: "Words become actions; actions become habits; habits become character; and character becomes one's destiny."

He then went on to dazzle his classmates and me with his lucid explanation of the power that words have to shape our ideas and our lives. He captured the practical ways words influence and empower us to act — for better or for worse.

How do we treat each other? Start by asking how we talk about and to one another. Much of what we think about ourselves and our world comes prepack-

aged with the words we have inherited. Society and communication intimately define each other.

If you doubt the power of words, consider Helen Keller. When she made the connection between the word "water" and the cool substance flowing from a pump over her hands, she escaped the isolation of a deaf, mute and sightless body. Helen Keller's spirit and intelligence were there, waiting for language to feed her knowledge and nurture her comprehension of the world beyond her own fingertips. "That living word awakened my soul," she wrote in her autobiography, "gave it light, hope, joy, set it free!"

Words have almost unlimited power to destroy and heal. Nothing is more false than the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." More lives have

been destroyed by words than by bullets, and more lives redeemed and made whole.

"Humans suppose their reason has command over their words; still it happens that words exercise authority on reason," cautioned Francis Bacon 400 years ago.

And still we believe we're in control.

Even when we try to be objective, spoken and written language is frequently told from a very subjective viewpoint colored with emotion. Language can manipulate, patronize and diminish. That's why the World Council of Churches in 1983 and the Catholic Conference of Bishops in the 1990s have

wrestled so purposefully to come to terms with the issue of inclusive language in public prayer.

If ever anyone understood the meaning and effect of words it was Noah Webster, whose name has become synonymous with dictionaries. His reminder: "Language, as well as the faculty of speech, (is) the immediate gift of God."

A "Thank you" is in order for any gift. St. Paul urged the people at Ephesus to "say only the good things people need to hear, things that will really help them." That's one good way to thank God.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Words Can Hurt," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

# Question Box

Father John Dietzen



## Why Youth Need Mass

**Q.** *We are a small group of parents who get together often to talk about our lives and our children.*

*One matter we are all dealing with is going to Mass. The children don't seem to think about the Mass in the way we think we did.*

*"Praying is something you should do on your own, so we should not be obligated to go to Mass," is one comment. Another is, "It's better to go a few times a year and get something out of it than to go every week and be bored."*

*Most of them go to Mass regularly, so we think it is more looking for answers than rebelling. And some of their comments make at least a little sense. Do you have any suggestions as to how to approach them?*

**A.** You're fortunate to have other parents like yourselves with whom to share and address concerns like these.

I'm sure that you agree that your own faith example and patience will be more influential than anything else in the long run. But a few thoughts may help.

We can begin by recalling that Mass is not just another prayer service, and that the requirement of sharing the eucharistic sacrifice with our fellow Christians (or "going to Mass") is not something new.

In the early years of Christianity, centuries before any laws as we know them existed about it, the communities of believers in Jesus expected participation in the Sunday Eucharist each week, in some ways more urgently than today.

Certain documents of those times reflect an early Christian policy. If one of their number failed to be present at the Eucharist for some weeks, with no serious reason, there could only be two explanations: Either that member had withdrawn from the community, or further instruction in the faith and the mean-

ing of the eucharistic celebration was needed. It is obvious they believed something about the Mass that we have lost through the centuries. For them it wasn't a matter of "committing a mortal sin" by disobeying a Church rule. It was simply a conviction that one could not really understand and believe what Mass is all about, and then fail to be there.

Today the Church is trying hard to help us reclaim that conviction.

The sacrifice and table of the Eucharist — sharing the offering of Christ to the Father, uniting ourselves and our lives to his death and resurrection, and confirming that union and commitment by together receiving his body and blood in Communion — is an essential way

Jesus unites us with Himself and forms us into his family. Mass is uniquely where we learn and experience the spirit and message of Jesus. Through the Scriptures and through the language and actions in the liturgy of the Eucharist is where we identify ourselves as His body, acknowledge who are our brothers and sisters because of Him, and offer each other encouragement and support.

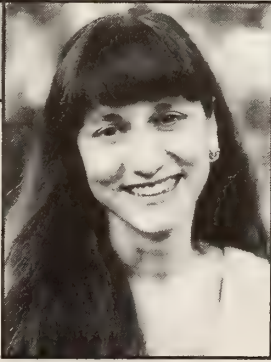
In an individual-centered age like ours, it is particularly difficult to grasp that in this larger sense, even at a Mass with 500 people, the presence or absence of anyone affects everyone, not least of all the individual himself or herself.

Young people, and all of us adults for that matter, need encouragement to recognize and appreciate this experience with our Lord.

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# Family Matters

Eileen Marx



## Bullies and the Bible

This past February, two weeks after we had moved from Maryland to New Jersey, I got a call from the nurse at my son's school. Bobby had come to her office right after lunch complaining of a headache and stomach ache. When I arrived at the school, the nurse pulled me aside to let me know that it seemed the real cause of Bobby's malady was a fellow kindergartner who was bullying him in the lunch room.

As we drove home, Bobby said, "I was sitting in the lunch room next to 'Frankie' and I leaned against him really by accident when I was trading my dessert with Chris. And he pushed his elbow into my stomach and said in a mean voice, 'If you do that again, you're dead meat! And if you try and play with any of my friends, you're dead ice.'"

Bobby continued, "And I don't really know what dead ice is but I think that it's a lot like dead meat. And all during my gym class he kept trying to trip me and he would laugh when I would lose my balance. But I never fell. I wanted to leave because he was scaring me."

For me, and I suspect for many other parents, all the wonderful wisdom of "turning the other cheek," "loving our enemies" and "blessed are the peacemakers," goes right out the window when one of my children is intentionally hurt or threatened by another child. Fortunately, these feelings are only fleeting because some of the most important lessons we teach our children involve loving and forgiving people who have hurt and harmed us.

My husband, Joe, and I have always taught our children to use their

words instead of their fists unless it's to protect themselves. When other children have repeatedly hurt or threatened them or their friends, we have explained that the reason a kid usually does something bad to another kid is because he doesn't feel so good about himself. We ask our kids not to spend time figuring out the reasons but to make sure they always try to work out their problems peacefully. We try not to use the word "bully" when we're talking about a child we know. As angry as a child's actions can make us, it's usually not their fault and labeling a child as a troublemaker only makes things

worse for the child. In the book *The Berenstain Bears Meet The Bully*, we're also reminded that a bully often has a mother or father who "bullies" him or her and they need special understanding.

There are lots of reasons why children can be cruel to other children — emotional and physiological problems, stressful events in the home and even some stages of child development bring about changes in a child's behavior. Every child has his moments, but it's the repeated ridicule and put downs, the persistent punching and shoving, the ceaseless name calling that can make life absolutely miserable for the child on the receiving end.

Bobby's teacher called me to let me



# Symposium On Aging Focuses On Ethics

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

HENDERSONVILLE — Statistics show between one-half and two-thirds of all people who have lived to the age of 65 or older are living right now, and a sampling of them could be found at the Kanuga Episcopal Conference Center recently for the 11th Annual National Symposium on Ministry with The Aging.

Nearly 300 participants from 34 states — 60 percent of them returnees and the rest newcomers spanning a wide religious and professional spectrum — gathered at this inviting woodland setting to consider the matter of "Ethics in a Graying Society."

Sister of Providence Alice St. Hilaire, a featured speaker from Yakima, Wash., viewed the symposium as "an opportunity to experience a spiritual and ecumenical entry into the real issues of aging both intellectually and personally."

Sister St. Hilaire, director of candidates for her religious community, shared her experience as a spiritual director and caregiver to seniors through a day-long retreat, "I am Them: A Retreat for Religious Elders Serving Older Adults." This was only one of seven intensives offered at the start of the four-day symposium which included plenary sessions, concurrent seminars, worship and socials conducted throughout the sprawling lakeside facility on the shores of Kanuga Lake.

Tony Lefeber, coordinator of ministry to the homebound at Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, attended the symposium for the tenth time and still found it refreshing. "It's so uplifting and fruitful for me to be around such people," he said. "The talks, fellowship and meals together make it seem more like a retreat than a conference."

The symposium was inaugurated under the auspices of Mars Hill College over a decade ago to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, policies and practices among a variety of religious and health care professionals involved in ministry with the aging.

This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Andrew Achenbaum, professor of history at the University of Michigan and a research scientist and deputy director of the school's Institute of Gerontology, is no stranger to the symposia circuit. He admitted "coveting this chance to wander through such an intellectual, social and spiritual gathering."

Achenbaum's address focused on the challenge of (re)insinuating specifically religious values, principles and language into the ethical discourse about aging in our society. "We want our public square," he asserted, "not to be intruded upon by private values." Achenbaum laments that it is "culturally acceptable for religious gerontology to deal with individual aging, but it is another matter to attempt conjoining religious and public policy issues."

Dr. Stephen Sapp, professor of religious studies at the University of Miami and author of *Light in a Gray Area*, examined the topic: "Elders, Boomers, Xers, and the Church: Who Owes Whom What?" Like the person searching for his keys under the street light because the light was better there, Sapp argued that the "what is owed" is being sought for in the wrong place. Expressing the "what" economically to the exclusion of all else has, over the last two decades, fostered a growing inter-generational antagonism, says Sapp, that too glibly characterizes "greedy geezers devouring the social inheritance of future generations." This political climate of inter-generational push and shove, he observes, only adds to the complexities

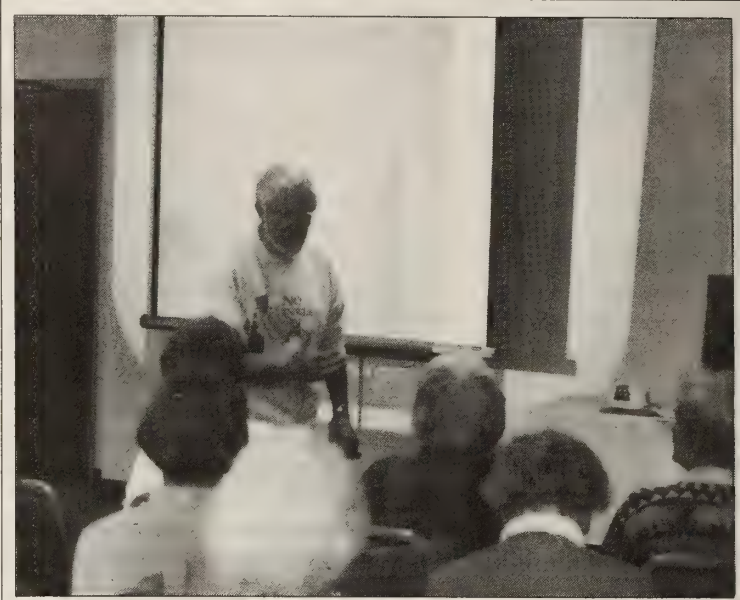


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The Reverend Richard Morgan of Lenoir, N.C., author of *Remembering Your Story*, conducting symposium intensive entitled: "Spirituality of Remembering."

of ethical decision making.

Society, Sapp reasons, ought to recognize that the only characteristic all human beings share without exception is aging. "Where you are, I once was. Where you are, I someday will be." Noting that in 1900 only one in 25 people were 65 or older and that in just 35 years one in four (25 percent) of the population will be 65 or older, it isn't surprising to learn that recent polls show 80 percent of Generation Xers (ages 18-30) have already had personal experience with long-term care and consider it to be one of the major problems facing America.

What will be the role of growing numbers of religious elders in the Church community in coming years? Sister St. Hilaire describes it in vocational terms: "There is a strong recognition that the sense of God which provided us with such stability as we grew up is now lacking in younger people's lives. The mentoring that elders can do is very important."

Sister St. Hilaire believes religious elders are now experiencing a freedom and discovering a readiness to do this mentoring for others. She is less convinced of the capabilities of local congregations to be effective places for inter-generational sharing. "People who are raising families are running in many different directions — not really operating as families. Even our church activities divide people into age groups," she said.

Considering the thorny issues this symposium has tackled over the last decade, it's hard to imagine this one escaping their scrutiny for very long.

## CCHS Grads Named AP Scholars

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School graduates Suzanne DuBose and Bradley Timmers were named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examination. Of the more than 537,000 students who took the exam last May, only 12 percent performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

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## Mas de 300,000 personas acudieron a la cruzada de Billy Graham

Por LUIS A. WOLF

CHARLOTTE — Del 26 al 29 de septiembre más de 300,000 personas se congregaron en el estadio Ericsson en Charlotte para escuchar al Dr. Billy Graham en lo que quizá haya sido su última cruzada en las Carolinas.

Los cuatro días de la cruzada fueron algo impresionante. El jueves asistieron unas 65,000 personas. El viernes más de 72,000. El sábado fue el día dedicado a la juventud y 88,000 personas llenaron el estadio y un lote de estacionamiento donde se había instalado una pantalla gigante. A pesar de una lluvia continua durante el concierto que precedió al Dr. Graham, nadie se movió y ésta cesó cuando él comenzó a hablar. El último día, el domingo, Billy Graham terminó la cruzada con una urgente llamada a una multitud de 79,000 personas para que encontraran a Jesús antes de que fuera muy tarde.

Los cuatro días estuvieron llenos de emociones. Más de 22,000 personas, desde niños hasta ancianos, contestaron la llamada al altar que es la llamada que él hace a las personas que asisten a sus cruzadas para que bajen y se acerquen donde él habla para recibir a Jesucristo en sus corazones y hacer un compromiso con El (Jesucristo) al aceptarlo como dueño y señor. Esa llamada ha hecho que muchos que estaban alejados de sus Iglesias hayan vuelto a ellas o que los que no estaban afiliados a ninguna se hallan acogido a alguna.

Billy Graham hace hincapié en lo importante que es pertenecer a la Iglesia, pues los creyentes necesitan uno de otros.

Esta es una de las razones por la que nuestro obispo, el Monseñor Guillermo Curlin pidió a las parroquias de los 46 condados que comprenden la diócesis a involucrarse en la cruzada.

El Obispo Curlin, quien asistió a varios de los servicios, dice que el Dr. Graham es un hombre de fe extraordinaria en Jesucristo y que su figura puede traer a católicos inactivos a su fe ancestral.

El Dr. Graham es nativo de Charlotte. La casa y vaquería de su padre se encontraban a unas pocas cuadras de lo que es hoy el centro comercial de Park Road. El famoso Jim Bakker compró la casa vivienda y la mudó para Heritage Village, en Fort Mill, Carolina del Sur, donde se encuentra actualmente.

La cruzada de Charlotte fue como si Billy Graham volviera a su casa. El dijo en el sermón del jueves "yo he querido siempre volver y he pensado si Dios me dejaría vivir lo suficiente para tener otra cruzada aquí, porque esta parte del país está en mi corazón".

El Dr. Graham hizo llegar su mensaje a la multitud en forma elocuente, enfatizando, entre otras cosas, que todos somos pecadores, que tenemos que arrepentirnos de todo corazón, que Dios nos ama y nos perdona y que mandó a su hijo al mundo a morir en una cruz por nuestra redención.

El domingo hizo una llamada final para tomar una decisión por Jesús diciendo: "Dios te ama. El tiene sus brazos abiertos listos para recibirte, pero tú tienes que tomar la decisión. Tú tienes voluntad propia. Dios no aprieta un botón y tú haces lo que El dice. Tú tienes que hacer el compromiso. Tienes que tomar la decisión por ti mismo. Dios hace todo lo que puede en Jesucristo".

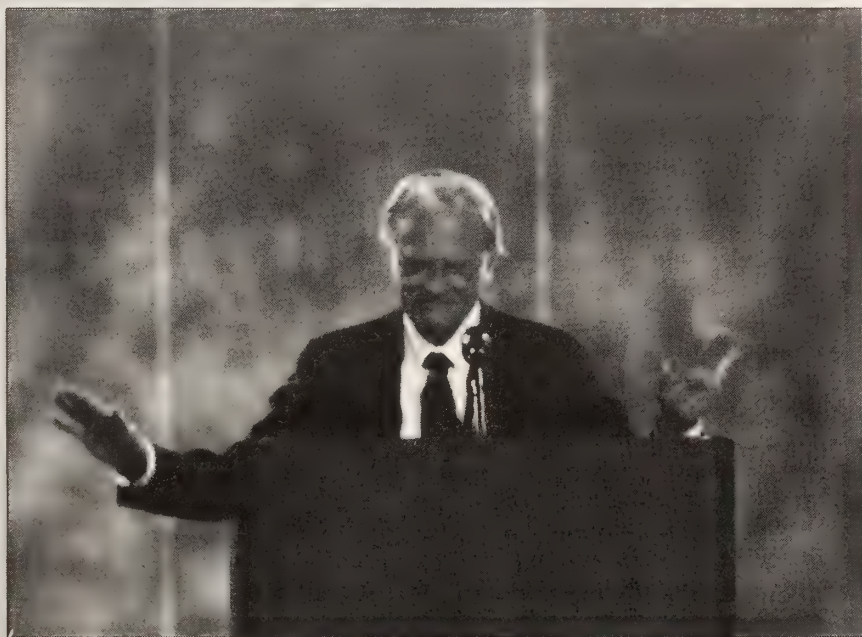
Al final de sus sermones miles bajaron contestando a la llamada. El domingo un niño de la parroquia de San Vicente quiso bajar, pues quería hacer un compromiso con Jesucristo. El abuelo lo acompañó y el niño habló con un consejero. Cuando terminaron el abuelo se acercó al consejero y le dijo que él había estado medio alejado de la Iglesia y quería volver a involucrarse más con su Iglesia.

Esta fue una de más de 1,000 personas que indicaron interés en el catolicismo, o que querían volver a la Iglesia católica o a ser más activas en la misma.

Durante las jornadas del jueves, viernes y domingo hubo una sección reservada para personas de diferentes nacionalidades que no entendían inglés. A ellas se les facilitó un radio con audifonos para que pudieran escuchar al Dr. Graham en su lengua nativa. Hubo traducciones a 10 idiomas simultáneamente. También hubo consejeros en todos estos idiomas.

Hay que hacer notar que hispanos católicos y de otras iglesias protestantes tuvieron parte activa en este evento como consejeros, traductores y acomodadores. Entre ellos encontramos a María Raiser, miembro de la parroquia de la Asunción en Charlotte y a Mercedes Jones, de la parroquia de Santa Teresa en Mooresville.

María, que fue una de las consejeras bilingües, expresó que esta cruzada había sido una experiencia muy bonita para ella, que le había impresionado la cantidad de personas de diferentes nacionalidades que habían asistido y la fe que tenían y, que aunque de diferentes culturas, todos trabajaban para el mismo Señor. Como consejera tuvo experiencias muy emocionantes con personas maravillosas que se han dedicado al Señor, que vinieron al frente y que oraron juntas. Esto le dio la oportunidad de expresarse a ellos, pero no como ella misma sino que fue el



Billy Graham durante su sermón del viernes.



Fotos LUIS WOLF

Algunos de los miles de personas que respondieron a la llamada del Dr. Graham

Señor quien le ayudó a compartir con esas personas.

Mercedes fue otra consejera bilingüe. Ella dijo que la mayor impresión y el gusto más grande que tuvo fue el estar en comunidad con tantas personas de diferentes denominaciones. Ella nunca pensó que el Señor la hubiera bendecido con la oportunidad de participar con personas de otras denominaciones y sintió su corazón unido en el Espíritu a todas esas personas. Mercedes siguió diciendo que tuvo muchas experiencias con las personas que se le acercaron. Ella dijo que Dios la bendijo cuando le dio la oportunidad de orar, hablar, llorar y traducir la oración que hizo el Dr. Graham a personas que no hablaban inglés, gente humilde, gente sencilla, gente que estaba deseosa de compartir con personas que hablaran su propia lengua. Le impresionó mucho el corazón tan abierto que tenían y la forma de aceptar al Señor.

La cruzada de las Carolinas es algo muy especial que quedará imborrable en todos, especialmente en los participantes.

## Matrimonio ayuda a comunidad hispana a crecer en su fe

Por PAUL FREDETTE

La Sección de Salud de las Minorías del estado de Carolina del Norte reportó el pasado agosto que los nacimientos de hispanos y otros latinos habían tenido un incremento del 28% durante el período 1990-94, en tanto que el número de estudiantes de dichos grupos había aumentado el 135%. Dentro del período en cuestión, la cantidad de trabajadores migratorios o temporeros ha permanecido prácticamente inalterada. Sin embargo, para buena parte de la población del área de Asheville, este creciente número de "residentes" pasa inadvertido. Y aquellos que lo notan, lo hacen casi exclusivamente al ver a los trabajadores agrícolas.

"Nada de esto sorprende a Martín Luna ni a su esposa Christine, de la parroquia de San Eugenio, que han sido

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## Kermesse en Charlotte

Por el

**REV. MR. EDWIN RODRIGUEZ**

**CHARLOTTE**—Con motivo de la Independencia de México y para recaudar fondos para la construcción de una iglesia, se celebró el 15 de septiembre una "fiesta de pueblo" o "kermesse" en el Centro Católico Hispano de Charlotte.

Comenzaron las actividades con la celebración de la Santa Misa prosiguiendo con la "kermesse" que duró hasta las cinco de la tarde.

La fiesta estuvo animada por música de disco y música viva a cargo del Combo Latino. Todo esto animó a los asistentes a bailar al compás de una música variada y alegre.

También se presentó un ballet folklórico mexicano que vino desde Lincolnton a deleitar a todos con preciosos bailes llenos de colorido, tanto en el vestuario como en la ejecución. Esto, junto a la belleza de la tarde, hizo soñar a muchos con recuerdos de sus países de origen.

La comida fue muy variada y exquisita, pudiéndose saborear muchos platos típicos mexicanos. Los juegos y las variadas actividades mantuvieron a todos entretenidos todo el tiempo.

Fue una tarde llena de mucha diversión y alegría, donde toda la comunidad tuvo la oportunidad de compartir en un ambiente de hermandad.

Los organizadores de este evento agradecen por este medio la colaboración de todas las personas que de una manera u otra ayudaron a que esta "kermesse" fuera un éxito, especialmente a los negocios hispanos que dieron su apoyo y cooperación.



*Varios aspectos de la "kermesse" que se llevó a cabo el pasado 15 de septiembre en Charlotte.*



Fotos BOB MURPHY



### Mensaje del Padre Rev. VICENTE H. FINNERTY, C.M.

Hace poco leí este diálogo entre un niño y un adulto: "¿Rezas a Dios?" — pregunta el adulto — "Sí, cada noche" — contesta el pequeño — "¿Y qué le pides?" — "Nada. Le pregunto si puedo ayudarlo en algo".

Me pregunto qué sentirá Dios al oír a este chiquillo que no va a El, como la mayoría de los adultos, pidiéndole salud, amor, dinero o llenándole con quejas por lo mal que marcha el mundo, y que en cambio, lo que hace es simplemente ofrecerse a echarle una mano, si es que la necesita para algo.

A lo mejor, los grandes pensadores de la religión pensarán que este niño está muy equivocado. Después de todo, Dios es omnipotente. ¿Qué le puede dar un niño? Para darle algo a Dios, precisamente, tendría que ser superior o más que Dios.

Sin embargo, qué profunda es la oración del niño. Porque lo mejor de Dios no es que sea omnipotente, sino que no lo sea demasiado y que El haya querido «necesitar» de los hombres. Dios es lo suficientemente listo para saber mejor que nadie que la omnipotencia se admira, se respeta, se venera, crea asombro, admiración, sumisión. Pero que sólo la debilidad, la proximidad crea amor. Por eso, ya desde el día de la creación, El, que nada necesita de nadie, quiso contar con la colaboración del hombre para casi todo. Y empezó por dejar en nuestras manos el completar la obra de la creación y todo cuanto en la tierra sucedería.

Por eso desconcierta que muchos de los hombres y mujeres de nuestra época, en vez de alegrarse por la suerte de poder colaborar en la obra de Dios, se pasan la vida mirando hacia el cielo para pedirle que venga a resolver personalmente lo que era tarea nuestra mejorar y arreglar.

Claro que la oración de petición es muy bíblica, válida e importante. Debemos sentirnos siempre como pequeños ante su Padre, con la confianza de pedirle lo que necesitamos. Al mismo tiempo, me parece a mí que si la mayoría de las veces que rezáramos lo hiciéramos no para pedir cosas sino para echarle la mano a Dios en el arreglo de los problemas de este mundo, tendríamos ya un mundo mucho más habitable.

A menudo vivimos una actitud parecida frente a la Iglesia. No hay cristiano que en dado momento no se queje de las cosas que hace o deja de hacer la Iglesia; entiendo por «Iglesia» el Papa y los Obispos. «Si ellos vendieran las riquezas del Vaticano, ya no habría hambre en el mundo». «Si los obispos estuvieran más accesibles y los curas predicaran mejor, tendríamos una Iglesia fascinante». Pero ¿cuántos se vuelven a la Iglesia para echarle la mano?

Hermanos y hermanas, Dios coge nuestras debilidades y nos da su grandeza, la maravilla de poder ser creadores como El. Y por eso es tan apasionante esta cosa de ser humano y de construir la tierra.

Les animo, pues, a que se involucren en sus comunidades locales y que se comprometan con ellas especialmente con los miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo que más necesitan. Dejen de ser espectadores, prontos para criticar. Es mejor encender una luz que maldecir las tinieblas. ¡Echenle la mano a Dios!

## Enviado del vaticano tratará posible reunión de Castro y el Papa

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)

—Un funcionario principal del Vaticano se proponía visitar a Cuba a fines de Octubre para tratar de una posible reunión entre el Papa Juan Pablo II y Fidel Castro.

La oficina de prensa del Vaticano confirmó que Monseñor Jean-Louis Tauran, secretario auxiliar de estado, viajaría a la nación isleña el 25 de octubre para efectuar varios días de charlas con funcionarios eclesiásticos y estatales.

Fuentes informadas del Vaticano dijeron el 25 de septiembre que era cada vez más probable que el Papa y Castro se reunieran a mediados de noviembre, cuando se esperaba que el dirigente cubano asistiera a una cumbre mundial sobre alimentos en Roma. Ese sería su primer encuentro.

Las fuentes agregaron que Castro no ha hecho todavía una solicitud oficial para una audiencia papal, y que no se espera que lo haga sino hasta poco antes de que comience la cumbre sobre alimentos auspiciada por las Naciones Unidas.

Las fuentes del Vaticano dijeron que el Papa lo recibiría sin duda. Pero el Vaticano no quiere que Castro use la reunión para propaganda política unilateral, de modo que está apremiando por concesiones gubernamentales sobre la libertad religiosa, aún mientras se hace el trabajo preliminar para la

reunión.

El alcance de tales concesiones tiene probabilidad de estar en el programa de trabajo de Monseñor Tauran durante sus charlas en Cuba, dijeron ellos. La Iglesia de Cuba quiere un mayor espacio para funcionar en sus actividades misioneras, sociales, de enseñanza y de información en masa.

Las fuentes dijeron también que la reunión entre el Papa y Castro podría abrir la puerta para un posible viaje papal a Cuba, que ha sido debatido durante varios años. Pero agregaron que eso depende de cuán lejos esté dispuesto el gobierno de Castro a llegar en el aflojamiento de las limitaciones religiosas.

Los planificadores de los viajes papales hicieron énfasis en que ni siquiera están haciéndose ahora planes tentativos para un viaje a Cuba. El próximo viaje del Papa al extranjero está fijado para fines de abril próximo, y él no tiene señalado hallarse en la vecindad de Cuba hasta que vaya al Brasil en octubre próximo para una festividad mundial de la familia.

Debido a que el Papa no se propone permanecer mucho tiempo en el Brasil, ésa sería la época más probable para una visita papal a Cuba, que tiene 4.5 millones de católicos, dijeron las fuentes del Vaticano.



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Ayudamos a la Iglesia vendiendo "antojitos" típicos de nuestras regiones después de cada Misa. Algunos nos ponemos en la puerta de la Iglesia para recoger una hora de nuestro salario. Otros sirven de ministros de hospitalidad, de lectores, de colectores de la limosna para el ofertorio y una de nuestras compañeras es ministro de la Eucaristía. Algunos sábados nos turnamos para cortar el pasto.

Uno de nuestros grandes deseos es recoger más dinero para comprar artículos religiosos para vender y levantar fondos para la construcción de nuestra Iglesia.

Nuestras actividades han sido muy placenteras. Hemos participado de un retiro espiritual. Tuvimos el gusto de tener al grupo The Holy Family con nosotros en nuestra Iglesia y de ellos aprendimos cosas muy interesantes para el bien de nuestra Iglesia y grupo.

Hemos tenido el apoyo de nuestros padres, los que nos han dado ideas muy beneficiosas para el bien de nuestro grupo.

Finalmente le damos las gracias a nuestro sacerdote por todo el apoyo que nos ha dado para que el grupo siga creciendo para bien de la comunidad y de la Iglesia.

Por una paz divina para nuestros hermanos,

*Grupo Juvenil Cristo Rey*

Para más información sobre este grupo comunicarse con María Chegüe (910) 835-1782.

## Caritas Cuba ve límites sobre ayuda humanitaria perjudicándole

NUEVA YORK (CNS) — Las limitaciones estadounidenses sobre el embarque de ayuda humanitaria a Cuba están perjudicando al trabajo de Caritas allí, dijo el presidente de la entidad de socorro.

Monseñor José Siro González Bacallao, Obispo de Pinar del Río, hablando en español mediante un intérprete, dijo que él estuvo pidiendo durante una visita el regreso a la política de permitir vuelos directos de ayuda desde los Estados Unidos.

El Obispo agregó que otro objetivo de su visita fue el poner al día a los cubano-americanos sobre la situación en Cuba.

Al hablar con ellos, dijo él, encontró una falta de información sobre los acontecimientos actuales y el modo de que ellos podrían dar ayuda al trabajo de la Iglesia, dijo él.

Monseñor González fue entrevistado el 24 de septiembre durante una visita en Nueva York a la Junta de la Misión Médica Católica, que ha enviado medicinas por valor de millones de dólares para ser distribuidas por Caritas en Cuba.

El estuvo comunicándose con una diversidad de grupos religiosos, gubernamentales y comunitarios en las zonas de Miami, Washington, Baltimore y Nueva York antes de regresar a su país el 27 de septiembre.

El Obispo describió una situación que permitía a la Iglesia de Cuba prestar servicios al pueblo necesitado, a pesar del sistema de control gubernamental.

El dijo que las relaciones entre la Iglesia y el estado en Cuba no eran "normales", pero que habían cambiado desde la falta de tolerancia para la Iglesia a una situación de mayor comprensión mutua.

La Iglesia de Cuba es "vigorosa, llena de vida, llena de esperanza y continúa creciendo", dijo Monseñor González. El porcentaje de niños bautizados ha aumentado en gran

medida, hizo notar el Obispo.

La ayuda le llega a la Iglesia desde los Estados Unidos y otras naciones tales como Alemania e Italia, dijo él.

Monseñor González, que ha sido el presidente de Caritas Cuba desde febrero, fue acompañado por el director ejecutivo de la agencia desde su comienzo, Rolando Suárez Cobián. El director brindó una descripción más detallada de los programas de ayuda de la agencia a los niños, los ancianos y otras personas con necesidades especiales.

Suárez dijo que, cuando empezó el debate sobre la obtención de medicinas procedentes de la Junta de la

Misión Médica Católica, los funcionarios del gobierno

cubano querían presentar una lista de las medicinas que ellos preferían y pedir a Caritas Cuba que las entregara.

Pero Suárez, advirtiendo que todos los hospitales cubanos son propiedad del gobierno, dijo que Caritas negoció para seleccionar a ciertos hospitales para el uso de sus medicinas y para controlar la distribución. De modo que ha sido capaz de dar seguridad de que la ayuda llegaba a los más necesitados, dijo él.

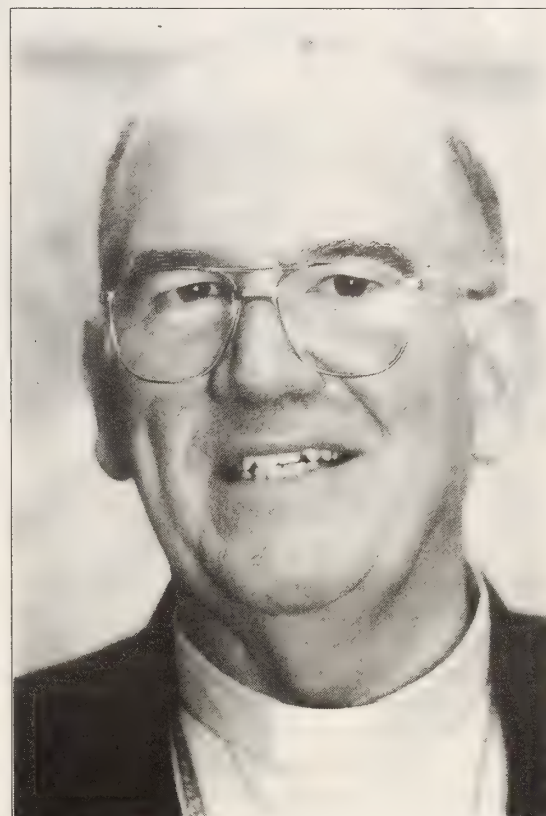
El dijo también que los funcionarios del gobierno quieren las medicinas más especializadas y costosas, pero que Caritas insiste en procurar las clases que necesitan los mayores números de personas.

Por ejemplo, un embarque de insulina fue dirigido a los niños diabéticos, dijo él. Un embarque de antibióticos fue la única cantidad de ellos que había en el país cuando fueron recibidos, y "se salvaron muchas vidas", informó él.

El gobierno de Cuba permitió que la Iglesia, que había suministrado ayuda humanitaria más limitada, organizara formalmente a Caritas en 1991, cuando la pérdida del apoyo desde la Unión Soviética y otros ex-miembros del bloque comunista estaba produciendo un período de dificultades graves.

Ahora, dijo Suárez, las autoridades cubanas aceptan a Caritas como parte permanente de la vida de la Iglesia, no sólo como un arreglo temporal.

Los visitantes cubanos fueron acompañados por Chris Gilson, coordinador del programa de los Servicios Católicos de Socorro (CRS en inglés) para Cuba, que es la dependencia de los obispos estadounidenses para el auxilio y el desarrollo en el exterior.



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Monseñor José Siro González Bacallao, Obispo de Pinar del Río

El dijo que el embarque directo de suministros humanitarios a Cuba fue permitido hasta que el Presidente Clinton detuvo todos los viajes directos como reacción a que los aviones de combate cubanos derribaron a dos aviones civiles de un grupo estadounidense contrario a Castro el 24 de febrero último.

En consecuencia, los costos del transporte — el último embarque de medicinas fue enviado a través del Canadá — son mucho mayores ahora, dijo Gilson.

Este agregó que, además de hacer los arreglos para el embarque de suministros humanitarios, CRS deseaba ayudar a Caritas a desarrollar proyectos para el empleo de cubanos, aumentar la fuerza de su organización y llevar su relato de regreso a los Estados Unidos.

"Hay mucha información equivocada", dijo Gilson. Tan difícil como es la situación para la Iglesia, es mejor que hace un año o dos, dijo él.

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Martín Luna con su hija Jessica Marie y su esposa Christine (derecha) en la iglesia de San Eugenio en Asheville.

indispensables para su labor con la creciente comunidad hispana del área durante estos años", dice el Padre Frank Cancro. Los Luna se sorprendieron mucho cuando pudieron apreciar la gran cantidad de hispanos de la zona de Asheville, lo que comprobaron durante la celebración de su matrimonio en 1987.

Desde que Luna, natural de La Barca, estado de Jalisco, México, se estableció en los Estados Unidos, por el año 1985, él ha sido el padrino, de una u otra forma, de un gran número de hispanos pertenecientes a su parroquia. Christine, nacida en Miami y criada en Asheville es de ascendencia colombiana por parte de madre y al igual que su esposo, es bilingüe. Ambos dedican mucho tiempo, talento y energía a ayudar al desarrollo de una comunidad de fe activa entre los hispanos de Asheville y localidades vecinas.

Martín Luna llegó por primera vez a los Estados Unidos después de graduarse de ingeniero en la Universidad de las Américas de Puebla, México. Aquí, trabajó dos años con *Arcadia Farms*, compañía productora de refrescos establecida en Arden. Más tarde, pasó a ocupar un puesto con *Telemon Corporation*, de Hendersonville, en calidad de consejero de empleo, ya que prefería trabajar con individuos. Desde dicho puesto tuvo la oportunidad de ayudar a los trabajadores hispanos, en su mayoría empleados en labores agrícolas temporales, en su esfuerzo por encontrar empleos más permanentes. Fue en el desempeño de ese cargo que conoció a Wilfredo Morel, el primero de los ministros de acercamiento a los hispanos de aquella zona, que se hallaba en Asheville dirigiendo una evaluación de las necesidades en esa área. Morel, que permaneció solamente unos meses en la referida labor antes de trasladarse a Nueva York, pudo apreciar la capacidad bilingüe de Luna, su facilidad para relaciones impersonales y su sincera preocupación por la comunidad hispana, y lo recomendó para que ocupara el cargo que él dejaba vacante.

Cuando Luna comenzó a trabajar

con Servicios Sociales Católicos en 1971, continuó la evaluación iniciada por Morel, y además ofreció toda clase de servicios a los hispanos, especialmente los relacionados con el proceso de inmigración. Pronto se extendió la noticia de que Luna era una persona dispuesta a ayudar, con quien se podía tratar fácilmente. Consecuentemente, se pidió ayuda en toda clase de traducciones, problemas del idioma y dificultades de comunicación entre "anglos" e hispanos.

Luna recuerda con satisfacción y cariño su trabajo con los SSC. Los episodios más cómicos fueron, en muchas ocasiones, los que más lo amedrentaron, porque "no sabía que hacer" como él admite en tono de disculpa. "Recuérdese que nunca estudié materia alguna relacionada con los servicios sociales, así que en la mayoría de estos casos sólo usé el sentido común y los dictados de mi corazón". Mientras estuvo trabajando para el SSC, la gente lo llamaba a su casa a todas horas, pidiendo ayuda y aunque esto resultara inconveniente para su familia, debido a la interferencia que ocasionaba en su vida privada, él lo aceptó como parte de lo que se nos pide como católicos: "ayudar al prójimo cuando nos necesita".

Martín y Christine tienen dos hijos: Jessica Marie de 8 años y David Martín de 3 y aunque ya él no trabaja con SSC, ellos continúan, como siempre, al tanto de la creciente comunidad hispana. Inicialmente, los Luna ayudaban en la preparación de la Misa mensual en español de la iglesia Santa Juana de Arco de Asheville y durante el mismo período también ayudaban con una Misa similar, que ahora se ha vuelto una liturgia semanal regular, en la iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción de Hendersonville.

Por la época en que el Padre Cranco asumió el rectorado de San Eugenio, las necesidades pastorales de los hispanos de la cercana vecindad se hacían más evidentes. Así pues, dice Luna: "el establecimiento de una liturgia mensual regular ha sido una inmensa ayuda ya que la celebración de la Misa en español ha atraído a gente de España, Colombia,

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Argentina y Puerto Rico, además de la comunidad mejicana, que es la mayoría". - Tanto Luna como su esposa creen que la formación y desarrollo de una comunidad de fe madura depende de la existencia de una liturgia semanal regular.

Recientemente se ha organizado una comisión de estudio parroquial para mejorar la evaluación de las necesidades actuales de la población hispana. Los resultados de tal estudio revelan los siguientes datos: un mínimo de 75 familias hispanas con residencia fija en el área, están interesadas en la educación religiosa, la preparación

presacramental de sus hijos y también en los estudios bíblicos, además de la liturgia semanal y la celebración de los sacramentos. El Padre Cranco tiene una opinión muy elevada del ministerio laico de matrimonios como el de los Luna y lo expresa así: "Tienen todo el respeto de la comunidad, sus intuiciones ministeriales son precisas y tienen la capacidad de envolver a otros para que asuman posiciones directrices, por medio de la delegación de autoridad".

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# Entertainment

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Antonia's Line" (1995)

Multigenerational tale of a fiercely independent Dutch woman (Willeke van Ammelrooy) whose lesbian daughter and eventually her granddaughter and great-granddaughter live on the matriarch's farm where all confront emotional crises over the decades, drawing strength from their female solidarity. Writer-director Marleen Gorris celebrates non-traditional families and the resilience of women in a whimsical story overpopulated with village eccentrics, misfit clerics and disposable men. Subtitles. Several bedroom scenes with nudity, occasional violence including rape, an off-screen suicide and an instance of rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "Cafe au Lait" (1994)

Zany French farce set in Paris where a young West Indian (Julie Mauduech) informs her two lovers — one African (Hubert Kounde), the other Jewish (Mathieu Kassovitz) — she is pregnant, whereupon the two men cease their rivalry to look after the woman they love until the baby is born. Also directed by Kassovitz, the situation is a comic fantasy emphasizing the male responsibilities that come with pregnancy and the common bond of humanity which transcends race. Subtitles. Unwed pregnancy, occasional comic violence and a character given to rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not**

**rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Craft" (1996)

Cliche-ridden horror clunker in which four Catholic high school girls-turned-witches (led by Fairuza Balk) cast evil spells on classmates until one of the quartet (Robin Tunney) tries to stop them from doing further harm. Directed by Andrew Fleming, the occult nonsense employs thousands of snakes and maggots, though some of the spells have deadly results. Stylized violence, brief sexual innuendo, several crude expressions and an instance of rough language as well as a profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "Flipper" (1963)

After a young boy (Luke Halpin) rescues an injured dolphin, his fisherman father (Chuck Connors) releases it back into the sea but later, when his son's life is in danger, the grateful dolphin returns to save the lad. Directed by James B. Clark, the story is simple but well-told, the scene-stealing title character is as personable as any in the cast and the Florida nature footage, including a hurricane, is very watchable. Solid family fare with special appeal for youngsters. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**



Matthew Broderick stars as Richard, a brilliant physicist who falls in love with a tuberculosis patient (Patricia Arquette), in the romantic drama "Infinity." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Michael Collins

# Epic Drama Captures Emotion Of Irish History

NEW YORK (CNS) — The life and death of a controversial Irish patriot is dramatized in the sweeping, emotionally engrossing epic, "Michael Collins" (Warner Bros.).

The picture is about a man who fought brilliantly for Ireland's independence, got caught in the middle of his splintered party's politics and paid the price for it.

It is also a history of the crowded events that begins with the crushing of the Easter Rising in 1916 and the execution of its Republican leaders, except for U.S. citizen Eamon De Valera, who was imprisoned.

Also sent to prison for his part in the Rising, Collins was released in 1918 and soon resumed the armed struggle against the British.

He did so by organizing the Irish Volunteers, an underground force which struck British targets, attacked the Royal Irish Constabulary and murdered informers.

Without financial resources, Collins obtained arms by raiding police barracks, relied on surprise to overcome superior forces and used his imagination in operations such as smuggling De Valera out of prison disguised as a woman.

The British responded to Collins' exploits by sending the Black and Tans, a paramilitary force notorious for its brutality, to stamp out Republican sympathies among the Irish populace.

While they were doing their worst, De Valera was in the United States raising money for the cause, and, by the time he returned, Collins' hit-and-run tactics had brought the British Empire to the point of seeking a truce.

Despite his reluctance, Collins was sent to London by De Valera to head the Irish delegation in peace negotiations.

When Collins returned with a treaty establishing an Irish Free State, excluding Ulster and requiring allegiance to the British Crown, De Valera repudiated it and the Republican cause was split.

Collins argued the Free State was a "stepping stone" on the way to full independence, but De Valera saw it as "treason" and the result was civil war.

Hoping to stop the fighting between old comrades in the Republican cause, Collins set off for Cork to arrange an armistice and was gunned down on the way.

He died in 1922 at the age of 31 under circumstances which were not clear then and have been debated ever since, though the movie presents a credible enough scenario of what happened.

Collins' acceptance of something less than an independent Irish Republic and his role in the civil war made him a suspect figure in the histories written

about the Republican movement.

Writer-director Neil Jordan's dramatization rehabilitates Collins as a major political figure in the history of his nation, but does so at the expense of De Valera, the founder of the Republic of Ireland.

In the title role, Liam Neeson credibly projects a complex character as ready to kill as to die for his cause, yet even more willing to use compromise as a means of achieving the goal of peace and independence.

He was a flamboyant figure who went in the front door rather than skulking around the back, though the movie has plenty of escape scenes over the roofs and through alleys of Dublin.

The script provides a number of scenes in which Collins voices his hatred of the British for what they have done to his people and his hatred for the violence they have driven him to use.

Collins masterminded the terrorist tactics that negated Britain's military superiority and these tactics have been studied by revolutionary movements ever since.

Though the movie has many scenes of terrorist and counterterrorist violence, they are shown as shocking and repugnant.

It makes no attempt to glamorize the killings or make them seem heroic and certainly does not feed the myth of today's men of violence in the Irish Republican Army.

In Jordan's account of the time of the troubles, De Valera (Alan Rickman) comes across badly as a political ideologue who envies Collins' charisma and pragmatic sense of reality.

These were dramatic times and the picture is filled with characters to match them, notably Collins' closest friend, Harry Boland (Aidan Quinn), and a police informer named Broy (Stephen Rea).

The casting of Julia Roberts as an Irish colleen who falls in love with Collins was an unfortunate miscalculation because her lack of credibility damages some important scenes.

But there is no need to quibble about a movie which so splendidly recreates a period and a man who was central to it.

One doesn't have to know anything about Irish history to get involved in the human level of events, though those who do will find much to discuss and, perhaps, take issue with.

Because of terrorist violence, rough language and occasional profanity, The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



## People In The News

### Local Architect Featured In Exhibit

BELMONT — The architecture of the late Benedictine Father Michael McNerney is currently on exhibit in the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library on the campus of Belmont Abbey College. The display showcases the life and work of Father McNerney (1877-1963), a monk and priest of Belmont Abbey and a nationally renowned architect and designer.

Father McNerney was a Pennsylvania native who entered the Benedictine monastery at Belmont shortly before a fire destroyed the main college building in May 1900. Entrusted by Benedictine Abbot-Bishop Leo Haid with the reconstruction of the facility, McNerney completed the work in just three months. During the next 60 years his architectural vision directly influenced and characterized the ecclesiastical art and composition of Catholic churches and institutions across the nation, especially the Carolinas.

In all, Father McNerney produced more than 500 buildings, including 200 churches, 120 chapels and missions, 78 schools, and 27 hospitals. In addition to architectural designs, McNerney also executed various cemetery monuments,

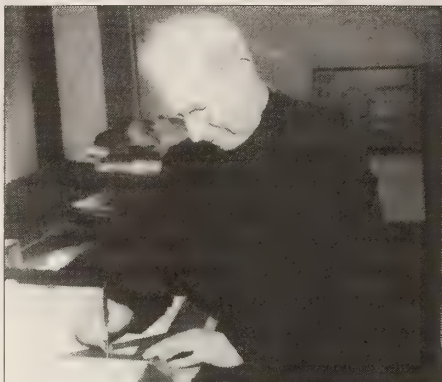


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Benedictine Father Michael McNerney is seen here in his studio at Belmont Abbey College.

church candelabra, and ecclesial accouterments. His work is distinguished by both its simplicity and liberal use of native materials.

The Belmont Abbey College exhibition, which will run until the end of 1996, displays McNerney's blueprints, photographs of his most noted buildings, portraits of the artist throughout his life, and examples of his decorative designs. For more information on the exhibit, call (704) 825-6748.

### Sister Of Mercy Dies At 92

BELMONT — Sister of Mercy Sister Mary Mercedes Sablan died Sept. 21, 1996, at Sacred Heart Convent. She was 92 years old and in her 64th year as a Sister of Mercy.

The rite of gathering was held Sept. 23 in the Cardinal Gibbons Chapel at Sacred Heart Convent. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, Sept. 24, at the Cardinal Gibbons Chapel. Burial followed at Belmont Abbey Cemetery.

Sister Mary Mercedes was born Sept. 9, 1904, in Agana, Guam. Her birth name was Maria Castro Sablan. She took the name Sister Mary Mercedes when she entered the order of the Sisters of Mercy on Aug. 9, 1932.

Sister Mary Mercedes attended school in Guam and at Sacred Heart Academy, where she studied Scripture, art, English and Religion. She also studied Canon Law under the bishop of Guam and theology with the Stigmatine Fathers. She resided at Sacred Heart Convent from 1932 through 1943, and returned in 1948 after five years of ministry in Asheville. During this period she ministered in many positions including: Mercy Hospital's chapel and Mercy Hospital Nurses' Home, Charlotte; St. Leo Academy, Belmont; St. Joseph Hospital, Asheville; and in the housekeeping department at Mercy Hospital.

In 1949 she returned to Guam and spent 10 years ministering at the Tai Mercy Convent in Barrigada, followed by four years of service in Agana. During this time she taught religion for 12 years and worked at the bishop's residence for a year. In addition, she was in charge of the chapel for four years while

in Agana.

Sister Mary Mercedes is best remembered for her exceptional sewing skills. An avid seamstress, during her spare time she spent innumerable hours making dolls that were sold to provide income for the sisters in Guam. When she returned to Belmont from Guam in 1963 she continued to use her stitching talents in the doll business department in Belmont through 1973. She retired July 1, 1987, yet continued to serve the Regional Community on Marian Hall through her prayer ministry.

Sister Mary Mercedes Sablan is the daughter of the late Joaquin Rosario Sablan and Maria Castro Cepeda. She is survived by a brother, Jose C. Sablan of Barrigada, Guam; a sister, Natavidad Sablan; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins.

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### CCHS Hires New Band Director

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School recently hired a new director for its two-year-old band program.

Stafford Ezzard has had more than 25 years of educational and professional band directing experience and a bachelor's degree in music education from Florida State University. He earned his master's degree in music education from Syracuse University and has served as the director of the band there.

Under the leadership of Ezzard, the CCHS band will perform at several home sporting events and at the Fine Arts Festivals. The director and the "pep" band made their debut at the school's Fall Homecoming football game Oct. 11.

Ezzard and his wife, Tricia, have a son, John, who is in seventh grade at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School.

### At 99, Illinois Woman Believed To Be Oldest Associate Religious

CHICAGO (CNS) — At age 99, Dora Krueger has made history without even trying. A resident of St. Benedict's Home for the Aged in Niles, Krueger is believed to be the oldest associate member of a religious order since she became an associate of the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius earlier this year. "Actually, Dora was an associate long before the term was coined," Sister John Vianny Vranak told *The New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper. For more than 30 years, Krueger volunteered at the now-closed Villa St. Cyril retirement home run by the religious order in Highland Park.

### 83-Year-Old Head Of Charity Has No Retirement Plans


KONIGSTEIN, Germany (CNS) — At the age of 83, Father Werenfried van Straaten, the founder of Aid to the Church in Need, remains in firm control of the international Catholic charity, with no plans to retire. "I have no successor as yet," said the Dutch-born priest, who founded the charity almost 50 years ago. "I can't find one. It's difficult. I'm 83 years old, and I have planned my future until the year 2003, when I'll reach the age of 90," he said.

### Damien-Dutton Award Goes To Sheriff On Molokai

BELLMORE, N.Y. (CNS) — Richard Marks, sheriff and unofficial mayor of the Kalaupapa settlement on the island of Molokai, Hawaii, has been named recipient of the 1996 Damien-Dutton Award for "the most significant contribution to the conquest of leprosy." The award is named after two famed Catholic missionaries among the lepers of Molokai, Blessed Damien de Veuster, a Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary priest from Belgium, and Brother Joseph Dutton, a Trappist monk from the United States. It is given by the Damien-Dutton Society in Bellmore, which funds research, medical aid and rehabilitation and education for patients with Hansen's disease, or leprosy. Marks, now 65, and other members of his family were diagnosed with the disease when he was a teenager.



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# St. Lawrence Celebrates "Basilica Days"

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — Celebrating their third anniversary as a Basilica was not all fun and games for the parishioners of St. Lawrence. For four consecutive evenings the first week of October, they listened as Brent Heiser and a team of Catholic lay evangelists from Good News Ministries of North Carolina, preached a parish mission entitled *Dare to be Holy*.

Based at the International School of Catholic Lay Evangelization at Topsail Beach, Heiser and his teammates received permission from Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of the Diocese of Raleigh to form the school in 1994 for that diocese as an expression of lay Catholic ministry. This is their fifth parish mission conducted in North Carolina.

Msgr. John J. McSweeney, rector of the Basilica, was enthused about the mission during "Basilica Days," recalling comments from Pope John Paul II during a Mass he attended while on sabatical in Rome. "There will be people called as lay evangelists," said the Pope. "We should support them — perhaps the



Brent Heiser of Good News Ministries of North Carolina, co-director of the four-evening parish mission, "Dare to be Holy."

big work of the evangelization can best be done by lay people to lay people."

The designation of the 87-year-old national historic landmark as a Basilica, added Msgr. McSweeney, indicates a special relationship between the Holy Father and this Church. The rector's goal this year was to create an opportunity for parishioners to explore the teachings of the Church, especially to understand the Decree on the Laity from the Second Vatican Council. People were very receptive to this mission conducted by lay people, he said.

An average of 125 people participated each evening in the rigors of two hour-long presentations. A veteran of 30 such mission teams, Brent Heiser sees the biggest challenge to Catholics as "helping people in the pews understand that their vocation is not to *pay, pray and obey*, but to be apostles and to share their faith." The first step in that process, says Heiser, is to help Catholics understand their faith.

The single greatest surprise to Heiser's own faith — the first thing he remembers hearing as a newcomer nearly 10 years ago — was that all baptized and confirmed Catholic Christians are called to be apostles; it is their right

and their duty (Decree on Laity). "For me that was profound," says Heiser, who until then thought the only people called to be apostles were priests and religious. He finds that people who hear this message for the first time share his own initial amazement and elation at such *good news*. "They are excited by this," he explains, "because it empowers them to live the message and to embrace their vocation as Catholic Christians — they are not only ready for this challenge, they are hungry for it."

For 69 of her 71 years a parishioner of St. Lawrence, Lucille Lamy, sees a parish mission as something we all need but tend to push to the edges of our agenda. Lamy says she enjoyed every minute of the four-day program, and adds, "The speakers were able to put themselves in our shoes, identifying with the experiences that touch our lives." Commenting on the down-to-earth style of the evangelists, Lamy added, "They themselves had children, they had problems too."

Parishioners Cynthia and Ron Bloom also have children — five of them and another on the way. Ron's parents did four nights of baby-sitting so that he and Cynthia could attend the mission. "The message was basic and simple," says Cynthia, "illustrating from real life how to live the Gospel message in one's own family." Like Lucille Lamy, both she and Ron felt they benefited from this lesson in becoming as much a *doer* of the Word as a *hearer*. Impressed as she was by the dedication and care of the lay evangelists, however, Cynthia Bloom felt the experience would have been enhanced by "having a priest on the team."

The scarcity of clergy available for such special ministries is no longer news, but the appearance of lay evangelists stirring up the flames of faith is welcome news — news that satisfies the hunger for the *good news*.

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know that Bobby was on a long list of kids that "Frankie" had harassed throughout the year. She told me that the school's guidance department has a series of conflict management programs for the students during the school year. But his teacher also remarked that these programs only work if the children are being taught and reinforced these same values in their homes. Children must be taught that there are consequences when they harm others with their words or their actions.

I know that this is not the last encounter that my kids will have over the years with a troublemaker at school. Unfortunately it's a very unpleasant part of life for children as well as parents because we can't be there to referee for our kids; we can only coach from the sidelines. The stakes seem so much higher in the world our children are growing up in. Instead of sticks and stones, today's older bullies are using guns and knives.

I told Bobby that he couldn't run away from his problem with "Frankie" or else he would always bother him. Joe and I talked with Bobby about the times we had to deal with bullies in our lives as children and as adults. We told Bobby that the reason he has so many friends is because he's kind and funny and knows how to be a good friend. And then we reminded him that he could use the "DeBug Program" that he learned in his kindergarten in Maryland.

DeBug is a wonderful program adopted by the Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. The purpose of DeBug is to equip children with a series of steps they learn to solve problems when others are "bugging" them. It helps children learn to be assertive and when possible, to resolve the difficulty themselves. The five steps of the DeBug systems are simple. The children are taught that if someone is bugging them, they should try the following:

Ignore. *If that doesn't work...*  
Move away. *If that doesn't work...*  
Talk friendly. *If that doesn't work...*  
Talk firmly. *If that doesn't work...*  
Get adult help.

Interestingly, the Bible is filled with bullies — kings and armies who invaded lands that weren't theirs. Pharaohs who persecuted and oppressed the less powerful, and cruel leaders who carried into captivity entire cities of people. But the commandment, "Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors" is the way Jesus asks us to respond to the cruelties others bring against us. He knows it's the only lasting way to get rid of the darkness and hatred in our world.

Jesus understands this isn't always easy to do. He suffered humiliation and agony at the hands of His tormentors. Soldiers mocked and ridiculed Him with a crown of thorns and a scarlet cloak. Jesus was blindfolded, slapped and beaten. He was jeered by a crowd and taunted by scribes and elders. He was led to a degrading death and still the insults kept coming. But as He hung on the cross Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Domestic Violence Forum

ASHEVILLE — The Men's Club of St. Eugene Church forum on domestic violence is Oct. 29 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the social hall. The forum features a panel of speakers representing "Helpmate," the Asheville police department, the medical and legal professions and the clergy. A victim and survivor of domestic abuse offers testimony as well. For information, call Jim Coughlin, (704) 254-6868 or Jack Witzel, (704) 658-3124.

### Jesuit House Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — A retreat for married couples, "Images of God in Our Relationship," directed by Steve and Marlene Stowe and Jesuit Father Vince Alagia, is Nov. 1-3.

A retreat for recovering alcoholic men in A.A., "Come Be With Us," is Nov. 22-24.

For information and reservations, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-4366.

### Marriage Encounter

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Nov. 8-10 at the Catholic Conference Center. For registration, call Tom and Emilie Sandin (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve and Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

### Family Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — Totus Tuus is a family oriented group devoted to the Magisterium of the Church that meets monthly to share a meal, their thoughts and to pray the rosary. Single parents and their children are welcome. For information, call Mike Lane, (704) 596-0369 or Terri and Phil DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.

### Emmaus Weekend

MAGGIE VALLEY — "An Encounter with Jesus," a retreat for men who seek renewal and rejuvenation from the Holy Spirit, is Nov. 22-24 at the Living Waters Reflection Center. Father Ray Berg is celebrant. To register, call Tom Sparacino, (704) 255-0095, or Bud Yoliham, (704) 665-8249 by Nov. 11.

### Festival Celebration

NEWTON — A festival celebration marking five years of ecumenical dialogue between Beth Eden Lutheran Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church is Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Beth Eden Church. Father Wilbur Thomas, pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Hickory, is keynote speaker. For information, contact Bob Mitchum, (704) 464-5535.

### Celebrant Singers

CHARLOTTE — The Celebrant Singers are at all Masses Oct. 26 and 27 at St. Ann Church. For information, call Carol or Scott Milton, (704) 554-0553.

### Holiday Craft Event

BREVARD — The annual craft fair at Sacred Heart Church is Nov. 8-9

from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Items include hand-made crafts, canned and baked goods, and holiday items. For details, call Mavis Gosse, (704) 891-7102.

### Parish Enhancement Retreat

LAKE JUNALUSKA — The "Fire in the Mountains" retreat is Nov. 16 exploring ways to bring more energy to parish communities through talents, skills and concerns. For information, call your parish office or contact Richard Carl Wolf, (704) 891-8926.

### Harp Concert

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Chapter of the American Harp Society and St. Gabriel Church present a concert featuring harp ensemble, organ, handbells and other instruments and voice Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. The Roth Children's Suzuki Harp Ensemble makes a special appearance. No admission fee. For information, call Susan Schlie, (704) 364-5526.

### Lasagna Luncheon

SHELBY — St. Mary Church sponsors a lasagna luncheon Oct. 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or by calling the church office, (704) 487-7697. Proceeds go the debt reduction fund.

### Toys Needed

CHARLOTTE — The UNCC Catholic Campus Ministry needs new and nearly new toys for a silent auction fund raiser. For information or to donate, call Barbara Neff-Hutchison, (704) 547-4069, or Karen Reid, (704) 548-1348.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

MORGANTON — Ultreya for the Morganton/Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

SALISBURY — Ultreya for the Salisbury/Albemarle areas meets the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

CHARLOTTE — South Charlotte Area Ultreya meets the fourth Sunday each month from 1:15-3:15 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. The event includes a potluck lunch. Baby-sitting is available.

BOONE — A Cursillo Ultreya gathering is Nov. 1, 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church for those who have experienced a Cursillo retreat. For more information, call Carlos, (704) 295-9516; John, (704) 898-5328; or Pauline, (704) 898-8997.

### Theological Lecture

MOORESVILLE — St. Therese Church sponsors "On Being Catholic: Preparing the Church for the 21st Century" Oct. 24 beginning at 7 p.m. Dr. Bradford E. Hinze, associate professor



**SEMINARY STUDENTS WELCOMED** — Students attending Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., studying for the priesthood from the Diocese of Charlotte are welcomed at the start of the new school year. Shown, front row, from left, Luis Osorio; Seminary Vice-Rector, the Rev. William J. Fay; Seminary Rector, the Very Rev. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B.; Seminary Director of Spiritual Life, the Rev. Justin Matro, O.S.B.; Peter Pham. Back row: David Brzoska and Dean Cesa. Saint Vincent Seminary has graduated and prepared more than 2,300 men for the priesthood since its founding by Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B., in 1846. Today, the seminary serves 15 dioceses, four Benedictine monasteries and Congregation of the Oratory in Pittsburgh. Saint Vincent Seminary seeks to provide these seminarians with a strong priestly formation process of good spiritual direction, solid academics and sound pastoral experience.

of theology at Marquette University, is speaker. For more information, call (704) 664-3992.

### Golf Marathon Fund Raiser

WINSTON-SALEM — Bishop McGuinness High School Booster Club presents the 3rd Annual Golf Marathon fund raiser in support of the school's athletic programs Oct. 28 at Homestead Golf Course. Golfers solicit sponsors and play 100 holes of golf. For more information, call Tony Nitz, (910) 545-1807.

### Scriptural Rosary

MONROE — Our Lady of Lourdes Church hosts Scriptural rosary recitations Oct. 23 and 30 at the church from 6:30-7 p.m. The prayer sessions are in observance of the month of the rosary.

### Change of Address

MORGANTON — The chaplain of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Diocese of Charlotte has moved. Send requests for religious awards and books and other correspondence to: Rev. Mr. Jim Johnson, 2055 Eastbrook Circle, Morganton, N.C. 28655. Phone numbers are: (704) 437-3461 at home; (704) 432-5792 at work.

### Secular Franciscans Meet

BOONE — An informational meeting on developing a local chapter of the Secular Third Order of St. Francis is 3 p.m., Oct. 27 at St. Elizabeth Church in Pat Jones Hall. For more details, call John, (704) 898-5328 or Carlos, (704) 295-9516.

### Harvest Dance

CHARLOTTE — The Star Club of St. Matthew Parish Harvest Dance is Nov. 9 from 8 p.m.-midnight in the parish hall. Live polka music, refreshments and door prizes highlight the event. For details, call Frank Czelunski, (704) 568-3205; Walter Swol, (704) 568-3238; or Dennis O'Neil, (704) 541-7844.

### Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

MOORESVILLE — St. Therese Church's 1996 Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle prizes include cash and handmade crafts. The church is located at 217 Brawley School Road. For more information, call Cindy Brzezinski, (704) 875-9277.

### History Project

HIGH POINT — Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is collecting pictures, stories and documents illustrating the history of the parish. To contribute, call Carey Ilderton, (910) 841-6100 or (910) 886-7783.

### Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Annual Craft Bazaar is Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For information, call Colleen Nieder, (704) 573-1994.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs



Leaders representing various religions walk together at the close of an international peace conference in Rome Oct. 10. Cardinal Roger Etchegaray (second from right), president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, walks alongside Orthodox Metropolitan Damaskinos of Switzerland (second from left).

### Bishop Bars Mayor From Holding Political Rally At Parish

WORCESTER, Mass. (CNS) — Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Worcester barred the city's mayor and local Democrats from holding a candidate rally Oct. 11 at a Catholic parish center. The rally was planned by Worcester Mayor Raymond V. Mariano and members of the Democratic City Committee and was to have featured candidates who support legal abortion. It also was to honor Democratic Sen. John F. Kerry of Massachusetts, "who has taken such a harsh position on abortion," the bishop said. The rally was planned for Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann Parish Center, but by Oct. 10 the site for it had been moved to a hotel. "A political rally like that should not be taking place on church property," Bishop Reilly said in a statement.

### Israel Said To Paralyze Academic Life At Bethlehem University

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — Despite promises to the contrary, a continuing hard-nosed stand by Israeli forces has paralyzed academic life at Bethlehem University, according to a U.S. faculty member there. Christian Brother Robert J. Daszkiewicz, a Providence native who directs the Department of Tourism for Peace at the university, reported on the situation in the Mideast in an Oct. 10 e-mail message to the *Providence Visitor*, diocesan newspaper. "While the Israeli government said (via interviews, press releases, etc.) they are easing the closures and taking away the tanks from checkpoints, and that they have lifted the closures on the West Bank, the reality is that they have not done so," Brother Daszkiewicz wrote. Because the Israelis have blocked all entrances and exits to Jerusalem, some six miles to the northwest of Bethlehem, "our faculty and students are prevented from entering Bethlehem to attend classes at the university," he added.

### Bishop Expresses Concern At Bombing

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference Committee on International Policy, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, expressed alarm and concern at the bombing of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey. "I deeply regret this offense to the ancient see of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew," wrote Bishop Reilly in an Oct. 7 letter to Archbishop Spyridon, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

### Pope Leaves Hospital To Return To Vatican

ROME (CNS) — Pope John Paul II left Rome's Gemelli hospital Oct. 15 at 6:05 p.m. to return to the Vatican. He took the hospital elevator to the lobby, where he walked without support, accompanied by chief surgeon Dr. Francesco Crucitti and Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state. The pope waved to onlookers, who shouted, "Long live the pope!" Doctors said the 76-year-old pope was making an excellent recovery from the 50-minute operation Oct. 8, a "text-book" appendectomy in which adhesions or scar tissues from previous surgery were also removed.

### Newman Center Hosts Annual Stewart Lectures

CHAPEL HILL — The Fourth Annual Stewart Lectures are Oct. 26-27 at the Newman Catholic Student Center.

Carmelite Father Roland Murphy, world-renowned Biblical scholar and George Washington Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies at Duke University, is guest speaker. Father Murphy is also editor of the

Saturday segments begin at 9:30 a.m. with "A Biblical View of Daily Life: Israel's Sages" and "A Biblical View of Prayer: Israel's Psalms."

Sunday's discussion, "A Biblical View of Love: The Song of Songs," begins at 3 p.m. at the Hanes Art Auditorium.

The lectures are free.

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## St. Luke Church

**MINT HILL** — The Charlotte area's shopping centers are complete with an endless variety of stores, restaurants, movie theaters ... and Catholic churches? In one instance, the latter was the case for seven years in southeast Charlotte, when St. Luke Church found its beginnings in, of all places, the theater complex of the Matthews Township Festival shopping center.

In an effort to meet the ever-growing needs of Charlotte Catholics, diocesan officials created an 11th parish in Mecklenburg County. In September 1987, the St. Luke community was formed, thus easing crowding at nearby Catholic churches and accommodating more of the influx of Catholics moving to the Charlotte area from various parts of the country.

Some 50 people made up the congregation when Father Joseph Mulligan, pastor of the newly created parish, celebrated the first Mass in the

shopping center movie theater on Oct. 18, 1987. Masses continued at the church-theater for several months.

Earlier that year, property along Lawyers Road — on which the present facility exists — was purchased for future building of a church, although the parish moved to another shopping mall, the Mint Hill Festival, in time to celebrate Christmas in 1987.

A grassroots campaign to create a permanent home for the parish began in the summer of 1992. Called "Develop," the process included a series of town meetings, raffles, and bake, craft and attic sales. As Masses continued at the Mint Hill Festival, the parish busied itself to begin construction of the new church on Lawyers Road.

Building of the pastoral center was underway in October 1993. The result: a facility which includes an 8,600 square-foot sanctuary, as well as space for educational and social functions. Much attention has been paid to landscaping the property, too. Water and flower gardens have been added, and a country-style picnic pavilion has been built for parish functions as well.

Father Mulligan celebrated the first Mass at the new St. Luke Church in October 1994, thereby beginning a new phase in the history of the parish. From its rather unconventional shopping mall beginnings, St. Luke parish dedicated its new home on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 7, 1995, with Bishop William G. Curlin and Father Mulligan concelebrating. On that day, the congregation also received a welcome of sorts from a local fire department.

As the dedication Mass drew to a close, the Holy Eucharist was taken from the altar to the tabernacle, which rests in the eucharistic chapel. During the procession, clouds of incense rose to the overhead fire alarms, setting them off in a bell-ringing frenzy. Fire trucks reported to the scene, but the only blaze raging in the church that day was the inextinguishable fire of faith burning in the hearts of the parishioners.

The parish has made the sense of family a top priority in its young life. Parishioners keep active in seven parish ministries and organizations, under which dozens of committees, groups and projects exist. St. Luke parish participates in a number of community-level undertakings as well, including several ecumenical activities. The congregation has grown at a steady pace, and plans are currently underway for the construc-

tion of a family life center.

Although it is one of the newest parishes in the diocese, St. Luke has wasted no time in practicing and expanding the ministry of the Catholic Church in western North Carolina. In its less than 10 years of existence, it has managed to fervently integrate into the Church family while retaining a unique identity all its own.

### St. Luke

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Masses:  
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Number of  
parishioners:  
**1731**

Number of  
households:  
**580**



## BMHS Inducts Student Council, Welcomes Gantt

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Bishop McGuinness High School recently held its Student Council Induction Ceremony. The school community welcomed 42 inductees to the council.

After the program began with an invocation by school chaplain Father Joseph Kelleher, students Juan Asconape, Brian DePaulis and Mike Pooley performed an original modern arrangement of the national anthem.

Guest speaker Laura Garrou, Democratic candidate for State Senate, addressed the student body with a message reminding the youths of their responsibility to improve their communities and to get involved in their nation's government system.

Student council inductees were

then introduced to the school community. Council officers are: Allan Huebner, president; Mick Joseph, vice-president; Kristin Martin, secretary; and Elizabeth Luckhart, treasurer.

Senior class officers are: Brian Lawler, Joe Ruggieri, Tracy Phelan and Matt Teich. Junior class officers are: Brian Heaton, Julie Patterson, Theresa Beavan and Hugh Carroll.

Officers for the sophomore class are: Ime Archibong, Stephanie Moser, Katie Fleishchauer and Pat Teich. Freshman class officers are: Laura Hoeing, Sandra Howell, Justin LeBlanc and Chris Kronner.

Homeroom representatives are as follows: for the senior class, Laura Araman, Patricia Habib, Becky

Knollenberg, Rich Parks and Jeannie Shaw; for the junior class, Paz Alexander, Mark Cullen, Megan McConnell, Mandy Nelson and Clifford Thompson; for the sophomore class, Ashley Cochran, Jeffrey Harless, Jared Luckhart, Derek Show and Emily Verheyen; for the freshman class, Phillip Aylor, Meredith Fievet, Justin Hammock, Casey Knight, Keri Prybylo and Michael Speciale.

In other BMHS news, U.S. Senate Democratic candidate Harvey Gantt addressed students on Oct. 9 in the school cafeteria.

In order to provide BMHS politics students with equal exposure to senatorial candidates, school officials invited Gantt to talk with students about the

workings of government in the United States. Earlier this year, several students were involved with Republican incumbent Jesse Helms' Labor Day rally as well.

"I appreciate any opportunity the presence of candidates provides to increase the sophistication level of students' perceptions about issues and the political process itself," said BMHS Principal George L. Respass.

Gantt addressed BMHS seniors and members of the Harvard Model Congress, an educational program designed by Harvard University to teach students about the workings of the national government. The candidate's presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session with the students.





## All Christians Are Called To Work For A Just Society

By MIKE KROKOS and MARY COYNE WESSLING

BELMONT — Echoing the words of Pope Paul VI — *If you want peace, work for justice* — Bishop William G. Curlin urged participants at the diocesan Faith Doing Justice conference to work towards a just society.

"Make certain the justice and peace of the Lord are in your heart before you take it out into the world," the bishop said.

Bishop Curlin celebrated the closing liturgy at the two-day conference, held Oct. 18-19 at Belmont Abbey College. Sponsored by Catholic Social Services' Office of Justice and Peace, the meeting drew more than 100 people — mostly lay leaders — and focused on providing ways for participants to connect their daily lives and ministries to the social mission of the church.

Event keynote speakers Sister Evelyn Mattern and Ron Krietemeyer explored how Catholics are called to social justice and political responsibility (see related stories). Sister Evelyn, former director of the Peace and Justice Office and Migrant Ministry Program in the Diocese of Raleigh, led a discussion entitled *Sharing the Tradition: The Call to a Consistent Ethic of Life*. Krietemeyer, director of the Office of Social Justice and Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul, centered his keynote on *Applying the Teaching: The U.S. Bishops' Call to Political Responsibility*.

Conference participants included business people, parish leaders, parents, catechists, religious educators and students.

"I've been involved in justice issues for a long time. This is a renewal for me," said Colleen McDermott, religion teacher at Charlotte Catholic High School. For her, the conference provided ideas of how to infuse justice issues into her religion courses.

McDermott liked hearing speakers call Catholics to the political arena. "I believe it is important to involve teens in the political process. I've talked with my students about choosing a campaign to work for," she said.

In McDermott's experience of working with high school and college students, justice issues often are the first step back to the Church.

"For some students, especially those in college, who rejected the Church structure and institution, justice issues were the way they could talk about their faith. And when social justice brings the students in we can

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Father George Kloster of St. Michael Church in Gastonia leads a workshop on *Parishes as Communities of Salt and Light* at the Faith Doing Justice conference Oct. 18-19 at Belmont Abbey.

## Indigent Burial Program Receives Boost, Appeals To Donors

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — The Indigent Burial Committee has faced a number of crossroads since its inception in 1994, but the burial program which was founded through its efforts has been steered toward greater financial stability and a brighter future.

Despite a history that includes periods of uncertainty and shortages of money, the Indigent Burial Program's outlook has been given more promise thanks to an increase in funding — and in public awareness.

"This is a face of poverty that many of us never encounter," said Geri King, director of the Charlotte Office of Catholic Social Services. "We know the face of hunger. We know the face of homelessness. But many of us don't know the face of a family confronted with the decision of whether or not to claim the body of a loved one because they do not have the resources to bury them."

The Indigent Burial Program addresses a segment of the local population whose needs are urgent and acute, she added.

The City of Charlotte continues to bury unclaimed bodies. Until 1994, though, the city was also involved in burying those whose lack of financial resources prevented a dignified interment. Upon the decision to cease such

burials, CSS Executive Director Elizabeth Thurbee led a group of citizens, social work professionals, funeral home directors and a representative from Charlotte's cemetery department in forming the Indigent Burial Committee to study and address the problem.

Through that coalition and its work, an adult can be buried at a cost of \$608, which is paid directly to a funeral home and the city cemetery department. The cost for children and infants is lower, although the funeral homes and the cemeteries receive payments for those burials as well.

At the suggestion of Thurbee, the Charlotte Office of CSS took on administrative responsibility for the project in May 1996. The agency employs a thorough screening process to assure that funding is designated for the truly needy. While more than 30 applications have been received since May, the program has been involved in 15 burials during that time.

King said that the burial service hopes to meet requests for three burials per month, although that number has fluctuated in previous months.

The program has not always enjoyed its present well-being. Cases have had to be turned away because of funding problems. Program administrators' requests for financial assistance from Mecklenburg County have gone unapproved.

In addition, the service's very existence was threatened in 1995, when the city council pondered the sale of Charlotte's municipal cemeteries to private companies. The effect of such a measure would have been disastrous, but Bishop William G. Curlin, members of the Indigent Burial Committee, and other concerned citizens offered impassioned pleas which proved influential in dissuading that decision.

With CSS at the administrative helm, the project realized an opportunity for growth. The staff has facilitated the screening process, working with individuals in the community to assess the needs of applicants. In what King called "a group effort," the base of donors has broadened, with Knights of Columbus, the staff of the Catholic Center, the Benedictines at Belmont Abbey and students from Charlotte Catholic High

School having joined those trying to ensure that needs will be met. King has also spoken with parish tithing communities, and said that response has been positive.

Also, an anonymous donor has offered to match, dollar for dollar, any funding that comes to CSS for the Indigent Burial Program.

While it has been helped largely from within the Catholic community, the effort is becoming an interreligious one, King said. Two Protestant churches have already funded burials, and King met with the Mecklenburg County Ministerial Association on Oct. 8. That group represents a multitude of Christian and Jewish faiths; its members have "offered full support and will do everything they can to help with fund raising and getting the word out through networking," King

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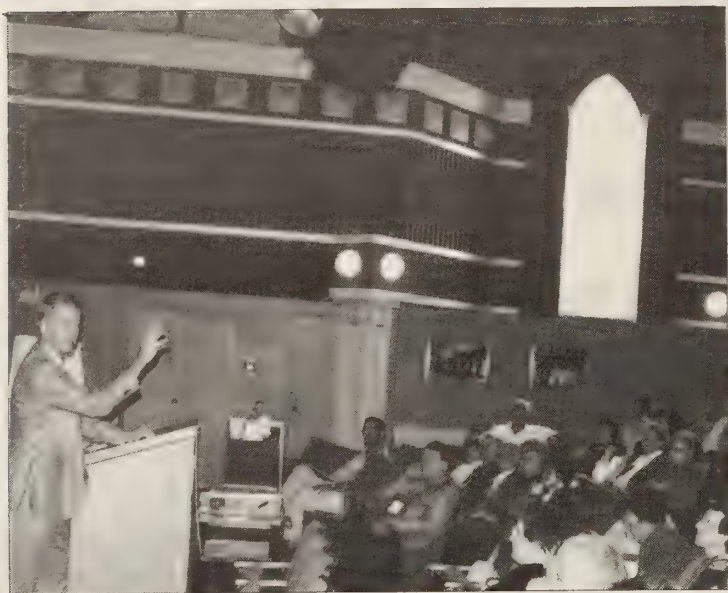
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# Speaker Says Catholics Are Obligated To Get Involved



Ron Krietemeyer, director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul, delivers the keynote address during *Faith Doing Justice* at Belmont Abbey.

By MARY COYNE WESSLING  
Correspondent

BELMONT — It's no secret that politics have become a dirty game in America. But rather than shun them, Catholics should embrace them as a means of working for justice.

So went the message delivered by Ron Krietemeyer at the Justice and Peace conference last weekend in Belmont. Krietemeyer, director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul, delivered the keynote address Oct. 19.

Rather than grow cynical and adopt a disengaged attitude toward politics, Catholics should concern themselves with how this process can become more effective in dealing with a range of pressing issues, said Krietemeyer.

While many of today's candidates may be afraid to address the issues of abortion, poverty and immigrants in their debates, that is no excuse for Catholics to stop promoting the welfare of those unable to protect themselves.

Krietemeyer quickly dispelled the notion that Catholics must remain outside the political process because of separation of church and state.

"Society is not the same as the state," he said. "The state is just one part of society; a society in which all groups should participate in the ongoing discussions of how we live together. That's politics. The state is a specific institution which the constitution says should not give special rights to churches. In no way does it say churches can't participate in the political process. In fact, churches must have a role in enriching the debate and when they don't debate, they make society less healthy and less whole."

Catholics, said Krietemeyer, are called by their church leaders to be involved in the political process. "It is not optional nor accidental," he said. "If we don't engage in this process we are not being fully Catholic. We must serve those in need and work for justice and peace. The bishops use plain language in saying this. In the Church tradition, we are called to transform this world and make it more like the kingdom of God."

To emphasize the need to work for the needy, Krietemeyer unfolded a computer document, several pages long and told his audience that on each page were the many biblical references to "widows, orphans and aliens."

"Essentially, the Hebrews said our faith in Yahweh would be tested by how much justice was evident and that will be judged by how well we treated widows, orphans and aliens," he said.

While modern church leaders may not refer to them by the same name, there are still pressing social concerns regarding women, children and immigrants. Catholic social teaching refers frequently to the right of protecting the basic needs of humans. "If we don't provide this right, we fail in our responsibility as Catholics," he said.

Krietemeyer said the task of passing on the traditions of Catholic social teaching to Americans is not easy. He offered a few principles as guidelines for getting the message across. The first principle is when talking about the Church as an institution, we must be non-partisan. "The law says we must do this but the bishops also remind us to do this," he said. That means that as an institution, the church cannot give support to a particular candidate or political party.

The second principle is rooted in the

consistent ethic of life. Don't choose narrow or single issues. Look for the consistent ethic of life in the candidates' stand on issues. At present neither the Democrats' nor Republicans' platforms reflect that ethic well, said Krietemeyer, which can make choosing even tougher.

"The goal of the American bishops, who are seen as both liberal and conservative on certain issues, is not to be on

one or the other end of the spectrum. The politician's goal is not consistency but where they stand on issues so they can win office," Krietemeyer said.

He said later, "We may not like the present political system ... but it's the one we have to work with. Catholics must debate and dialogue about the issues of justice. Failure to act in the face of injustice is what condemns us."

## CSS Program Offers Indigent Dignified Burials, from page 1

plans to continue addressing church communities on an individual basis as well.

"I feel very positive that what we have been able to develop is a really sound community collaboration," said Thurbee. "This program offers the poorest, most vulnerable people an opportunity to lay their loved ones to rest in a dignified way. Poverty should not make their grief any less important."

Even though the project is being met with increasing support, funds are still needed to guarantee that indigent burials will continue. King urges not only congregations to consider contributing; she also calls out to youth groups, parish ministries, civic groups and whom-ever may be interested in raising and donating funds to what she called "a very natural function of Catholic Social Services." She said that members of families assisted by the program have given back financially, too.

The intent of CSS is not only to assist in the burial process. The work of the program allows families to waive funeral debts, thus letting them attend to other liabilities resulting from the deaths of their loved ones.

Outreach efforts continue after the funerals as well. King related a story of a Polish couple who relocated to Charlotte from New York. The man died soon

after they arrived, leaving the woman, who could not speak English, to make arrangements and face life in a strange new place alone.

CSS learned of her plight, saw that her situation was eligible for the program, and buried her husband. Polish-speaking parishioners of a local Catholic church have befriended the woman, becoming extended family members in the process.

King cited that example as just one of many community efforts which have continued the operations of the program. She said that despite the nature of the project — dealing in pain and loss — as well as problems in the past, she has seen the grace of God at work.

"As tough as it is, it's gratifying," she added. "Even when you go into it without funding, you go in on faith. You see how the Lord provides. In my sense, He really has put His hand in this. He has moved people's hearts."

Since Catholic Social Services of Charlotte offers administrative services at no cost, all contributions to the Indigent Burial Program are used to fund the service.

For more information on the Indigent Burial Program or to inquire about making a contribution, call Geri King, (704) 343-9954.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
October 27 - November 2



Sunday:	Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40
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# Are Catholic Social Teachings Our Best Kept Secret?

By MARY COYNE WESSLING  
Correspondent

BELMONT — American Catholics, contends Sister Evelyn Mattern, are impatient people. We seek instant results to problems much the same way we seek instant food. But patience and a keen understanding of the Church's history are needed to truly appreciate social justice and the call to a consistent ethic of life.

Sister Evelyn made her remarks during a keynote address for the Faith Doing Justice conference held at Belmont Abbey College Oct. 18-19.

Beginning with the Old Testament, Sister Evelyn cited many instances when man was reminded by God to revere life.

"The aspiration of the entire Old Testament could be summed up in that magnificent quote from Deuteronomy: 'Choose life that your descendants may live.'"

But, she added, for every story of reverence toward life, there were instances of the violence God's people inflicted on one another. "Our ancestors walked no straight way toward choosing life. They often challenged God through their misbehavior though God forgave them and loved them again. God loved them not because they were perfect but because they were made in God's own image — the imago dei, as it was called in the early Church," Sister Evelyn said. The new phrase American Catholics have heard — the consistent ethic of life — is based on this ancient concept of imago dei. What this means is, as Sister Evelyn put it: "We must respect life everywhere because God's image is everywhere."

No one provided a more perfect imago dei than Jesus. "We are free to follow Him unreservedly, without question, without having to filter out any of

His words of behavior," Sister Evelyn said. But because we are imperfect, "we may not always understand the man Jesus but the man will never fail to bring God's image to us."

In Church history after Jesus's time, she said, "It was all downhill." Early Christians went from being devoured by lions in the coliseum to taking over the coliseums and customs of the day. "They changed their earlier beliefs about pacifism and nonviolence to the doctrine of the just war along the way."

Despite this, some Christians remained true and taught "powerfully" about justice.

Sister Evelyn cited several ecumenical encyclicals and other church documents which carried the justice themes. In *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII, upheld the rights of workers to be treated justly and emphasized that his message is still relevant 103 years later.

Moving from work to broader social justice issues, Sister Evelyn reminded her audience that Catholic teachings are dedicated to helping us understand our relationship to God through our relationships to one another as images of God. "Most of these documents stress the pre-eminence of justice, defined as establishing and maintaining right relationships," she said.

Among the more dramatic themes to emerge from Catholic social teaching is nonviolence, said Sister Evelyn. While Church history shows that Christians moved from a nonviolence to a just war theory, today's nuclear age shows that "the just war has outlived its usefulness." She referred to statements from Vatican II and Pope John XXIII and Paul VI which declared war and arms race as real dangers, especially to the poor.

In her concluding remarks, Sister Evelyn said Catholic social teaching has always had to deal with overturning the acceptance of certain hierarchies which dominate certain people. The teachings have always upheld the dignity of humans because they are the image of God. She said the teachings call us to lead simple lives of faith, rooted in justice.

"The simplicity of our faith and lifestyles will allow us to practice what the teaching has always taught and to change what must be changed. We must travel light," she said. "As the Synod of Bishops pointed out in 1971: 'If the Church appears to be among the rich and powerful of this world its credibility is diminished.' If we embrace....the deepest implications of Catholic social teaching, we will have a guide to the present that will also be a bridge to all people of goodwill and to the future."



MOUNT AIRY — Bishop William G. Gurlin was the principal celebrant at a commemorative Mass celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Holy Angels Church recently. Msgr. Arthur Duncan, pastor emeritus; Father Thomas Stott, pastor; and Rev. Mr. Ben Wenning, permanent deacon at St. Gabriel Church in Charlotte also presided. Music for the Mass was provided by Schola Cantorum Carolinas Borealis of Holy Family Church in Clemmons. Members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Triad Assembly 2282 of Winston-Salem served as the Honor Guard. Pictured on front row: Al Bruno, Father Stott, Bishop Gurlin, Msgr. Duncan, Al Nowak, and Phil Lamendola; on back row: William Dressman, Ed Beiles, Robert Duckworth, Rev. Mr. Wenning, Mark Turkaly, and John Logan.

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help them make connections to other Church teachings."

Coming at social justice issues with a faith perspective means never losing hope that things can get better, added McDermott.

Vivian Reichart's motivation for coming to the conference was the November elections. "I needed to hear all the reasons why I need to vote the way I am going to vote. I needed to renew my commitment to social justice within the Church," she said.

Reichart, a member of St. James Church in Concord, said she plans to get

involved again on the parish level in the Campaign for Human Development or some other kind of social ministry.

Among the issues which concern her is the treatment of immigrants. "We seem to have a lot of migrant workers in Concord. I've seen people being rude to them, staring at them and acting afraid of them. I see the hurt in their faces. I got to thinking about human dignity, how each person is a reflection of Jesus and not something awful. I came to this conference to be reminded of what is important and to be compelled to do something about it," she said.

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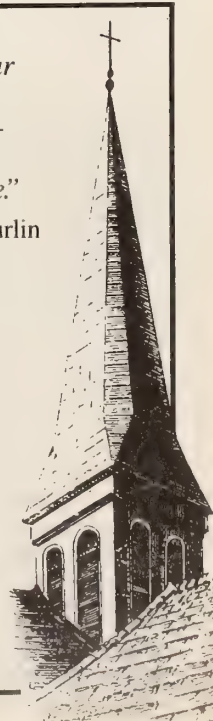
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Bishop William G. Gurlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



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Rev. Richard John Neuhaus,  
*The Church's Love Letter to the World.*

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**October 26**  
6 p.m.  
Confirmation  
Immaculate Conception Church, Hendersonville

**October 27**  
3 p.m.  
25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
St. John Neumann Church, Charlotte

6:30 p.m.  
MACS Education Foundation Circle of Celebration '96

**October 28-29**  
Annual Assembly of Bishops & Priests of the Atlanta Province, Atlanta

**October 31**  
7:30 p.m.  
All Saints Day Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)  
St. Patrick Cathedral, Charlotte

**November 2**  
Homilist  
Mass of Investiture  
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Religions Must Promote Understanding, Pope Tells Religious Leaders

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Religions are obligated to promote understanding and respect, and religious leaders must continue meeting to pray for peace, Pope John Paul II said.

"Because of the relationship with the Divine they promote and cultivate, religions can and must facilitate meetings and understanding among people even if they come from different cultures and religions," the pope said in a message to religious leaders.

The leaders were gathered Oct. 19 for a day of prayer and fasting in Assisi, Italy, to mark the 10th anniversary of the interreligious day of prayer for peace hosted by Pope John Paul.

The meeting was sponsored by the Franciscans. "Far from justifying hatred and division," the pope said, religions "must push their followers to overcome the barriers of misunderstanding and prejudice, favoring an openness to one another in mutual respect."

The pope thanked the Franciscans and religious leaders who have worked to keep the spirit of the 1986 Assisi meeting alive through meetings, discussions and, especially, occasions set aside for members of all religions to pray for peace.

"I hope everyone will know how to make themselves generous witnesses of the 'spirit of Assisi' in the environment in which they live and work, behaving in every circumstance in a way conforming to the values shared by everyone present at the meeting 10 years ago," the pope said.

### Pope Thanks Crowd For Prayers, Asks For Catholic Missionaries

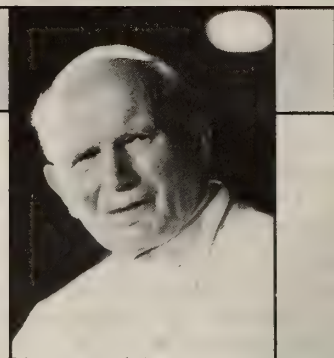
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In his first public address since leaving a Rome hospital, Pope John Paul II thanked all those who had prayed for him and asked

for prayers for Catholic missionaries and for his homeland.

Thousands of visitors came to St. Peter's Square Oct. 20, enjoying a sunny Sunday after days of rain and welcoming the pope back to the Vatican following his nine-day hospitalization for an appendectomy. "Your presence confirms the affection with which you followed me in the past few days, giving me comfort and support," the 76-year-old pope told the crowd. The pope turned his visitors' attention to the celebration of World Mission Day and the obligation all Catholics have to support the church's missionary activity. "This is why the church asks everyone to continue in the work of missionary cooperation," he said. "Prayer, the witness of a Christian life, the promotion of missionary vocations and concrete support" for missionary activity are required of all Catholics.

### Pope Sends Condolences After Stampede At Guatemalan Soccer Stadium

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II sent a telegram conveying his condolences after a stampede in a Guatemalan soccer stadium killed several dozen people and left nearly 200 hurt. The Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, sent the message Oct. 17, the day after the tragedy, to the head of the Guatemalan bishops' conference, Bishop Victor Hugo Martinez Contreras of Quetzaltenango-Los Altos. At least 83 people, many of them children, died in the incident. More than 180 were treated for broken bones, cuts, bruises and shock. The stampede took place during a World Cup qualifying match between the national teams of Guatemala and Costa Rica.



## Letters

To The Editor,

For the past 100 years, our popes and bishops have addressed the social needs of humankind in numerous encyclicals; therefore the word *social* has become associated with "faith" and "justice." In fact, in *On Social Concern*, Pope John Paul II proclaimed, "the social doctrine of the Church...has now become an updated doctrinal 'corpus.'" (1) The "social question," he maintains, has "assumed...worldwide dimensions....(so that)....we cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy, the homeless, those without medical care and, above all those without hope of a better future. It is impossible not to take account of these realities." (42)

A predominant theme in this church teaching is that moral demands are not limited to individual acts; social morality is imperative. To transform society the U.S. Bishops call us to be active in the political arena in defense of life at all stages. Based on the consistent ethic of life, the bishops have published *Political Responsibility: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life, Protecting the Least Among Us, and Pursuing the Common Good*.

The "Faith Doing Justice" conference's keynote speakers have solid Catholic credentials: Ronald Kriemeyer, who works for the archbishop of Minneapolis-St. Paul, was highly recommended by the director of the USCC's department of Social Development and World Peace. Sister Evelyn Mattern is former

director of the Raleigh Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace and is widely published (most recently, *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes and Our Survival*, Ave Maria Press).

**Joanne Kennedy Frazer**  
Director, Office of Peace and Justice  
Diocese of Charlotte

To The Editor,

Recently our parish family celebrated the dedication anniversary of our Basilica of St. Lawrence, DM, Asheville, with a four-day mission presented by the Good News Ministry of North Carolina.

The result of this program is wonderfully positive. Their invitation to introspection in the light of the magisterium and the encyclicals stirred the embers of hope. Comprehending the treasure that is our faith has awakened the desire to respond to the needs around us. An energy is rising and its effect will be visible. The Catholic Lay Evangelists are, I believe, not a novelty but a necessity for the revitalization of the Church. The thrust of their message is clear: "Ladies and gentlemen of faith, start your engines please!" (With apologies to Indianapolis.)

Our diocese cannot help but benefit from their efforts, and I sincerely hope that lay evangelization will spread. It meets the need.

**Alice A. Cella**  
Asheville



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### We Are Our Stories

I love stories. Like the one about the peasant farmer in China who was desperately poor and had only one son to help him cultivate his little farm.

One day a pack of wild horses grazed nearby and the young boy managed to lasso and corral one of them. The neighbors came to celebrate the good news: "What good fortune," they said. "Now you'll have added help with your farming." But the elderly farmer replied, "How do you know it is good fortune?"

The next day, when the boy tried to ride the horse, it bucked and threw him to the ground, breaking his arm. The neighbors came to offer their condolences: "What bad fortune for you to have your son hurt and unable to work." But again the farmer rejoined, "How do you know it is bad fortune?"

The next week, the regional warlord came through the area and took all the able-bodied young men to fight in a battle, but because the boy's arm was still in a cast he was unfit for fighting. Again the neighbors rejoiced: "What good fortune that your son was not pressed into service." But the farmer cautioned, "How do you know it is good fortune?"

Now the story could go on further, but you get the idea. The moral of this piece of Chinese stoicism? Perhaps it is better for us to fold off judgment on what makes a good day or a bad day: things are not always what they seem. Remember how bleak that Friday seemed to the disciples when everything they had hoped for seemed ended by the crucifixion of their Lord? But then came that glorious Easter Sunday morning.

Scripture speaks of the Yom Yahweh, the Day of the Lord, when the final judgment concerning all our days will be left to God. And the story of the peasant farmer helps to explain in a practical way our own experience of the Biblical admonition to trust in the Lord's power to make all things new.

Stories have power, too. Especially real life experiences of faith and hope that offer connections and meaning. Wanting our lives to have meaning is at the heart of what makes us spiritual human beings.

In fact, according to Professor Daniel Taylor's wonderful book, *The Healing Power of Stories*, you and I are stories. He argues convincingly that we are the product of all the stories we have

heard and lived: "They have shaped how you see yourself, the world, and your place in it...Knowing and embracing healthy stories is crucial to living rightly and well. If your present life story is broke or diseased, it can be made well. Or, if necessary, it can be replaced by a story that has a plot worth living."

He echoes Alfred North Whitehead's observation that "Religions commit suicide when they find their inspiration in dogmas. The inspiration of religion lies in history." That is, if you and I need fundamental change in our lives, we need to begin not with concepts and abstractions, but with new stories. And the stories that influence how we choose to live are significant. That's why it matters that we focus on stories with plots of value and characters of truth if we want full and healthy lives.

Daniel Taylor illustrates his belief with the life of Augustine. Rather than

offering a rational explanation of his conversion to Christianity, Augustine's *Confessions* depict him constantly trying out different life-stories: rake, intellectual, careerist. Eventually, Augustine exchanged the stories that shaped his youth for the story of Christian faith. In giving authority to a new story he made it his own. Because his defining story was now the story of Jesus, Augustine was able to change his life dramatically.

The same thing happens if we accept a new defining story for our lives. Nothing — past, present or future — looks the same. And as we share our stories, they take the force of social glue. When our forbears sat around the fire at night to recount the adventures of the day, they became bonded together. And together they were able to push back the surrounding night. Our stories today must do no less.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



**Who Voted for Papal Infallibility?**

Q. How many U.S. bishops voted in favor of papal infallibility when they met in Rome at the First Vatican Council?

A. Forty-eight bishops and one abbot represented the United States, attending at least some sessions of Vatican Council I.

Bishop Edward Fitzgerald of Little Rock, Ark., and one Italian, voted "non placet" (not in favor) at the final public vote on papal infallibility July 18, 1870.

Approximately 130 bishops present in Rome that week, about 20 percent of those actually attending the sessions,

were absent for that final ballot. Several of these (perhaps six) were Americans, including Archbishop Peter Kenrick of St. Louis, and Archbishop John Purcell of Cincinnati.

The approximations result from complications today's historians encounter in attempting to establish precise figures for some of these events 126 years later.

Q. A passage I read in the Bible said that if a man and woman have intercourse during the menstrual period they have committed a sin. Is this the teaching of the Church?

A. The actions that resulted in sexual impurity or uncleanness among Jewish people are listed for the most part in the book of Leviticus, Chapters 15 and 20.

To understand them, we need to realize that while some such regulations had hygienic purposes, many involved simple misunderstandings of biology.

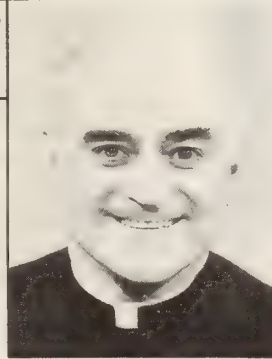
Occurrences that made an individual

ritually unclean were by no means always sinful. They might well be events that just happen, such as unintentional loss of the seed by a man (15:16) or menstrual loss of blood by a woman (15:19). Having sexual relations with a woman during menstruation made a man unclean (15:24), and even ordinary relations between a husband and wife made both of them unclean (15:18).

Christian churches, of course, Catholics included, do not acknowledge such obligations or consider them at all binding.

## Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir



**Coping With Guilt**

How do you know if you have a healthy spiritual life? I'll tell you a little secret. Good spirituality has more to do with the desires of the heart than with external moral exactitude.

There is in each of us an innate desire to be close to God, to be accepted and loved by our supreme maker. We need to be in harmony with the Lord.

Since we often fall short of our highest ideals, we experience guilt. There is a feeling of emotional discomfort connected with guilt. Until we wipe the slate clean and experience God's forgiveness, we tend to feel unworthy.

All through this experience we cling to our desire to be one with God. In fact the guilt itself comes from the perception that we have lost that closeness. The truth is that God is unchanging love.

Cozy feelings are irrelevant.

The Lord reads hearts. Jesus saw the good intentions of the publicans and the prostitutes. His courteous treatment of them proved they were loved, not rejected.

St. Peter had the reaction of a guilty man when he said to Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus ignored his guilt feelings and simply said, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:8,10). He saw the desires of his heart.

It's impossible to tell a scrupulous person that God's love transcends all guilt feelings. Locked in their own misery, they tend to cling to self-reproach.

I don't know how St. Francis of Assisi held on to his joy in times of distress and rejection, but he did. He knew that feelings were not facts.

St. Therese, the Little Flower, once said that were it not for the grace of God she would be the greatest sinner in the world. Quite an admission! Whatever her temptations might have been, she remained steadfast in her holy desires.

On her deathbed she said, "Everything I have ever done, I have done to make God happy." Was she a great sinner or a rare and holy soul? Her canonization a few years after her death assures us that she was constant in her desire to please the Lord.

A woman phoned me long distance recently to tell me of her yearning to get

back to God. She was living in an uncanonical marriage and thought she was a great sinner.

I was more conscious of the desires of her heart than I was of her guilt feelings. I wouldn't dream of judging her soul; all judgment belongs to God. What stood out in my mind was her holy desire. I heard her soul crying out to the Lord, and I felt His compassion in my own heart.

Sometimes respectable people are really corrupt on the inside, while so-called public sinners are close to God. Jesus occasionally walked with prostitutes. Maybe He knew something about them that His contemporaries did not.

The next time you beat yourself up with guilt feelings, examine the desires of your heart, and try to remember that God loves your beautiful soul.



# United States Catholic Conference 1996

Beginning in 1988, the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) has submitted to the major presidential candidates a questionnaire on issues of national significance. This year, the USCC Office of Government Liaison compiled and produced this document. In November of 1995, the USCC Administrative Board published the statement *Political Responsibility: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life, Protecting the Least Among Us, and Pursuing the Common Good*. That statement addresses the key moral issues in the upcoming election, and this questionnaire poses many of these issues to candidates and reflects their verbatim responses. It has been reviewed and approved for distribution by the undersigned.

*The following set of questions on important public policy issues was sent to the presidential campaigns of Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Dole responded, and their unedited words appear here.*

## Abortion

*What is your position on a constitutional amendment that would protect the right to life of unborn children (Human Life Amendment)?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*What is your position on the use of taxpayer funds for abortion?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

*What is your position on a law banning partial-birth abortion?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** As governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton signed a bill that barred third trimester abortions with an appropriate exception for life or health. If Congress sends the president a bill that bars third trimester abortions with an appropriate exception for life or health, the president would sign it.

**Bob Dole:** In 1983, Bob Dole voted for a Constitutional Amendment overturning Roe v. Wade and still supports a Constitutional Amendment to restrict abortion subject to the exceptions of life of the mother, rape and incest. In 1996, Senator Dole voted for legislation banning partial birth abortions.

## Environment —

*What is your position on policies that seek to arrest, reverse, and prevent environmental pollution and to promote sustainable development for all, recognizing regulation, investment and sacrifice are necessary for the common good in this area?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** It is our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation and to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation. The Clinton Administration is fighting for a clean environment for our families and our children.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole is the only Presidential candidate to have voted for our major environmental laws including the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Bob Dole will support environmental policies that rely on sound science and economics, protect the property rights of all Americans and give states and local communities flexibility to meet real environmental challenges effectively. Bob Dole understands that environmental progress and economic growth go hand in hand — they are not adversaries.

## Arms & Landmines

*What is your position on:*

*An early permanent U.S. ban on the production, export and use of anti-personnel landmines as a step toward a global ban on landmines?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*Legislation to restrict or limit arms sales from the U.S. to other nations?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*A comprehensive nuclear test ban?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** The U.S. is committed to a global anti-personnel landmines (APL) ban. As we negotiate this, the U.S. will protect the option to use APL in certain situations, but is seeking alternatives to APL to end reliance on them as soon as possible. The U.S. observes an APL export moratorium.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole supported an export ban and moratorium on anti-personnel landmines and encouraged an international agreement to eliminate them while safeguarding American military personnel. He supports making defense equipment available to friendly nations to enhance American security and reduce the likelihood of engaging U.S. forces in conflict. He supports restoring effective controls on exporting critical military technologies.

## Labor Relations

*What is your position on policies that protect the right to collective bargaining, including legislation to prohibit the permanent replacement of striking workers?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** President Clinton believes that the fight to save the American dream begins with the fight to save America's working families. That is why he supports the right of employees to bargain collectively and their right to strike.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole opposes the so-called striker replacement bill. This bill would have overturned more than 60 years of Supreme Court precedent that has preserved the delicate balance between labor and management.

## Economic Help For Families

*What is your position on the Federal Government providing financial resources to low-income persons:*

*Through a reformed welfare system that rewards work and supports families without denying assistance to children based on the age or welfare dependence of their mother?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*Through tax relief to low income working families with children to keep them above the poverty line (i.e., refundable children's tax credit and/or Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*By assuring health care for poor families and children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

*By supporting efforts to increase the minimum wage, which would assure a living wage for workers?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** President Clinton has worked for welfare reform that encourages independence through responsibility and work and provides health and child care necessary for families to succeed at home and on the job. He has worked to stop Congress from eliminating the guarantee of health care for the poor, disabled and elderly.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole supports the recently enacted welfare reform plan, which rewards work, supports families and provides necessary support to children through a federal-state partnership. Bob Dole's plan for economic growth helps all families by balancing the budget, lowering taxes and restoring money and power to the real engine of our economy — the American people.

## Civil Rights

*What is your position on continued enforcement of affirmative action programs to protect racial and ethnic minorities?*

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** The Clinton Administration has opposed discriminatory lending practices, enforced the Voting Rights Act, and enforced fair housing laws.

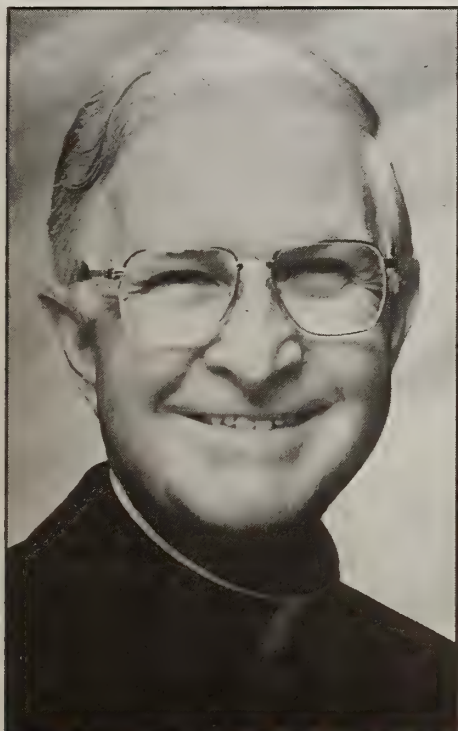
**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole opposes quotas, set-asides, they belong to a particular group. He supports steps to ensure that affirmative action efforts do not resort to preferences.



*"They should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. The first requirement of a steward is that he prove trustworthy." 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2*

## Bishop's Financial Stewardship Report

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As your bishop, I am accountable to you, the people of the Church of Charlotte, for the proper stewardship of our financial resources. Therefore, I am pleased to be able to present to you the financial report of the Central Administrative Offices of the Diocese of Charlotte for the year ending June 30, 1996.

I encourage you to review the financial information contained on the following pages. The report shows that the Central Administration is financially healthy. A good financial report tells only part of the story. Next year we celebrate our 25th anniversary as a diocese. We have experienced tremendous growth in our Catholic population during the past quarter of a century. In addition to serving an ever growing population, we are responding to more and varied needs. I believe we have been successful in responding to many of these needs. During this past year we expanded the diocesan outreach and evangelization programs to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in response to the increasing number of Hispanics in our diocese. We also launched a new ministry to our Hmong brothers and sisters. Additional resources have been allocated to our educational ministries and to the social outreach programs offered by Catholic Social Services. Finally, we have been blessed with 23 seminarians training for the priesthood who will provide spiritual leadership for our diocese in the future.

Our diocese continues to grow in number and need. While much is being done, the future will present new challenges as we strive to serve God's people. It is only by your generous assistance that we will be able to continue to expand our ministries and open new churches and schools in response to continued growth here in western North Carolina.

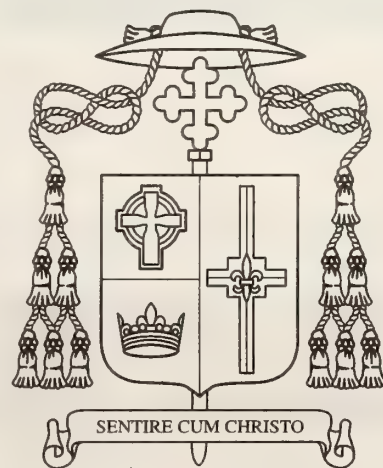
I am very grateful for your support. I know of the tremendous sacrifices made by so many to support the Church. Your gifts to your parish, to the Diocesan Support Appeal and to special appeals directly support the ministries of the Church. I beg your continued assistance.

I am, as always,

Devotedly in the Lord,

*+ William G. Curlin*

Most Reverend William G. Curlin  
Bishop of Charlotte



## Report from the Diocesan Fiscal Manager

I am pleased to once again report that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte remains financially healthy due to the generosity of the people of this diocese. The Central Administration of the Diocese, the administrative arm of the Catholic Church in western North Carolina, completed the year ended June 30, 1996 with an increase in net assets of approximately \$939,000. The increase is, in part, attributable to special purpose activities which affect how and when these surplus funds should be spent. These activities are as follows:

- Self-insurance and employee benefit programs - The amount by which these revenues exceeded claims and other expenses (\$700,000) has been designated as additional reserves for future contingencies;
- Unrealized gains on long-term investments - Current year market appreciation on investments (\$235,000) could be offset in future years if market values decline;
- DSA contributions - Included in current year revenues are those funds which exceed the current year program budget and, thus, are for use next year (\$341,000).

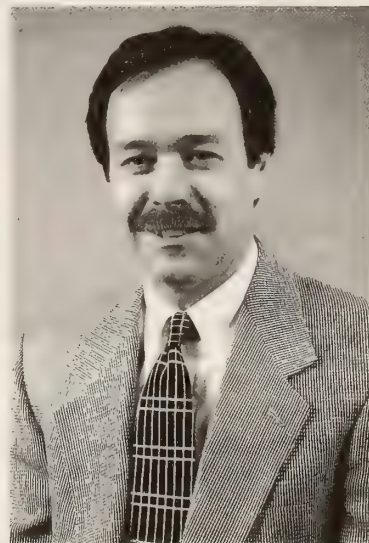
The sum of these three items (\$1,276,000) exceeds the total increase in net assets by approximately \$337,000. The resulting "shortfall" is primarily due to two transfers of funds from the Central Administration to the diocesan Foundation totaling \$340,000. These transactions have been recorded as expenditures by the Central Administration and, thus, reduce its net assets. Of the total transferred to the Foundation, \$250,000 has been invested in an endowment and \$90,000 represents the transfer of accumulated earnings. The principle will remain invested with the Foundation in perpetuity so as to generate earnings which will be available to meet the future needs of the diocese.

The diocesan Finance Office remains committed to the highest standards of fiscal responsibility. It is our responsibility to ensure that internal controls are in place and operating so as to safeguard Church assets and ensure that all financial activity is accounted for properly. The employees and volunteers who serve at diocesan parishes, schools and agencies, as well as those at the Catholic Center, are stewards of the Church's temporal resources and thus, are accountable to you, the people who are the Church of western North Carolina.

The financial statements of the Central Administration for the year ended June 30, 1996 are presented on the following pages for your review. The integrity of these statements and the integrity of the underlying financial systems are the responsibility of the diocese. The public accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, LLP, was engaged to perform an independent audit of these financial statements. Their audit report is also included in the financial report on the following pages.

*William G. Weldon*

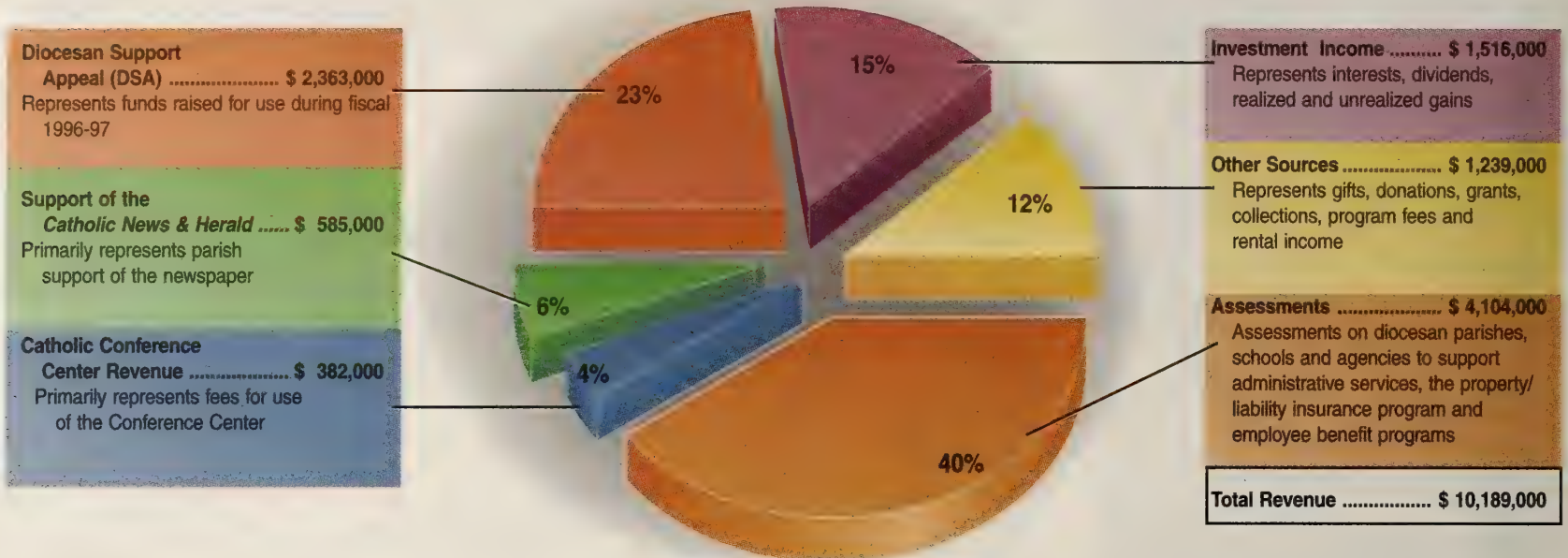
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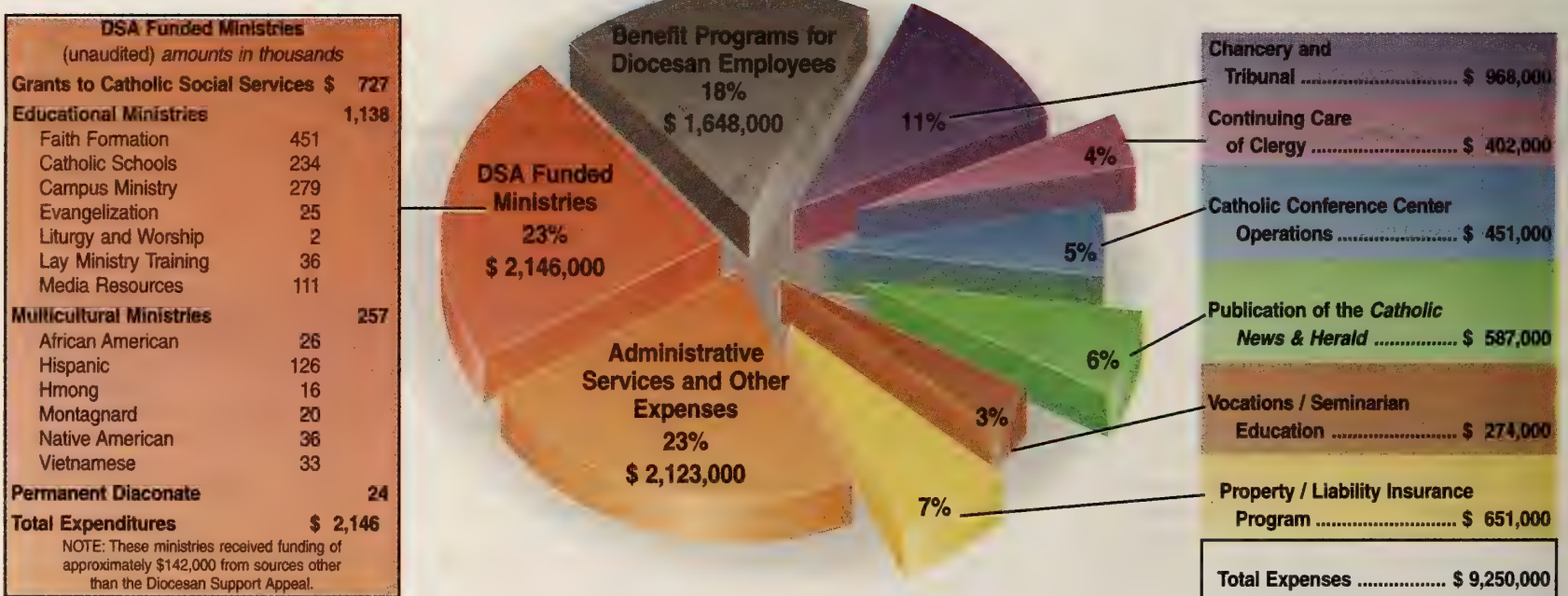


## The Central Administration of the Financial Highlights

### Sources of Revenue — Year ended June 30, 1996



### Uses of Our Resources — Year ended June 30, 1996



### Report of Independent Public Accountants

To the Most Reverend William G. Curlin,  
Bishop of Charlotte:

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of financial position of The Central Administration of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte and Cathedral Publishing, Inc. (the Central Administration) as of June 30, 1996, and the related combining statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Central Administration's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Central Administration as of June 30, 1996, and the combining results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Arthur Andersen LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina,  
September 6, 1996.



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

## Financial Statements

### Combining Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Revenues and other support:</b>				
Contributions —				
Diocesan support appeal (DSA)	\$2,363,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,363,000
Other support-DSA programs	142,448	-	-	142,448
Assessments	4,104,223	-	-	4,104,223
Gift income	74,288	-	-	74,288
Catholic Conference Center	381,641	-	-	381,641
Cathedral Publishing, Inc.	584,609	-	-	584,609
Collections	-	192,433	-	192,433
Grants	-	226,348	-	226,348
Rental income	279,240	-	-	279,240
Interest and dividend income	945,577	-	-	945,577
Net realized/unrealized gains on long-term investments	570,916	-	-	570,916
Other	324,320	-	-	324,320
Net assets released from restrictions-				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	573,937	(523,493)	(50,444)	-
<b>Total revenues and other support</b>	<b>10,344,199</b>	<b>(104,712)</b>	<b>(50,444)</b>	<b>10,189,043</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Program —				
Educational ministries	1,138,215	-	-	1,138,215
Multicultural ministries	256,809	-	-	256,809
Vocations	298,375	-	-	298,375
Contributions and grants:				
Catholic Social Services, Inc.	726,700	-	-	726,700
Other	425,025	-	-	425,025
Employee health benefits	938,628	-	-	938,628
Property and liability insurance	651,387	-	-	651,387
Lay employee retirement & other benefit programs	709,315	-	-	709,315
Cathedral Publishing	586,530	-	-	586,530
Catholic Conference Center	450,982	-	-	450,982
Tribunal	171,207	-	-	171,207
Other	61,820	-	-	61,820
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>6,414,993</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,414,993</b>
Administrative —				
Chancery	796,917	-	-	796,917
Development office	242,785	-	-	242,785
Property management office	105,256	-	-	105,256
Legal office	84,360	-	-	84,360
Continuing care of clergy	401,723	-	-	401,723
General administration	288,287	-	-	288,287
Rental property expense	130,001	-	-	130,001
Interest - Parish savings and investment programs	345,947	-	-	345,947
Depreciation	174,040	-	-	174,040
Other	78,493	-	-	78,493
<b>Total administrative expenses</b>	<b>2,647,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,647,809</b>
Fundraising	97,264	-	-	97,264
Transfer of endowment funds to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, Inc.	-	-	89,908	89,908
<b>Total expenses and transfers</b>	<b>9,160,066</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,908</b>	<b>9,249,974</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>1,184,133</b>	<b>(104,712)</b>	<b>(140,352)</b>	<b>939,069</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>11,225,945</b>	<b>1,188,246</b>	<b>1,092,836</b>	<b>13,507,027</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$12,410,078</b>	<b>\$1,083,534</b>	<b>\$952,484</b>	<b>\$14,446,096</b>

### Combined Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 1996

<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,038,675
Accounts receivable —	
Pledges, net	509,042
Assessments	403,697
Other	206,078
Prepaid expenses and other	213,089
Advances to parishes, net of discounts of \$588,000	528,066
Notes receivable	5,607,311
Investments	8,412,909
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,692,145	6,369,594
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$26,288,461</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets:</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 402,001
Accrued health claims	265,000
Accrued pension expense	213,308
Custodial obligations	10,597,423
Unearned revenue - Assessments	364,633
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,842,365</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Unrestricted	12,410,078
Temporarily restricted	1,083,534
Permanently restricted	952,484
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>14,446,096</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$26,288,461</b>

### Combining Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Change in net assets	\$939,069
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities —	
Transfer of endowment funds to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, Inc.	89,908
Depreciation expense	174,040
Increase in pledges receivable	(113,056)
Increase in assessments receivable	(58,748)
Decrease in bequests receivable	572,800
Increase in other receivables	(114,404)
Increase in prepaid insurance	(30,544)
Increase in other assets	(26,431)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	135,992
Decrease in accrued pension expense	(56,262)
Increase in unearned revenue - Assessments	72,901
Increase in custodial obligations	2,026,413
Net unrealized and realized gains on long-term investments	(570,916)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>3,040,762</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Purchase of property and equipment	(394,257)
Issuance of advances and notes	(1,574,464)
Payments received on advances and notes	1,524,084
Increase in discount on advances	50,444
Purchase of investments, net	(2,010,608)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(2,404,801)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>635,961</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>3,402,714</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$4,038,675</b>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these statements.



# The Central Administration of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

## Notes to Financial Statements — June 30, 1996

### 1. Organization:

The Central Administration of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte is the administrative arm of the Roman Catholic Church in western North Carolina. The Central Administration provides diocesan entities with business and administrative services including: administering a savings and investment program wherein all funds on deposit along with the associated accrued interest are reflected as custodial obligations of the Central Administration; arranging financing for diocesan entities; sponsoring a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan and a tax-deferred annuity plan covering substantially all lay employees; and providing medical and dental insurance coverage for employees. The Central Administration assesses the diocesan entities on a monthly basis to cover the costs of these benefits. In addition, the Central Administration oversees the operations of Cathedral Publishing, Inc., publisher of *The Catholic News and Herald*. The Central Administration of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte and Cathedral Publishing, Inc. are collectively referred to herein as "the Central Administration."

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

#### Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the Central Administration are maintained on the accrual basis. In fiscal 1995, the Central Administration adopted the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made," and SFAS No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations."

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Central Administration considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Central Administration has designated \$235,000 of cash and cash equivalents for property and liability self-insurance reserves.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost, when purchased, and at estimated market value, when donated. Depreciation expense is determined by using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following represents the major classes of property and equipment at June 30, 1996:

	Amount	Life (in years)
Land	\$3,493,405	N/A
Buildings	3,493,189	30
Improvements	698,780	10
Equipment	183,838	10
Vehicles	192,527	5
	8,061,739	
Less - Accumulated depreciation	1,692,145	
	<u>\$6,369,594</u>	

#### Tax-exempt Status

The Central Administration is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Net Assets

The Central Administration's net assets consist of the following:

#### Unrestricted

Unrestricted net assets consist of all resources of the Central Administration which have no donor-imposed restrictions. The officials of the Central Administration may, at their discretion, designate unrestricted support for a specified purpose.

#### Temporarily Restricted

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of contributions received whose use by the Central Administration is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled by actions of the Central Administration. When a donor restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### Permanently Restricted

Permanently restricted net assets consist of contributions received from donors whose use by the Central Administration is limited permanently by donor-imposed stipulations.

### 3. Advances to Parishes:

The Central Administration maintains a revolving loan fund which was established primarily from resources provided by bequests stipulated for advances to small or needy parishes at no interest. Advances outstanding at June 30, 1996, totaled approximately \$1,116,000. These advances are long term in nature and are reflected at their estimated present value of approximately \$528,000 in the accompanying statement of financial position.

### 4. Pledges and Assessments Receivable:

The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) campaign begins in the fiscal year prior to the expenditure of funds by DSA program agencies. At June 30, 1996, approximately \$509,000 in pledges out of a goal of \$2,363,000 had not been collected.

The Central Administration assesses parishes and affiliates to cover the costs of general administration, property and liability insurance, employee health insurance, employee retirement and *The Catholic News and Herald*. Total assessments receivable at June 30, 1996, were approximately \$224,000.

### 5. Notes Receivable:

The Central Administration has various notes receivable outstanding at June 30, 1996. These notes bear interest at rates ranging from prime minus 1-1/4% to prime plus 1%. A summary of notes receivable is as follows:

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools	\$3,296,866
Parishes	1,944,001
Other	366,444
	<u>\$5,607,311</u>

### 6. Investments:

Investments are carried at market value and realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the statement of activities. The cost and fair market value of investments at June 30, 1996, are summarized below:

	Cost	Market
Common stocks	\$3,406,753	\$4,130,961
Bonds	3,269,489	3,260,150
U. S. Government and agency securities	1,065,903	986,198
Other	35,600	35,600
Total investments	<u>\$7,777,745</u>	<u>\$8,412,909</u>

### 7. Parish Savings and Investment Programs:

The Central Administration administers a Parish Savings Program and a Parish Investment Program. These programs have been established for the benefit of diocesan parishes, schools and agencies. Interest is earned at 4% for the Savings Program and prime less 2.75% for the investment program. Savings program funds may be withdrawn at any time and investment program funds may be withdrawn the first business day of each month subject to a minimum 18-month investment period. Funds on deposit related to these programs along with accrued interest totaled approximately \$8,161,000 at June 30, 1996, and are reflected as custodial obligations in the accompanying statement of financial position.

### 8. Pension and Retirement Plans:

#### Lay Noncontributory Deferred Benefit Pension Plan

The Central Administration sponsors a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) covering substantially

all lay employees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. The Plan provides for benefits based on an employee's years of service and compensation. It is the intent of the Central Administration for the minimum funding to be the actuarially recommended contribution amount.

The net periodic pension cost of the pension plan is as follows:

Service cost on benefits earned during the year	\$590,925
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	432,681
Actual return on plan assets	(947,046)
Net amortization and deferral	494,886
Net periodic pension cost	<u>\$571,446</u>

The actuarial present value of benefit obligations and funded status is as follows:

Benefit obligations-	
Vested benefits	\$ 5,443,617
Nonvested benefits	165,240
Accumulated benefit obligation	5,608,857
Projected benefit obligation	(7,026,541)
Plan assets at fair value	6,596,444
Projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets	(430,097)
Unrecognized net (gain) loss	(149,414)
Unrecognized net transition obligation	366,203
Accrued pension cost	<u>\$213,308</u>

Assumptions used in developing the projected benefit obligation, are as follows:

Discount rate	7.5%
Rate of increase in compensation	4.5
Rate of return in plan assets	<u>8.5</u>

#### Tax-deferred Annuity Plan

The Central Administration administers a tax-deferred annuity plan under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for substantially all lay employees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. The Central Administration contributions to the plan are based on a percentage of employee contributions. Central Administration contributions to this plan were approximately \$176,000 during fiscal 1996.

#### Clergy Retirement Plan

The Central Administration administers the Diocese of Charlotte Clergy Retirement Plan (The Clergy Plan) to provide retirement benefits for priests within the Diocese. Annual collections from the parishes for this purpose are included within the temporarily restricted fund. The Clergy Plan obligation totaled approximately \$2,365,000 at June 30, 1996, and is reflected as a custodial obligation in the accompanying statement of financial position. Contributions to this plan were approximately \$109,000 in fiscal 1996.

### 9. Credit Arrangements:

The Central Administration maintains an approximate \$176,000 unsecured, irrevocable standby letter of credit with a bank in order to guarantee payments to the third-party administrator of its medical self-insurance program. At June 30, 1996, no debt was outstanding under this arrangement.

### 10. Employee Health Benefits:

The Central Administration administers medical and dental insurance coverage for the employees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. The Central Administration charges each organization premiums for the coverage of its employees on a monthly basis. The individual organizations have no liability for claims in excess of the premiums to be paid. The Central Administration has an arrangement with a third-party to administer the medical and dental plan. The organizations pay their premiums directly to the third-party administrator who retains approximately 19% of the premiums submitted for administrative services and the premiums for specific and aggregate stop-loss coverages. The remaining portion of the premiums are paid back to the Central Administration. The Central Administration is billed on a monthly basis for actual claims processed by the third-party administrator. The Central Administration has specific stop loss coverage at \$40,000 per claim and aggregate coverage beginning at 110% of the actuarially projected total individual claims under \$40,000. Employee health benefits expense was approximately \$939,000 during fiscal 1996.



# Presidential Candidate Questionnaire

## Education

What is your position on legislation to provide financial assistance to all parents enabling them to exercise their right to choose the elementary and/or secondary schools, including religiously oriented schools, which are best suited for their children (e.g., tax credits, grants, parental vouchers, scholarships, etc.)?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

What is your position on legislation to amend the federal statute, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), that would ensure that children in private schools are entitled to receive special education services on an equitable basis with eligible public schools students?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

What is your position on the Federal government proactively supporting litigation to overturn the Supreme Court's 1985 Aguilar v. Felton decision in order to allow ESEA Title I services to be provided to children at the religious school they attend?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** President Clinton believes that children attending private schools should be eligible for equitable special education services. More than any other administration, we have worked with the US Catholic Conference and City of New York to allow ESEA Title I to be provided to children at the religious schools they attend.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole's Opportunity Scholarships for Children will enable low and middle income families to choose the schools — public, private, or religious — most appropriate for their children. Under IDEA, children with disabilities in private schools are now supposed to get an equitable share of the local IDEA pie — though there is no individual entitlement. In Bob Dole's view, any proposal to create an individual entitlement should be considered in the context of school choice proposals for all students.

rights laws including judiciously administered affirmative action programs for women and the disabled?

immigration proposals that unfairly penalize children, worked to mend affirmative action programs, expand

preferences that favor individuals simply because of proven past discrimination against specific individual qualified women and minorities, so long as these

## Immigration

What is your position on legislation that would: Reduce legal immigration numbers by one-third?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

Limit categories of relationship eligible for family unification?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

Place a cap on refugee admissions' numbers?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:** America has always been a nation of immigrants and Bob Dole believes America must continue to be a land of opportunity for those willing to work hard and sacrifice to achieve a better life for themselves and their children. He has led the fight against illegal immigration to preserve legal immigration. Bob Dole believes that family unification should remain a cornerstone of U.S. immigration policy. He also supports a modest, temporary reduction in the annual rate of legal immigration.

Make legal immigrants ineligible to receive all but emergency welfare benefits?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

Require social service agencies receiving government funding to determine the immigration status of their clients as a condition of providing services?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

Require a national i.d. card system as a means of determining immigration status in the workplace?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** President Clinton continues to oppose legislation that restrict welfare benefits to legal immigrants who work hard for their families and pay taxes. These families should be eligible for medical and other help when they fall on hard times through no fault of their own.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole does not believe that those who have entered our country illegally are entitled to government welfare services. Bob Dole joined Governor Pete Wilson in supporting Proposition 187 which denies benefits to illegal immigrants. However, he would oppose a Constitution Amendment denying automatic birthright citizenship to illegal-immigrant children born in the U.S.



## Food & Agricultural Policy

What is your position on agricultural policies that encourage a broad-based system of small- to moderate-sized family-owned and operated farms over policies that favor the concentration of agricultural ownership?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** The Clinton Administration has taken action to promote fairness in our system so that family farmers and ranchers can continue to make a good living.

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole has led efforts to pass the most environmentally sensitive farm bill ever by encouraging greater planning flexibility for American farmers and ranchers. He has also led efforts to reduce taxes and government interference that have led to a concentration of farm ownership. By reducing estate taxes, capital gains taxes and balancing the federal budget, Bob Dole will help rural America prosper.

## Violence

## Human Rights

What is your position on making the defense of human rights — including religious liberty — a central concern of U.S. foreign policy, especially in places where human rights are most at risk, by linking other policies (e.g., trade preferences or military aid) to a country's performance on human rights?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** The Clinton Administration has consistently pressed for human rights progress through engagement and by taking into account human rights record when making decisions on foreign assistance, trade, and economic concessions. Promoting religious liberty is central to this policy.

**Bob Dole:** The promotion of human rights is key to the creation of a more stable and secure international environment. Bob Dole will pursue measures that integrate human rights into U.S. foreign policy, including the use of traditional diplomatic tools like the curtailment of military aid and the imposition of economic sanctions.

**Euthanasia** What is your position on legislation that would allow a physician to administer or prescribe lethal injection or drug overdose to assist in the suicide of patients diagnosed as terminally ill?

**Bill Clinton:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose  
**Bob Dole:**  
☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole opposes legislation which would legalize physician-assisted suicide. He is disappointed with recent federal court rulings invalidating laws which would stop this practice. He believes that the American people, through their elected representatives, have the right to prohibit physician-assisted suicide — a right upon which unelected judges should not infringe.

For More Candidate Answers To USCC Questions, see page 12



## People In The News

### Franciscan Sister Reelected Regional Minister

HADDONFIELD, N.J. —

Franciscan Sister of Allegany, N.Y. Sister Victoria Masterpaul was recently re-elected as Region II Minister.

A graduate of St. Mary's Elementary and High School in Cortland, N.Y., Sister Vicki went to nursing school and the College of Mount St. Vincent on the Hudson in Riverdale, N.Y. She graduated in 1957 and entered the congregation of Franciscan Sisters in 1960.

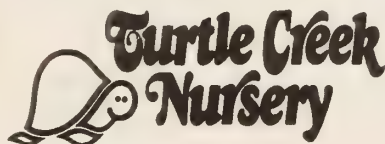
She has served in New York City; Camden, N.J.; Miami Beach; and at the motherhouse in Allegany. She has also served as a nursing instructor, formation director, chaplain, and patient representative. During the past four years, she has been Region II Minister for her order.

Sister Vicki serves 108 Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in 16 dioceses from Boston to Charlotte.

### Representative Visits BMHS

WINSTON-SALEM — State House Representative Theresa Esposito of the 88th District addressed Bishop McGuinness High School students Sept. 29 as part of the school's Harvard Model Congress Forum. Politicians have been invited to the school to provide an educational opportunity for politics students and Harvard Model Congress participants. The congress is an academic program designed by Harvard University to teach students about the workings of the U.S. government.

Esposito shared her experience as a politician, and encouraged the students to be involved in politics and campaigns.



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### Capuchins Elect New Leadership

BEACON, N.Y. — The Friars of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis recently celebrated their 10th Provincial Chapter at St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, N.Y.

The Province territory extends along the eastern seacoast of the United States, from New Jersey to Florida, with several missionary friars in Zambia, Africa.

More than a half-dozen clergy represent the order within the Diocese of Charlotte.

During the Provincial Chapter, celebrated from Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, the assembled chapter members voted the following friars as their new Provincial Council: Brother Robert Grix, Provincial Minister; Brother Cyprian Rosen, Vicar Provincial; Brother Kellen Mears, 2nd Councillor; Brother Vincent Fortunato, 3rd Councillor; and Brother Achilles Cassiere, 4th Councillor.



### Marian Shrines of France

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# Hospital Dedicates New Critical Care Center

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — Ever so gently the Monarch butterfly, chosen symbol for the dedication, fluttered from Dr. John Coli's open hand and settled atop a photographer's head. St. Francis of Assisi must have rejoiced and cheered along with the crowd applauding the dedication of the new G. John Coli Critical Care Center at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Bishop William G. Curlin, who offered his blessing and prayer of thanksgiving, later remarked, "Everything was just joyful today." He called the event a "celebration of faith expressed in the tender love and care of the sick of which the Sisters of Mercy have been a witness for so many years."

Mercy Sister Rosalind Picot, president of the North Carolina region of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, commented on this "new beginning" for St. Joseph Health Care Services by recalling the fragile beginnings of the Sisters of Mercy, who were first invited to Wilmington during the Civil War to care for victims of yellow fever. They re-



Bishop William G. Curlin, G. John Coli and Mercy Sister Carmen Cruz, chaplain.

turned to North Carolina in 1892 to start a school in Belmont, and in 1930, they opened St. Joseph Sanitarium for tuberculosis patients in Asheville. Referring to their sponsorship of St. Joseph Hospital, Sister Picot reminded her audience that, in business, sponsorship means paying your money in order to deliver your message.

"Our money," Sister Picot said, "is imagination, the courage to initiate, and

the decades of loving, competent service that we share with many people. Our message is the philosophy and mission of St. Joseph's, to participate in the healing ministry of Jesus." She introduced Coli, president and chief operating officer of St. Joseph's Health Services, in whose honor the new critical care center is being named, as one of the major participants with the Sisters of Mercy in carrying out that ministry. She thanked

him for his efforts on behalf of St. Joseph Hospital and for sharing with the Sisters of Mercy the responsibility of insuring "that St. Joseph's is built on these six foundations: excellence, human dignity, justice, mercy, service and the sacredness of life."

In his remarks, Coli indicated that this beginning of a new era in critical care at St. Joseph is paralleled by the new relationship — the first of its kind in North Carolina — which has recently developed between St. Joseph Hospital and Mission Mercy Hospital. "It's very clear that through this partnership we can realize much more than either hospital could achieve alone," he said. He then spoke to the challenges yet to be met, especially that of increasing accessibility of health care to low-income families. "Much will be asked of our health care system in the coming years and much will be expected of us," Coli noted. He expressed his confidence that, with the trust and collaboration existing among the health care institutions and facilities in the area, "Mission + St. Joseph will realize its vision of seamless health care services for all the people of western North Carolina."

The new 16,500-square-foot critical care center is a state of the art facility designed by the Asheville architectural firm of Ellis, Bowers & Watson. It features column-free areas offering the medical staff an unobstructed view of patients and mini nurses-stations along the main corridor, surrounded by glass so that the nurses can look directly at their patients. The rooms are 15-20 percent larger than the average critical care private room to accommodate all the equipment necessary to monitor patients. The inclusion of several large lounges, explained architect John Ellis, is indicative of the hospital's sensitivity to the family's care of patients. "It's an unusual feature," said Ellis, "but one of the sisters really wanted to implement it for the immediate family members who help the nurses care for their loved ones."

An enormous effort was made to work with the hospital staff, said Coli, in planning the \$7.2 million structure. In his estimation and much to his satisfaction, the 20-bed center is a direct reflection of the way the staff treats critical care patients.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the several hundred people who attended the ceremonies, Coli's pride is shared throughout the medical community. Judging from the merits of this new center, the legacy of Coli's vision and leadership will be a lasting one.

## Belmont Abbey Hosts Steeplechase Turkey Trot

BELMONT — In an effort to resurface and stripe its quarter-mile running track, Belmont Abbey College hosts the First Annual 5K Steeplechase Turkey Trot Run Nov. 16 on campus.

The fund raiser is presented by the college's Adult Degree Programs Council, whose members hope to raise \$20,000 for the project. The track's current dilapidated condition prevents Belmont Abbey's track team from hosting events at the school.

Joe Marinello, an adult degree student and president of the council, calls the event an opportunity for the community "to give something back to the Abbey." Marinello is a co-manager of Harris Teeter Supermarkets, which is helping sponsor the event.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with the five kilometer run on a course certified

by TAC. A "5K Fun Run/Walk/Crawl" begins at 10 a.m., and a children's course is also available for youngsters. The courses are mapped out across the perimeter of the campus, thus allowing participants to take in the beauty and history of Belmont Abbey.

Organizers call the Turkey Trot Run a family event and add that Harry, the Harris Teeter mascot, will provide balloons and give ribbons to the children participating on the "kiddie course."

The cost of the event is \$20, which includes a t-shirt. Prizes, refreshments and the shirts will be available for all paying participants, and snacks and beverages will also be on sale for those coming to cheer on the runners and walkers. See the form below for registration information.

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**HICKORY** — The Diocese of Charlotte and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate co-sponsor "Focus on Initiation: The Ninety Days" conference Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$145. Special rates are available for parish teams of five or more. For more information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, by Dec. 6 (\$25 late charge added after Dec. 6).

### Jesuit House Retreats

**HOT SPRINGS** — A retreat for married couples, "Images of God in Our Relationship," directed by Steve and Marlene Stowe and Jesuit Father Vince Alagia, is Nov. 1-3.

A retreat for recovering alcoholic men in A.A., "Come Be With Us," is Nov. 22-24.

For information and reservations, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-4366.

### Marriage Encounter

**HICKORY** — The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Nov. 8-10 at the Catholic Conference Center. For registration, call Tom and Emilie Sandin (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve and Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

### Family Group Meets

**CHARLOTTE** — Totus Tuus is a family-oriented group devoted to the Magisterium of the Church that meets monthly to share a meal, their thoughts and to pray the rosary. Single parents and their children are welcome. For information, call Mike Lane, (704) 596-0369 or Terri and Phil DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.

### Holiday Craft Event

**BREVARD** — The annual craft fair at Sacred Heart Church is Nov. 8-9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Items include handmade crafts, canned and baked goods, and holiday items. For details, call Mavis Gosse, (704) 891-7102.

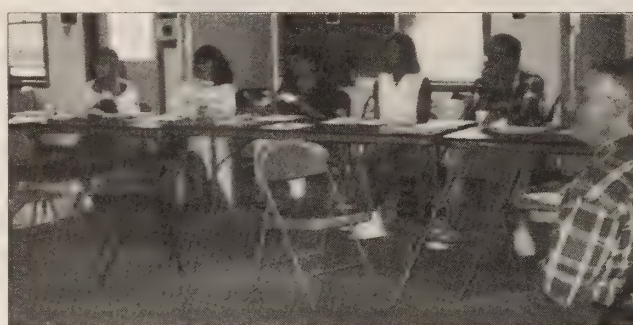
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### First Saturday Devotions

**BELMONT** — First Saturday devotions are Nov. 2 at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.



Western Region Catechists gather for one of two Basic Training Courses at St. Mary Church in Sylva to enhance their skills and to foster camaraderie.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

**THOMASVILLE** — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point areas meets 7:30 p.m. the first Friday each month at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

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### Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

**MOORESVILLE** — The St. Therese Church 1996 Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle prizes include cash and handmade crafts. For information, call Cindy Brzezinski, (704) 875-9277.

### All Souls' Day Mass

**CHARLOTTE** — An All Souls' Day Mass is celebrated 9 a.m. Nov. 2 at St. Gabriel Church for those who have lost a loved one in the past year. Special music by cantor, harp and flute is featured.

### Domestic Violence Forum

**ASHEVILLE** — The St. Eugene Parish Men's Club Domestic Violence Forum is Oct. 29 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the social hall. A domestic abuse survivor and representatives from Helpmate, the medical and legal professions, the police force and the clergy are featured speakers. For information, call Jim Coughlin, (704) 254-6868 or Jack Witzel, (704) 658-3124.

### Parish Mission Rescheduled

**STATESVILLE** — The St. Philip Parish mission, "Celebrate Jesus in Your Lives and in Your Homes," hosted by Sacred Heart Father Bob Charlton and Gloria Anson, is rescheduled for Dec. 8-12. Service times are 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament precedes the mission from 9 a.m. Dec. 6 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7. For information, call Sally Falls, (704) 876-3097 or the church office, (704) 872-2579.

### Women's Guild Yard Sale

**CONCORD** — The St. James Women's Guild annual Yard Sale is Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parish center. For information, call the parish office, (704) 786-9131.

### Lector Program

**CLEMMONS** — Dr. Marc Alan Innes, director of the Office of Music and Liturgy at Holy Family Church, presents "Lector College 101" each Saturday in November from 10 a.m.-noon. The program focuses on the fundamentals of lecturing. Cost is \$25. Holy Family parishioners are subsidized. For information or reservations, call Dr. Innes, (910) 766-8133.

### Craft Fair

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Gabriel Church PTO Second Annual Craft Fair is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Booth spaces are available for rent at \$20 and \$25. For information or an application, call (704) 541-7152 or (704) 541-6548.

### Harvest Dance

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Matthew Parish Star Club Harvest Dance is Nov. 9 from 8 p.m.-midnight in the parish hall. Live polka music, refreshments and door prizes highlight the event. For details, call Frank Czelusniak, (704) 846-3205; Walter Swol, (704) 568-3238; or Dennis O'Neal, (704) 541-7844.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**ASHEVILLE** — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Joan of Arc's

chapel area the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

**HICKORY** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

### Senior Vaccination Sunday

**CHARLOTTE** — Senior Vaccination Sunday, a statewide effort to offer senior citizens protection from influenza and pneumonia, is Nov. 3.

The campaign is open to all seniors 65 and older who bring their Medicare B card to the location. Seniors can receive flu and pneumonia vaccinations at no charge, and Medicare will be billed.

Locally, 31 churches are participating in the campaign by providing "clinic" space at their facilities. Included are St. Vincent de Paul Church (6828 Old Reid Rd.); Our Lady of Consolation Church (2301 Statesville Ave.) and St. Gabriel Church (3016 Providence Rd.). Clinic hours at St. Vincent de Paul are from 9 a.m.-noon; at Our Lady of Consolation, from 8 a.m.-12 noon; and at St. Gabriel, from 8 a.m.-noon.

To find the nearest clinic location in Mecklenburg County, call (704) 527-8815 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For sites throughout the state, call (800) LUNG-USA.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Pope True Hero In Defeating Communism, Walesa Says

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Pope John Paul II is the true hero of the bloodless revolution that freed Poland from communism, former Polish President Lech Walesa told Catholic school students during a visit to Portland in October. "The pope did not finance the struggle, but he activated moral values that overturned a system that had no values," said Walesa. "Communism is afraid of values like the devil is afraid of holy water," he told students. Walesa, president of Poland for five years following his election in 1990, was in Portland as part of a celebrity lecture series.

### Diocesan Liturgy Leaders Seek To Connect Liturgy, Devotion

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Representatives of more than 115 U.S. diocesan liturgical commissions and offices have called for a forum of scholars to help bishops and liturgists develop sound criteria for relating church liturgy and Catholic devotional life. The forum on liturgy and devotion was one of several proposals approved by more than 240 professional liturgical leaders who attended the national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions Oct. 9-13 in Minneapolis.

### U.S. Bishops To Discuss Young Adults, Economic Justice

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At their November meeting in Washington, the U.S. bishops are to vote on a pastoral plan for ministry with young adults. Also on the bishops' agenda are: a proposed statement of economic justice principles; norms for Catholic higher education; several liturgy decisions; plans for restructuring the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference, the bishops' twin national conferences; a proposal to provide \$1 million to fund their national Office for the Third Millennium from 1997 to 2000; and various decisions on priorities, plans and budget. The Nov. 11-14 meeting could be the last one the bishops conduct as NCCB-USCC. One of the restructuring proposals calls for merging



Pope John Paul II leaves Rome's Gemelli hospital escorted by Dr. Francesco Crucitti (right) Oct. 15. The pope had surgery to remove his appendix Oct. 8.

CNS photo from Reuters

the two conferences into one and renaming it the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, or USCCB.

### Dialogue With Non-Christians Seen Strengthening Catholics

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Through dialogue with people of non-Christian faiths, Catholics not only strengthen their own faith but also awaken to their responsibilities as baptized followers of Christ, said Cardinal Francis Arinze. "The other religions can challenge Catholics to live up to ideals of the Christian faith," Cardinal Arinze said during a lecture in St. Paul. The cardinal, the Vatican's top official on inter-religious affairs, spoke at the University of St. Thomas as part of the Catholic Studies Program. Cardinal Arinze, a native of Nigeria, said the church should dialogue with Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and members of Africa's traditional religions especially because Christians form only a third of the world population, and Catholics only 18 percent.

### Theme Chosen For 1997 Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity

GARRISON, N.Y. (CNS) — The theme for the 1997 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be "Be Reconciled to God," taken from 2 Corinthians. The observance will be held Jan. 18-25, and encompasses observances of Ecumenical Sunday, Jan. 19, and the federal Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. birthday observance, Jan. 20.

### Sisters Pray For Healing After Insanity Verdict In Maine Killings

WATERVILLE, Maine (CNS) — Sisters at the Waterville convent where last January a former mental patient went on a murderous rampage said they were relieved that a verdict had been handed down in the case and were continuing to pray for everyone involved. On Oct. 16, former patient Mark Bechard was found innocent by reason of insanity by Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander. "There are no winners," said a statement

from the nuns, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Bechard, 38, a Waterville native, admitted beating to death Sister Edna Mary Cardozo, 68, and Sister Marie Julien Fortin, 67, and severely injuring two other nuns in the Jan. 27 attack. Judge Alexander ruled that Bechard was not criminally responsible for his actions because of mental illness. The judge ordered him committed indefinitely to the Augusta Mental Health Institute, where he has been held since his arrest.

### Pope Names Coadjutor, New Auxiliary Bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With less than a year until China resumes control of Hong Kong, Pope John Paul II appointed a new bishop to eventually succeed the island's cardinal and a new auxiliary bishop for the territory. Both new bishops, whose appointments were announced Oct. 20, have extensive experience with the Catholic Church on the Chinese mainland. Salesian Father Joseph Zen, who has taught in government-approved major seminaries on the Chinese mainland, was named coadjutor bishop of Hong Kong. The 64-year-old automatically will succeed Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung. At the same time, Pope John Paul named the diocese's vicar general, Msgr. John Tong, as an auxiliary bishop of Hong Kong.

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## St. Mary Church

**SHELBY** — The history of St. Mary parish found its beginnings thanks to the clergy from Belmont Abbey and, later, an enterprising Catholic from the north. In 1884, Benedictines from the Abbey — then called Mary, Help of Christians — began visiting Shelby to celebrate Mass with the few Catholic families living there.

Attempts to establish a mission and

to build a church in town during the years following went without success. Finally, in 1935, another effort was underway.

The Weldon family, who had relocated to Shelby from Pennsylvania that year, went to work locating Catholic families in the area. Anne Weldon approached Benedictine Father Cuthbert Allen of St. Michael Church in Gastonia about celebrating Mass in Shelby, and thus the spiritual foundation for a mission church in Shelby was laid. Father Allen's first Mass in Shelby was celebrated in the home of Anne and Arthur Weldon on Aug. 11, 1935.

St. Mary's existence as a mission of

St. Michael Parish continued into 1937, at which time the parishioners saw the result of their efforts come to fruition. A new 100-seat, cut-stone church had been built from the designs of Benedictine Father Michael McInerney, the renowned architect who designed hundreds of buildings during his career.

On July 11, 1937, Benedictine Right Reverend Vincent Taylor, abbot of Belmont Abbey, blessed the church. In October 1939, St. Mary attained parish status. Benedictines continued their pastorate at the church until 1944, when diocesan priests assumed responsibility for the parish, beginning with Father Walter Higgins.

The parish purchased its first rectory in 1946 when the then-current pastor, Father A.C. Adler, raised \$8,000. Parishioners matched the funds, and St. Mary Church had its first major expansion.

By the end of World War II, a number of Catholics had settled in Shelby, and in 1952 the congregation was made up of 30 families. Industrial expansion from the north continued to bring Catholics to the region during the 1950s. To meet the needs of Catholics in the area, the parish was paying particular attention to enhancing religious education and to evangelizing by decade's end.

In 1961, Bishop

Vincent Waters established an Apostolic Training Center in nearby Kings Mountain to further the missionary movement at work in the Raleigh Diocese. A church on the property was renovated and dedicated to Christ the King. With that development, Christ the King Church became a mission of St. Mary's parish.

Back in Shelby, plans to expand the church facilities were underway during the early 1960s. Land was purchased on McGowan Road in 1963, and the parish began construction of a multi-purpose building which would include a church, parish hall, classrooms and living quarters for the pastor. Bishop Waters dedicated the building in June 1966.

Parish life continued to thrive into the 1970s. By 1978, the parish's debts had been paid, and a house was purchased for use as a rectory.

After years of celebrating Mass, teaching and socializing in the multi-purpose building, parishioners turned their attention to building a more suitable church. A building campaign began in 1985, and Bishop John Donoghue dedicated the new 450-seat St. Mary Church in May 1992.

Father Carl Kaltreider has been pastor at St. Mary Church since June 1996, when he took the place of Msgr. William Wellein. Msgr. Wellein had spent 12 years at St. Mary, and now serves as chaplain at the Little Flower Assisted Living Home in Charlotte. Father Kaltreider assumes the pastorate of an energetic parish, one which comprises almost 240 families and whose parishioners participate in an active Ladies' Guild, Men's Club, youth ministry, and other parish and civic forms of outreach.



### St. Mary

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Masses: Sat.: 6 p.m.;  
Sun.: 10:30 a.m.

Vicariate: Gastonia

Number of parishioners: 656

Pastor: Father Carl Kaltreider

Number of households: 237

## Presidential Candidates Respond, from page 7

### Violence

What is your position on efforts to restrict or end the use of the death penalty?

**Bill Clinton:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☒ Oppose

What is your position on reasonable measures to restrict the availability and use of handguns. (e.g., ban on assault weapons, waiting period, etc.)

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:** Bob Dole is committed to keeping all guns out of the hands of criminals. He has proposed a national instant background check system of prospective gun buyers to prevent criminals from purchasing any type of firearm. In

addition, Bob Dole supports stiff mandatory sentences for criminals who use a firearm during the commission of a crime.

### Foreign Aid

What is your position on increased US assistance to poor countries to meet the needs of poor people through expanded aid for sustainable development and debt relief?

**Bill Clinton:**

☒ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bob Dole:**

☐ Support ☐ No Position ☐ Oppose

**Bill Clinton:** As we work to target our assistance programs toward the areas in which they can do the most good, we must also work to ensure that those programs are administered more efficiently. President Clinton regrets that Congress has decided to make excessive cuts in US assistance to sustainable development abroad.

**Bob Dole:** Foreign aid must be a precisely targeted instrument of foreign policy, largely designed to advance specific US foreign policy goals. In order to reduce wasteful spending, the foreign aid bureaucracy must be reformed. However, Bob Dole has been a strong advocate of providing humanitarian assistance where needed.

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Fall colors dominate the landscape in this photo taken on the grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory.

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## Diocesan Couples Mark Golden, Silver Anniversaries

By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

**CHARLOTTE** — Ann and Gordon Forester offer this advice to newlyweds: Be unselfish, work together and make sure God is a part of your marriage if you want to live "happily ever after."

The parishioners at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Greensboro are not licensed counselors, but many would consider them experts: The Foresters have been happily married 50 years. They also were among the more than 100 couples from the Diocese of Charlotte who renewed their wedding vows at the annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Oct. 27 at St. John Neumann Church.

Natives of Chicago, the couple met in high school, went to each other's proms, and began dating. Their romance blossomed, but it would be five years before their wedding day as Gordon traveled overseas to serve his country in World War II. On June 15, 1946, the couple finally tied the knot.

"There were more weddings that day than any other in the history of this country (because of the war)," Mrs. Forester noted.

Over the years, the Foresters have learned to respect each other and also make sure God is a part of their lives. "It may not have been true in the very beginning, but we soon learned the Lord was very important to both of us to help us get through," Mrs. Forester said.

"Without Him, it couldn't have worked."

"With six kids, we would have never made it," Mr. Forester added.

For the past 16 years, the diocese has asked all parishes to submit the names of couples eligible for the celebration. After the names are compiled into a master list, each of the couples is invited to the fall celebration in Charlotte. All told, 257 couples were invited this year.

Barbara Evans, who assists the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace with special projects, helped coordinate what has become a well-attended event. "We had 113 couples sign up to attend the Mass, and nearly 450 scheduled to be here including family and guests," she said.

Bishop William G. Curlin addressed the celebrating couples in his homily. "Eighteen years ago this week, I saw my mother and father together for the last time. My mother was dying of cancer. When she passed away, my father turned to me with tears in his eyes and said, 'Son, you've lost your mother; I've lost the best friend in my life.'"

"We can see this in your lives as well," the bishop said. "Spouses who understand true friendship...a friendship rooted in the love which is selfless, generous, patient and kind."

Bishop Curlin also said happy marriages include God. "Today, we honor that unselfish love that is Jesus Christ;

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## Pope Says Church Accepts Evolution As Well-Supported

By **LYNNE WEIL**

**ROME (CNS)** — In a message to international scientists, Pope John Paul II said the Church accepts evolution as a theory well-supported by research in a variety of scientific fields.

At the same time, though, the pope said that the development of the spiritual aspect of human life cannot be explained scientifically.

In a statement Oct. 22 to the plenary session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, the pontiff said there was meaning in the fact that several scientific disciplines had come up with evidence of evolution independent of one another.

"More than 'the theory' of evolution, it is appropriate to speak of 'the theories' of evolution," he said. "This plurality accounts, on the one hand, for the diversity of explanations that have been proposed as the mechanism of evolution and, on the other hand, for diverse philosophies."

The pope noted that he was not the first pontiff to state that science and

Church can find points of agreement in this area.

For example, he said, Pope Pius XII wrote in a 1950 encyclical that there was no conflict between evolution and the doctrine of the faith, as long as there were certain firm points of faith where no concession can be made.

"Today, nearly half a century after the publication of the encyclical, new knowledge leads to recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis," Pope John Paul said.

Charles Darwin introduced evolutionary theory in the 19th century with his book, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection."

The Vatican of late has shown a heightened interest in evolution theory.

At a June symposium, co-sponsored by the Vatican Observatory and encouraged by the pope, participants suggested that to view the development of human life in terms of an "ongoing creation" is a scenario that makes increasing sense,

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## Conference Explores Spirituality

HICKORY — A diverse slate of speakers will discuss how the leading voices of Catholicism and Lutheranism look at spirituality in the Fourth Annual Aquinas & Luther Conference at Lenoir-Rhyne College Nov. 10-12.

The yearly conferences are designed to be of interest to laity and clergy wanting to explore the thoughts of renowned theologians Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther. Also, organizers of the conference say they hope to make a contribution toward the healing of the 16th-century breach in Christendom.

A highlight for this year's conference is an exhibit from Altenburg, Germany — where Luther spent some time — featuring artifacts from the region, including a replica of Luther's Bible.

Father L. Gregory Jones of Loyola College in Maryland will present the keynote address, focusing on "Aquinas and Luther on Life with God."

Co-editor of a leading theological periodical, *Modern Theology*, Father Jones has received various recognitions, including graduation from Duke Divinity School *summa cum laude*, and a Lilly Foundation Grant. He has written some three dozen book reviews and as many articles, has co-edited four books and written two. In the November issue of *Christianity Today*, Father Jones will be featured among a handful of "up and coming" theologians.

Dr. Deal W. Hudson, publisher and editor of *Crisis* magazine, will be banquet speaker. *Crisis* is a cultural magazine exploring society from the Catholic perspective. Hudson is also a published writer, and before coming to *Crisis*, he taught philosophy at Mercer University, New York University and Fordham University.

This year's lecturers include two prominent Roman Catholic scholars and two Lutheran scholars.

Father Romanus Cessario, professor of systematic theology at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., is associate editor of *The Thomist*, a journal of studies about Thomas Aquinas. Father Cessario is the author of several books as well, including *Christian Satisfaction in Aquinas* and *The Moral Virtues and Theological Ethics*.

Father Paul Wadell is professor of

Christian ethics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He earned degrees at the Catholic Theological Union, and obtained a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Father Wadell has written many articles on the Christian moral spiritual life, and is the author of three books, including *Friendship and the Moral Life*.

Dr. James M. Kittleson is a professor of history at Ohio State University. He has received numerous honors and awards, and has published a biography, *Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career* as well as many articles, one of which was recently published in *Lutheran Quarterly*.

Dr. Paul Rorem has received many honors and fellowships in the United States, Rome and Germany. He is a Benjamin B. Warfield Associate Professor of (Medieval) Ecclesiastical History at the Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. Rorem has written extensively on spirituality, mysticism, and related topics. He is the principal contributor to the volume on pseudo-Dionysius in the *Classics of Western Spirituality* series, and has published a book, *Pseudo-Dionysius: A Commentary on the Text and an Introduction to their Influence*.

Dr. Larry Yoder, Lenior-Rhyne Professor of Theology and Philosophy and director of the Lineberger Center for Cultural and Educational Renewal, will serve as respondent, providing a summary of the conference.

The conference opens with a free vespers service and keynote address at St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10. The lecture series begins at 9 a.m. Monday and Tuesday at Belk Centrum on campus. The banquet will be held at 7:15 p.m. Nov. 11 in Cromer Center. Tickets for the banquet are available separately for \$15 each.

Cost for the conference is \$65 per person, with reduced rates of \$25 for senior citizens and seminarians. Cost for Lenior-Rhyne students, faculty and staff is \$15. The fee covers admission to all events, including the banquet. Other meals and lodgings are to be arranged by those attending. For information, contact Denise Smith, associate director of public relations, (704) 328-7109.

## Diocesan Planner Brings Long Range Planning To Forefront

CHARLOTTE — In a diocese experiencing incredible growth, one key to planning for future needs lies in the ability to strategically identify growth trends to impact the development of agencies, ministries and parishes.

With strategic long range planning as a high priority, the diocese is a step closer to its goal with the addition of Director of Planning George Cobb.

"I look forward to working with George to develop a master plan to determine, prioritize and address the

needs of our growing diocese," says Father Mauricio West, chancellor and vicar general. "It is my hope that he will assist us in asking important questions, directing our attention to new ministries, to reviewing our present emphases. I believe it is imperative that we become increasingly more pro-active in our response to the diverse needs of the diocese."

"Studying growth patterns will help the diocese determine where and when to develop new ministries, and build new parishes, schools, and other resources," says Cobb. With hands-on experience in construction and strategic planning, Cobb will spend a lot of time learning the needs of each area of the diocese.

In addition to the focus on strategic long range planning, Cobb says, "We need to maintain an awareness of how zoning and land use patterns affect our diocesan properties." Further, he looks forward to mapping parish boundaries. The information has always been there, and soon mapping will assist pastors and parishes to visualize their respective properties.

While designing maps to delineate boundaries is part of Cobb's parcel, by no means is he being pegged a mapmaker. "Planning," he says, "is a resource that will help pastors, principals and agency directors." And an opportunity for this planner by profession to fuse his expertise in strategic planning with the ministry and mission of the diocese.

The 41-year-old former transportation planner for the Gaston Metropolitan Planning Organization sees his role as one of facilitator. "The real planners will be from parishes, vicariates and even the chancery," says Cobb, who envisions a planning commission to assist in the voluminous task of evaluating and prioritizing the needs of the diocese.

The prospect of going from one county of responsibility to an area encompassing half the state is exciting to Cobb, who spent the past 17 years as a

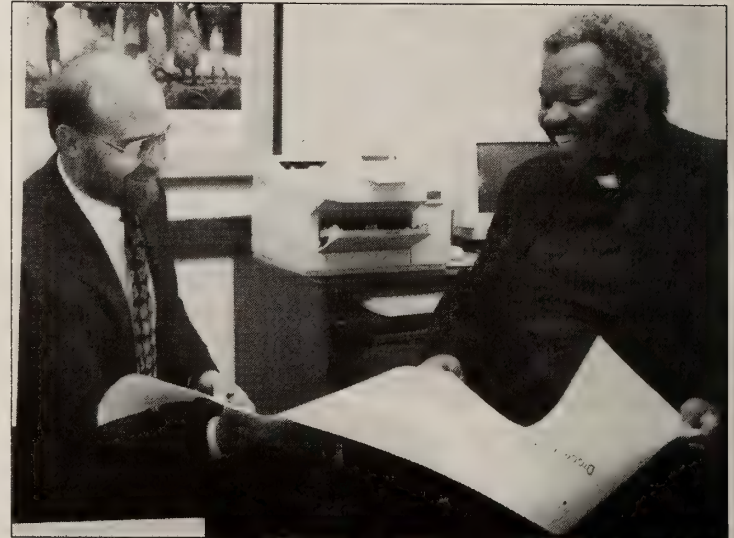


Photo by JOANN KEANE  
George Cobb and Father Mauricio West examine a map of the diocese.

civil servant, the last decade and a half as Senior Transportation Planner.

Cobb holds a degree in public administration from Pembroke State University and a masters in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He recently completed a certification program in pastoral planning at Loyola University.

Cobb is an active member of Queen of the Apostles parish in Belmont where he serves an extraordinary minister, trains altar servers, and assists in liturgical functions. He has served in parishes over the past 20 years in various volunteer roles. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Cobb is a certified counselor for religious awards in Scouting. He was the first person to receive the Pope Pius XII award, the highest young adult award in Scouting.

He and his wife, Kimberly, have two children, Nicholas, 2, and Catherine, 5.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
November 2 - 9



Sunday:	Malachi 1: 14 - 2: 2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13 Matthew 23: 1-12
Monday:	Phillipians 2: 1-4 Luke 14: 12-14
Tuesday:	Phillipians 2: 5-11 Luke 14: 15-24
Wednesday:	Phillipians 2: 12-18 Luke 14: 25-33
Thursday:	Phillipians 3: 3-8 Luke 15: 1-10
Friday:	Phillipians 3: 14 - 4: 1 Luke 16: 1-8
Saturday:	Any readings from the Common of the Dedication of a Church, 701-706

## The Basilica of St. Lawrence

*Invites you to a Mass in honor of deceased Veterans of the Armed Forces*

Sponsored by Rev. Ralph F. Neagle CWV Post 1914 of Arden  
**Sunday, November 10 - 5 p.m.**

Msgr. John J. McSweeney, rector of the Basilica, will be the celebrant, accompanied by priests from the area who have been military chaplains.

Catholic War Veterans.

4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America will be among the organizations participating.



# Mass Honors Present Day Saint Lukes

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

WINSTON-SALEM — On Oct. 18, feast day of St. Luke the physician and evangelist, medical professionals from Winston-Salem and neighboring cities came together to honor their patron saint and to organize as a strong Catholic voice in medicine. Bishop William Curlin celebrated Mass at St. Leo Church, giving an inspirational homily filled with praise and encouragement for the professionals. The following day, the bishop celebrated a similar Mass for medical professionals in Charlotte.

"I know from my own experience God uses you as His instruments of healing. This is a wonderful gift that you share with the people of God," said Bishop Curlin. "Not only healing and your medical skill, but your compassion, tenderness and a sacred respect for all human life."

Dr. Doug Miller, internist and a parishioner at St. Aloysius Church in Hickory, was particularly moved by the bishop's words. "Although there are time restraints which sometimes interfere with my ability to minister to patients in that complete and loving way, I feel I am called to do so. The Catholic Medical Association will allow us to come together as Catholic physicians to find practical ways to accomplish what we are called by Christ to do," he said.

After Mass, a reception followed with guest speaker, Dr. William Colliton, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at George Washington Medical Center and past president of the local chapter of the Catholic Medical Association (Catholic Physician Guild) in Washington. "When you turn to God in your practice, amazing things will happen," said Dr. Colliton. "But you can't give to your patients what you don't have. Organizations such as this can give you the strong spiritual formation you need to face the difficult patient whose illness is much greater than its physical component."

Dr. Colliton spoke of the challenge Catholic physicians face, how they must be true to the gospel, set the example, and not buckle under secular peer pres-

sure. "The (physicians) guild is needed to reform and bring back the Judeo-Christian ethics in medicine. You must form yourself spiritually in the core (and then Jesus can use you to cure others completely)," he said.

Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization, who organized the events in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, sees the association as a vehicle to spread the faith. "From the positive response of those who came on Friday and Saturday, we appear to have the making of enthusiastic and committed core groups," he said.

Once formed, each chapter of the Catholic Medical Association will determine its own constituency and focus. Whether the group will include all medical professionals or separate into various occupations will be entirely up to the individual planners in the three cities where diocesan officials hope to orga-

nize chapters — Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Asheville.

"The fact that each chapter would be under the diocese but locally driven is appealing to me. We can be much more effective if focused on the specific concerns of our own community," said Dr. Robert Lee, radiation oncologist at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and member of St. Leo Church.

"Health care professionals are in a strategic position as part of the healing ministry. Patients are often touched by the compassion shown to them. The professional also benefits by serving others. That service will improve and become more gratifying, as they become more grounded in their faith," said Father Vilkauskas.

For more information about the Catholic Medical Association or a specific chapter, contact Father Vilkauskas at (704)289-2773.

## Couples Celebrate, from page 1



Gordon and Ann Forester share a kiss after renewing their marriage vows.

That love in your life that has surmounted the obstacles, the challenges, the heartaches and disappointments, and still triumphs in your marriage."

As part of the ceremony, couples renewed the vows that they made many years ago. For Tracy and Mary Lou Page of St. Eugene parish in Asheville, 50 years of marriage rekindled memories of the day they met.

"I knew she was the one," Mr. Page said of that fateful Sunday afternoon.

Like the Foresters, the Page's romance was not deterred by World War II.

"I waited 18 months for him (to come home)," Mrs. Page said.

"I guess he was worth the wait," she smiled. "This is the third time we've renewed our vows, so I guess it's for good."

## Pope Says Church Accepts Evolution As Well-Supported Theory, from page 1

scientifically and theologically.

In its late-October plenary session, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences set out to refine theological expression of evolution theory. Its main theme was "The Origins and the Evolution of Life: Reflections on Science at the Dawn of the Third Millennium."

In his statement, Pope John Paul explained that it is in the Church's interest to develop its scientific knowledge.

"In the domain of inanimate and animate nature, the evolution of science and its applications gives rise to new questions," he said. "The Church can understand its importance all the better by recognizing its essential aspects."

Speaking in general about the scientific method, the pope pointed out that "a theory proves its validity with the degree to which it submits to verification."

"It is constantly measured by the accumulation of facts," he continued. "Where it ceases to be able to account for these facts, it shows its limits and its inability to be adapted. It must therefore be reconsidered."

Later in his remarks, the pope noted that although this method has been used over time to refine the view of human biology and its evolution, the method cannot be applied to spiritual matters.

Pope John Paul said in considering the evolution of humankind, one is confronted with an "ontological leap" that cannot be explained through observation or measurement.

These means of acquiring knowledge, he said, fail to explain "the moment of passage into the spiritual," when the creature that became the modern human being acquired a soul. Only theology can fill that gap, the pope said.

In closing his remarks to the scientists, Pope John Paul evoked "an evangelical truth to cast a higher light on your research into the origins and deployment of living matter."

The Gospel and evolution theory do not mean the same thing, the pope concluded, when they speak of "life."

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



**Political action and legal reform are crucial elements in the struggle to build a culture of life. Far from being alternatives to the cultural transformation which we must bring about if respect for human life is to be restored in our country, they are indispensable means of accomplishing this transformation.**

Prof. Robert P. George  
Political Action and Legal Reform in  
*Evangelium Vitae*

*The Respect Life Office Diocese of Charlotte*  
(704) 331-1720

## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

### November 2

Homilist

*Mass of Investiture*

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington

### November 7

Board Meeting

Foundation of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Charlotte

### November 9-14

Meeting of the National Conference of  
Catholic Bishops  
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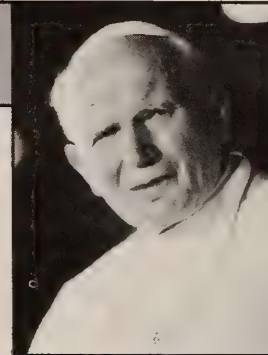
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Papal Ordination Celebrations To Include International Events

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ordination to the priesthood are scheduled to include diocesan, national and international events.

Activities marking the Nov. 1 anniversary began Oct. 31 with the Austrian government's gift to the pope: a concert featuring the Salzburg chamber orchestra and the Mozart choir of Linz performing Handel's "Messiah" in the Vatican's audience hall.

On the actual anniversary date, the Diocese of Rome plans to honor its bishop, the pope, with a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Pope John Paul is scheduled to preside at the liturgy and all the priests of the diocese have been invited to concelebrate.

The heart of the celebration will be the Nov. 7-10 gathering of priests, bishops and cardinals from around the world who also are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their ordination in 1996.

Some 1,500 jubilarians are expected in Rome for the opening celebration of vespers with Pope John Paul

and a reception in the audience hall.

The program for Nov. 8-9 will begin with morning prayer and a reflection on Pope John Paul's writings about the priesthood.

Several priests marking their anniversaries will share with the assembly experiences and reflections on their own 50 years of priesthood.

On both evenings, participants will divide into language groups for the celebration of Mass in one of Rome's principal basilicas. Presiding at the liturgies will be cardinals celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordination or top Vatican officials.

All of the world's cardinals, in addition to every priest and bishop ordained in 1946, have been invited to concelebrate the key event of the pope's anniversary festivities: a Nov. 10 Mass in St. Peter's Square.

## Letters

### Faith Doing Justice Conference Gets Readers' Support

With all due respect to Father Kirsch, with regard to his letter in the Oct. 18 issue of *The Catholic News & Herald*, I believe the information presented to him was much different than the information given me.

Father Kirsch stated that since Vatican II there has been an attempt to co-mingle sociology with theology. Was the Incarnation not a co-mingling? Was Jesus not about social work when He comforted, healed and made whole the people He met in His ministry? Did Jesus not proclaim the good news (theology) when He taught people about the kingdom of God? Is that not what we are called to do in this faith walk called life?

Did Jesus not commission His disciples and us to do the same?

I agree with Father Kirsch, abortion is a travesty. I was one, many years ago who picketed the abortion clinics. But I have come to realize, as the number of abortions increase, that going after the women who are aborting is not the total answer. It is just as important to find the cause and address the issue from the root level. I would like to comment that abortion was mentioned many times as a justice issue throughout the conference — not just by the participants but by keynote speakers as well.

I came to the conference searching, needing to find where my Catholic faith stood on justice issues. Not only were my questions answered, but I left empowered and confident that I can be about God's work with my Catholic faith as a guideline and my Church as a support.

Regina C. Pastula  
Associate of the Sisters of Mercy  
Belmont

Regarding Father Ed Kirsch's letter:

1. The word "social" has been used to deliberately indicate that our moral concern is not only personal and private but that sinfulness is built into the structure of our society. Examples: John Paul II, "The social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and motivation for action." The U.S. Bishops use the terms social ministry, social action, social concerns, social justice to describe "efforts on the social mission of the Church."

2. Concern about abortion not being mentioned: Our diocese has a Respect Life office coordinating life-related issues — abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment.

The Justice and Peace office has a very different agenda as reflected in the conference. Diocesan offices should not duplicate services and overlap programs.

3. Regarding the keynote speakers: Sister Evelyn Mattern founded the Justice and Peace Office for the Raleigh Diocese and served on the staff of the N.C. Council of Churches. Her modeling of the vowed Christian life, witness to justice in the face of personal threats, and prophetic stance on behalf of homeless immigrants is more important than the canonical standing of her community. I suggest also that the Church's integrity is far more threatened by sexism within the Church than by feminism.

The other keynote speaker is criticized as an "influential progressive." Is Father Kirsch endorsing "insignificant regressionism" as a standard for our diocese?

I was present at the conference and believe that sound Catholic teaching was well represented.

Rev. George Kloster, Pastor  
St. Michael Church, Gastonia

I, for one, do not understand Father Kirsch's concern with co-mingling social justice with theology. If Father read the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on the Economy, he would observe numerous examples of sociology and theology working hand-in-hand. I do not believe that this concern has much validity on the world of today's Church.

I am confused by his diatribe on the absence of the word "abortion" from the agenda. Forty percent of his letter was spent on this subject. In order to satisfy him, I guess every article, every agenda and every publication written by Catholics should mention abortion. From discussions that I took part in and heard swirling around me, our desires to end abortion and capital punishment were strongly voiced.

Conspicuously absent from his letter were mentions of what was on the agenda. Some of the agenda items included: *Parish Social Ministry*, *Scriptural Foundations for Economic Justice* and *Promoting Justice in Your Parish with the Campaign for Human Development* and *Catholic Relief Services*.

I am sorry Father Kirsch did not join in this conference.

Peter Hubicki  
Charlotte



# Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney

## Protestants And Catholics Together: Unthinkable Or Inevitable?

My mom was the baptized Anglican, my dad the Catholic. Religion was always interesting in our home, especially on Sunday. In my earliest years I would sit by my mother's side at the local Episcopal Church, while my older brother went to St. Joseph's down the street. When I went to Catholic grade school, my church-going became strictly Catholic.

I believe it was just about the time of my First Communion that it occurred to me to ask my parents in what church they were married. I can still see them sitting on the couch, holding hands, and somewhat taken aback by the question.

"Actually," my dad stammered, "we weren't married in a church at all. We were married in the church rectory." "Why?" "Well, that's the way things were done then, but now things have changed." "What things?"

It was at that point my mom jumped into the conversation and brought to it a simple, gentle, and as always, a very reassuring perspective. "Tommy, all you really have to know right now is this: When you, your brother and dad and I all meet in heaven one day, I promise

you, we will all be able to sit together."

That gracious moment helped me all through school, especially when one of the nuns seemed to stare right at me when teaching part of the catechism that said anyone who knows the true Church and did not join would not enter the kingdom of heaven. Somehow, I knew that my mother had it right, and that this nun was, perhaps, a bit overzealous. My mom expressed for me what Christ clearly meant in His prayer for all "to be one, Father, even as you and I are one."

This year Catholics are joining activities honoring Martin Luther on the 450th anniversary of his death. That would have been inconceivable to both Protestants and Catholics before Vatican II. But after centuries of turmoil and bitterness, understanding and tolerance have slowly cracked the wall of mutual distrust.

In fact, communication was begun as early as 1937 in France. Abbé Paul Couturier created a "base community" of Catholics and Protestants aimed at taking practical steps to overcome division and find common ground. With the Second Vatican Council of the '60s, the Ro-

man Catholic Church turned a corner in its commitment to ecumenical unity. But the most vital dimensions of the ecumenical movement occur locally in families and parishes, in neighborhood and towns across the globe.

Thirty years of dialogue have led to new understandings about what Luther taught and accomplished. In February, three southwestern Pennsylvania Bishops — representing the Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopalian churches — signed a "Call Into Covenant." This agreement called upon local congregations of the three faiths to cooperate in parish events, share under-used facilities, and merge ministries to those in need. They are committed to mutual action in eradicating bigotry and intolerance about their respective faiths. Most important: They pray for one another and offer joint prayer in times of thanksgiving and crisis.



In a letter to priests of his diocese, Bishop Donald Wuerl of Pittsburgh, said Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter *That They May Be One (Et Unum Sint)* "places before us the commitment of the Church to that unity to which Christ calls us."

Meanwhile, in Beaverton, Ore., a small group of Catholics and Lutherans have worshipped together for 10 years. Both Catholics and Lutherans listen to Scripture and sit side-by-side during the homily, but part along denominational lines for the Eucharist.

Since my mom and dad were married in that rectory, it has become clear that each of us is called to express our religious identities by living our common Christian faith as far as possible. In doing so, we remain open to the promise that the Holy Spirit will surely lead us to that place where we will be able to sit together.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Power of Forgiveness," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of *The Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen

### Were There Once More Gospels?

Q. In your column nearly two years ago, you mentioned other Gospels than the four we have. You specifically referred to the Gospel of Thomas and said the text is available. Can you tell us where?

How many other Gospels are there? Why don't we hear more about them?

A. We are aware of several Gospels and other writings composed by early Christians, which for a while held some prominence, but gradually fell along the wayside.

They include the so-called Gospel of Mary, the Proto-Evangelion ("original Gospel") of James, the Apocalypse of Peter and so on.

At least several seem to have connections with one of the gnostic sects, which for many years occasioned intense philosophical and theological conflicts within Christian communities of the first centuries.

For the most part we possess almost nothing of the actual texts, just a few isolated scraps of passages and a number of references to them in other documents.

The Gospel of Thomas is special for a number of reasons. While scholars knew it existed, and quotations from it were numerous, the full text only became available about 50 years ago.

As the astounding story goes, two poor Egyptian men were wandering along the upper Nile in 1945, near the modern city of New Hammadi, looking

for fertilizer. Under a rock they discovered a large jar, which they suspected held a magic spirit or perhaps a treasure.

When they opened the jar, specks of brown papyrus flew out. Inside were 13 papyrus codices (books) from the ancient library of Nag Hammadi, including the complete Coptic text of the Gospel of Thomas.

Since then, this Gospel has proven a priceless resource for New Testament studies. It differs from the canonical Gospels in that it is composed entirely



of 114 "hidden sayings the living Jesus spoke and Judas Thomas the Twin recorded."

Nearly half of these sayings appear one way or another in our four Gospels; but 65 are found only in Thomas. These parallels, and lack of parallels, significantly affect the study of the sayings of Jesus in the synoptic Gospels.

Thomas may even be among the resources used in some manner by the authors of Mark, Matthew and Luke as they composed their Gospels. Certainly a close relationship of some sort exists between them.

As helpful and remarkable as these

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## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke

### A Reader's E-Mail

Dear Andrew and Terri,

My husband and I have been married for 10 years. Our marriage has been difficult from the beginning. There have been other women; he went through a period of drug abuse; we have had financial problems because of his mismanagement; we can't come to terms on his roles and responsibilities with our six-year-old daughter; and I never know when he's going to walk out on us, as he has done frequently.

Although we are separated now, I still have feelings for him and I believe he does for me. We've spoken with our priest and began counseling. However, my husband feels that everyone wants to gang-up on him and won't continue with

the sessions. Throughout our problems I have remained faithful to him and still hope for a good marriage, though my family and friends insist that I should divorce him. Can this marriage be saved?

We often hear from couples who have problems from the onset of their relationships, problems that often predate the marriage. For any marriage to work there must be ground rules held sacred. Among those rules are certainly sexual exclusivity and emotional fidelity. Another important rule is that the living arrangement is not jeopardized by day to day pressure. One cannot be held in suspense, unsure of when they will be abandoned.

It's clear who's controlling this relationship. The writer has been held an emotional hostage throughout the marriage. While it may be commendable that she has held up her end of the deal, she is obviously under duress.

Can this marriage be saved? We don't know. But we do know that love isn't always easy. And often when love is needed most it goes against what we are most inclined to do.

The writer needs to understand that forced love, even through emotional



manipulation, is rape.

Love for a spouse flows from love for self. The writer should discern whether her love for her husband comes genuinely from her self-esteem, of lack of self-esteem.

The writer faces difficult options. Ending the relationship will be a painful loss, but will open her to the possibility of a promising life.

Continuing the relationship as it has been promises the same results she's been getting. Working toward a renewed, healthy and happy marriage will require effort, patience, forgiveness and a partner willing to give the same. Whatever option she takes will demand faith and courage. We pray for her courage and strength.



*A Turning Point:***Pope Celebrates Priestly Ordination**

By JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—This month, Pope John Paul II celebrates 50 years as a priest—the anniversary of a turning point in his lifelong spiritual journey. Considering his later career as archbishop, cardinal and pope, some may view his priestly ordination as secondary. The 76-year-old pontiff does not.

The pope has underlined the personal importance of the occasion by inviting the world's cardinals and thousands of priests and faithful to Rome for several days of prayer and festivities.

after the death of his only brother. To her consoling words, the youth replied stoically: "It was God's will."

The young Wojtyla had many models who quietly led him along the path to the priesthood: Father Kazimierz Figlewicz, the parish priest and catechist whom the pope later called "the guide of my young and rather complicated soul"; Father Edward Zacher, his high school religious director who would often enthuse about the discoveries of science and who took the students on skiing trips; and Jan Tyranowski, a visionary who became Wojtyla's spiritual mentor and introduced him to the writings of church mystics.

Though perpetually busy, the future pope always made time for religion. In his late teens, Karol Wojtyla the actor, writer and laborer was also participating in daily Mass, spiritual exercises, Marian devotion, meditation on religious essays and Bible study.

In 1942, Wojtyla stunned fellow members of the underground Rhapsodic Theater by telling them he planned to join the clandestine seminary. It was not an easy decision, and the others tried to talk him out of it, citing his great talent on the stage. But soon afterward he began his studies under the guidance of

plant during the day, and the seminary studies were carried out at great risk: Being caught meant deportation or execution. After one Nazi roundup, the archbishop told Wojtyla and six other seminarians they would be safer living at his residence, where they dressed as priests.

He thrived in this environment and was already viewed by the archbishop as a future church leader. Yet the young Wojtyla, who wrote poems and a doctoral dissertation on the mysticism of St. John of the Cross, was also attracted to

writings.

But the years in Italy were not all books and lectures. In typical fashion, he spent much time visiting the sanctuaries, shrines and monasteries of the country, discovering places of prayer and spiritual renewal. Also typical was that he went to Sunday Mass at a working-class church in the Roman suburbs.

The Father Wojtyla who returned to Poland for parish work in 1948 was better educated, but with an intense pastoral enthusiasm that marked his years as a priest. In between studying for another degree in ethics, he would take young people on hiking and camping trips, join in their soccer games and lead them in philosophical discussions. As both priest and pope, he has seen in youths a real openness to the Gospel.

His advancement as bishop, archbishop and supreme pontiff has in some ways distanced him from those simpler priestly ministries. But perhaps no previous pope has dedicated as much attention to the priesthood and the challenges that confront today's clergy.

He has met with groups of priests in more than 100 countries and constantly reminds local bishops to pay attention to the pastoral and personal needs of their clergy.

The pope called a synod on the priesthood in 1990 and later wrote a 220-page document on the subject. Moreover, every year since 1979 he has written a letter to the world's priests — a kind of spiritual pep talk, assuring priests that he thinks of them often and prays for them.

In his 1996 letter, he recalled some of his fellow seminarians who had died in the war and looked back on his own ordination in strikingly personal terms.

"For us, the priesthood, attained in those circumstances, took on a special value," he wrote. "I still cherish in my memory that great moment."



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Father Karol Wojtyla stands in this 1948 class portrait with other young priests in Rome. He is on the right in the back row appearing much shorter than the rest because the others were standing on a bench.



CNS photo from Reuters

Pope John Paul II baptizes a child in the Sistine Chapel earlier this year.

Better than anyone else, Pope John Paul remembers that, back in the 1940s, the priesthood was not the only option open to him. As a young student living in Krakow in southern Poland, he had shown great talent as an actor, philosopher, poet and dramatist — and had worked as a common laborer, too.

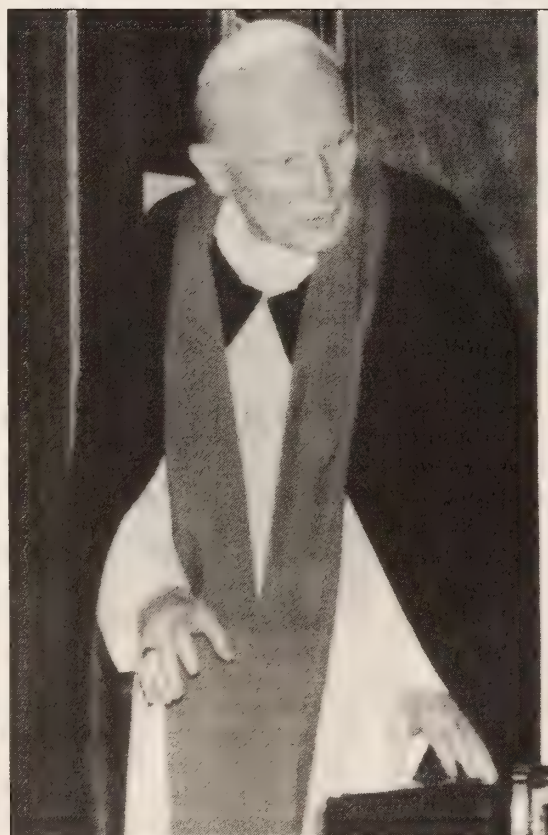
When he abruptly entered the clandestine seminary during the Nazi occupation in 1942, many of his friends were surprised. In retrospect, though, it seems apparent that the seeds of his vocation were planted at an early age.

As a schoolboy in his native town of Wadowice, Karol Wojtyla sometimes awed his classmates by the intense way he would pray in church. This habit of deep meditation remained with him for life.

His philosophical outlook and his spiritual acceptance of hardship were also evident in youth. A friend of the Wojtyla family once recounted how she met the 12-year-old Karol shortly

Krakow Archbishop Adam Sapieha.

He continued to work at a chemical



CNS photo from Reuters

The pope leaves a confessional in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican after hearing confessions in 1992.



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Pope John Paul II prays during a Mass in Huelva, Spain in 1993.

monastic contemplation. Twice during these years he tried to join the Discalced Carmelites but was turned away with the advice: "You are destined for greater things."

On Nov. 1, 1946, he was ordained in Archbishop Sapieha's private chapel. The next day, he said Masses for the souls of his mother, brother and father. Before being dispatched for more studies in Rome, he had time to perform a baptism for friends.

As a student at Rome's Angelicum University, Father Wojtyla further developed his keen interest in Thomistic personalism and mystical theology. He sharpened an understanding of the relationship of faith to reason, and of individual conscience to Church doctrine, which were basic to many of his later



# The Foundation Of The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Charlotte

## 1995-1996 Annual Report



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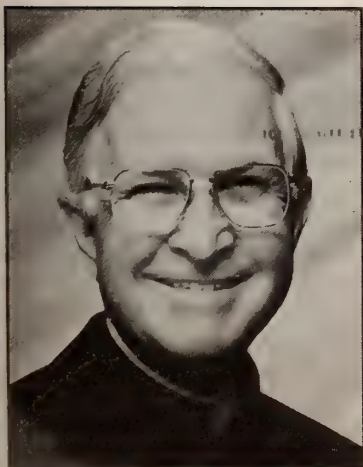
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A Message  
from the  
Bishop





## Couple's Gift Means Secure Future for Parish

FOREST CITY — Croswell and Ethel Ragan always loved Forest City and the Catholic Church. The couple converted to the faith in their mid-sixties and were a generous and active part of the community there until they passed away within months of each other.

The Ragans had no children and no extended family within the area. As such, they willed all of their possessions to Immaculate Conception Church. Due to their generosity, an endowment has been established for the parish, increasing the number of diocesan endowments to 24 and the total assets of the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte to \$2.5 million.

Father Conrad Kimbrough, now of Holy Spirit Church in Denver, knew the couple when he and the Ragans were Episcopalians. "We met when I was first in Episcopal seminary," he said. "They were just joyful, happy people, and they were always Catholic-minded." Father Kimbrough later converted to Catholicism and the Ragans followed suit some years later. "I was so happy when they became Catholic," he said. "To be in the Catholic Church is the greatest thing in the world to me, and I think it meant the same to them."

Immaculate Conception pastor Father Gabriel Meehan said the Forest City gift was a wonderful surprise. "It will let us now start making plans for the future, plans including a new and bigger church. The Ragans' gift shows us the great love they had for their parish."

The current Ragan endowment totals more than \$485,000 and is restricted for the use of Immaculate Conception. The gift will continue to generate funds for the church because, as an endowment, the principal is never used. The church will use income generated by the principal for future expansion.

"Through their gift, the Ragans left a legacy that will allow Immaculate Conception to continue to grow and meet the needs of the parish in perpetuity," said Jim Kelley, executive director of the Foundation. "More and more parishioners are following the Ragans' example by remembering the Church in their wills and estate plans."

Kelley said individuals establishing endowments take another step in living out the life of stewardship. "Just as we make gifts from our monthly income, we also have an opportunity to give from our accumulated assets to the Church of the Diocese of Charlotte," he said.

*Reprinted from The Catholic News and Herald*

## Endowments as of June 30, 1996

### The African American and Native American Endowment Fund

*This fund benefits the needs of minorities across the diocese.*

### The American Schlafhorst Scholarship Endowment Fund

*Established to provide scholarship assistance for students at Charlotte Catholic High School.*

### The Asheville Catholic School Foundation Endowment Fund

*This fund was established to enable the school to retain quality teachers, to offer scholarship assistance, to offer continuing education for teachers and to enhance the school's curriculum.*

### The Basilica of St. Lawrence Endowment Fund

*Established through a bequest, this endowment assists in meeting the needs of the historic Basilica in Asheville.*

### The Bishop McGuinness High School Endowment Fund

*This fund provides financial support for the education of the students at Bishop McGuinness.*

### The Charlotte Catholic High School Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund

*This fund established by the CCHS Alumni Association provides scholarships for graduating seniors for a college of their choice.*

### The Conklin Endowment Fund

*This fund provides financial support for the education of our seminarians.*

### The Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) Endowment Fund

*Established to provide financial assistance for ministries supported by the DSA.*

### The Eleanor C. Murphy Educational Trust Scholarship Endowment Fund

*This fund provides scholarships for the benefit of students from Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury. This endowment fund is part of the Edward M. Murphy Educational Trust Endowment.*

### The Faucette Endowment Fund

*This fund was established to benefit the educational ministry of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charlotte.*

### The Immaculate Conception Endowment Fund

*Established through a bequest, this endowment provides for the needs of this parish in Forest City.*

### The Jack Driscoll Endowment Fund

*This fund was established to help meet the needs of Sacred Heart parish in Brevard.*

### The Jerry Healy Scholarship Endowment Fund

*This fund provides scholarship assistance for students at St. Patrick School in Charlotte.*

### The Joseph M. Bryan, Sr. Endowment Fund

*Established through a bequest, this fund provides for the maintenance and enhancement of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro.*

### The Kim Piccolo Scholarship Endowment Fund

*Established through the Catholic Campus Ministry Office at UNC Charlotte as a memorial to Kim Piccolo, this fund provides scholarship assistance for Catholic students at UNC Charlotte.*

### The Lee Endowment Fund

*This fund provides financial support for the education of our seminarians.*

### The Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center Endowment Fund

*This fund provides for the program needs of this retreat center in Maggie Valley.*

### The Maffitt Endowment Fund

*This fund provides assistance to Catholic missions in the Diocese of Charlotte.*

### The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) Education Foundation Endowment Fund

*This fund was established to meet the future needs of the students in the seven MACS schools in Charlotte.*

### The St. James Endowment Fund

*This fund provides for the pastoral and educational needs of this parish in Concord.*

### The St. Jude Endowment Fund

*This fund provides for the pastoral and educational needs of this mission in Sapphire Valley.*

### The Seminarians Education Endowment Fund

*This fund provides financial support for the education of our seminarians.*

### The Unrestricted Endowment Fund

*Income from this fund is used to assist in the work of the Foundation and to meet special needs not addressed by other restricted funds.*

### The Yates-Murphy Educational Trust Scholarship Endowment Fund

*This fund provides scholarships for the benefit of students from Holy Name Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts. This endowment fund is part of the Edward M. Murphy Educational Trust Endowment.*

## St. James Parishioners Lay A Firmer Foundation

CONCORD — Father Daniel Carboy likes to plan for the future.

As pastor of St. James Church, he is always looking for ways to keep the parish on financially sound ground. A fund drive helped build a new parish center nearly three years ago, but the center's

dedication also produced another avenue for Father Carboy and parishioners to serve the faithful for generations to come.

"Bishop Curlin was here for the dedication with some friends, and afterward, I was talking to one of the Washington D.C. priests visiting," Father Carboy explained. "We got on the subject of money, and the pastor said he had \$20,000 a year coming into his parish 'free' every year. I asked him how, and he told me they had a \$400,000

endowment."

Soon thereafter, Father Carboy was presented with the opportunity to create an endowment for St. James when a parishioner donated \$4,000. "I asked her if I could use the money to start an endowment, and she agreed," he said. Since that initial donation in the summer of 1994, the endowment has grown to nearly \$20,000.

The money will continue to generate funds for the church because, as an endowment, the principal is never used. At St. James, the church also reinvests income generated by the principal.

"I think having an endowment is very important to the life of the church," Father Carboy said. "As a parish grows, so do its needs."

Each year, parishioners are given two opportunities to earmark donations specifically for the endowment; second collections are taken at Easter and in August (to commemorate the church's anniversary). "We have special envelopes we provide, and I explain the endowment process in the bulletin a few weeks before each collection. I tell them how this will better prepare the church for the

future," Father Carboy said.

"Parishioners have been very generous," he added.

"It's a challenge to convince people of something that might happen 20 years from now, but I keep on trying to educate our parishioners," Father Carboy said. "I try not to talk about money very much, but they seem to be responding."

Although the endowment's funds have not been earmarked for a specific purpose, the pastor said it will serve the St. James family for many years.

"I think it's a great legacy to leave the next generation," he said. "The endowment keeps producing. And we can use the assets from it and it's still there. I like that idea."

Many churches do not plan for the future, but according to Father Carboy, creating an endowment is something he recommends other parishes to consider.

"It's almost like a young family," he said. "They start out with their jobs and have 'x' amount of money earmarked for food, clothing, electricity, and other necessities. They also need to plan for the future. The church is no different. We need to be prepared for the future as well."



## Message from the President

On June 30, 1996, the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, Inc. completed its second year of operation. As President of the Board of Directors, I am proud to present the Foundation's 1995-96 Annual Report to the people of the Diocese of Charlotte.

During the past year, 7 new endowments were added to the Foundation to support the following: Bishop McGuinness High School, Charlotte Catholic High School, The Diocesan Support Appeal, Living

Waters Catholic Reflection Center, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Holy Name Catholic Church (in New Bedford, Massachusetts). Those additions increase our number of endowments 41%, from 17 to 24 endowments. One annuity trust was also established by an individual last year.

Our total assets at the end of the fiscal year were \$2,556,242, an increase of 153% over the previous year's amount of \$1,010,661. Invested assets generated a return of 16.5% for the year ending June 30, 1996, after generating a return of 15.6% the previous year. We believe those numbers represent a significant accomplishment for our first two years.

I want to express my gratitude to all who have helped make the Foundation so successful in its first two years. I am particularly grateful to the individuals, living and deceased, who have established endowments in the Foundation to support the work of the Church. I am also grateful to the pastors, principals and agency directors who

established endowments for their respective parishes, schools and agencies. I applaud Bishop Curlin and our volunteer board members who bring leadership, enthusiasm, vision and a deep faith commitment to our efforts.

In this year's report, we have included a story of a couple who established an endowment for their parish in Forest City and a story of a pastor and pastoral council in Concord who established an endowment for their parish. We hope these stories will encourage other individuals, pastors and pastoral councils to do the same.

Our first two years have been good ones. All of us on the board are committed to expanding our current endowments and building new endowments to help ensure the future of our parishes, schools and agencies.

Sincerely yours,

V.M. Nussbaum, Jr., President



## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 1996

### The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position, June 30, 1996 and 1995

	1996	1995
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 206,565	\$ 372,165
Receivables -		
Receivable from Asheville Catholic School	0	50,000
Receivable from the Diocese of Charlotte, net	0	3,740
Interest and dividends receivable	7,797	2,205
Total receivables	7,797	55,945
Investments	2,341,880	582,551
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,556,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,010,661</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 0	\$ 1,783
Custodial fund obligations	1,295,805	626,407
Annuity obligation	7,665	9,865
Total liabilities	1,303,470	638,055
Unrestricted net assets	263,269	3,073
Temporarily restricted net assets	177,695	21,417
Permanently restricted net assets	811,808	348,116
Total net assets	1,252,772	372,606
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,556,242</b>	<b>\$ 1,010,661</b>

A copy of the independent audit of the Foundation is available upon request.

## Board of Directors

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors composed of clergy and lay people. The Board's objective is to pursue a conservative investment policy consistent with reasonable growth while prudently safeguarding the principal. The directors are

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## The Catholic Heritage Society

The Catholic Heritage Society is the diocese's way of honoring the Christian generosity of Catholic friends who are providing for the future of the church. Membership in the Catholic Heritage Society is open to anyone who agrees to make a planned gift to the Diocese of Charlotte or any of its parishes, schools, agencies or organizations. Consider the following planned gifts:

■ **A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL** is perhaps the simplest way to give. You can name the Foundation to receive a gift of cash or other property from your estate. You can stipulate that the Foundation receive a specified amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after all the other bequests are fulfilled.

■ **GIFTS OF CASH, SECURITIES, REAL ESTATE** or other **TANGIBLE ASSETS** to establish an endowment are an ideal way of giving to the Foundation, particularly when the donated assets are highly appreciated.

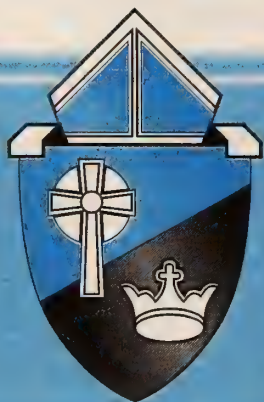
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■ **LIFE INCOME ARRANGEMENTS** allow you to make gifts to the Foundation during your lifetime while retaining and even increasing your income from those assets for the remainder of your life. These include trusts and annuities.

These and other opportunities for giving to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte can be explored with you. The Foundation staff will be happy to work with you and your advisors to help determine which gift is right for you.

For further information contact Jim Kelley at the Office of Development, 704-331-1709 or 704-377-6871, fax 704-358-1208.

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# Entertainment

## Palookaville

### Despite Best Efforts, Lovable Trio Ends Up On Straight And Narrow

NEW YORK (CNS) — Out of work and out of dough, three pals decide to temporarily turn to crime in "Palookaville" (Goldwyn).

As the movie opens, Sid (William Forsythe) is playing midnight lookout as Russ (Vincent Gallo) and Jerry (Adam Trese) hammer through a jewelry store's basement wall. But the hapless novices have miscalculated and end up in a bakery with little more than donuts for their trouble.

A blue-collar Jersey City, N.J., neighborhood is their turf. Sad sack Sid lives alone with his two dogs since his wife split years earlier. Gutter-mouth Russ still lives angrily at home with nosy mom (Suzanne Shepherd), his sour sister and her cop husband (Gareth Williams).

Only mild-mannered Jerry is happily married and the father of a toddler. His stressed-out wife Betty (Lisa Gay Hamilton) works in a supermarket, putting up with the manager's unwanted overtures just to keep the household going.

The trio hits on the idea to rob the supermarket's armored truck after they rush the driver, who had a heart attack behind the wheel, to the hospital and return his truck to the market.

Jerry doesn't want to risk losing his family and Sid would just as soon start a modest car service for the elderly, but impatient Russ eggs them on. Soon they are buying toy guns and studying the 1950 movie "Armored Car Robbery" for tips on how to pull off the big heist.

Naturally, nothing goes as planned, especially when they are rounded up by the cops after their abortive attempt to score the big one.

Director Alan Taylor acknowledges as inspiration Italo Calvino's short stories about jobless post-World War II characters conniving to survive in a war-torn economy — and David Epstein's script transports their kind to New Jersey with similar humanity lurking under criminal intent.

The movie ends up a surprisingly warm-hearted comedy (albeit with too many four-letter words), one in which the basic decency of the trio keeps foiling their plans for greener pastures.

Some honest drama also materializes as Jerry's precarious economic status starts taking a toll on his marriage.

What is pleasing is that the narrative maintains a consistently wry and ironic tone without turning the would-be robbers into cartoon buffoons. The episodic situations resonate with droll humor to be found in the tiny details of their frustrating "self-unemployed" existence. When their big moment arrives, Sid can't even pull on a ski mask without it getting snagged on his glasses.

The threesome are nicely fleshed out, with Russ suffering a setback for his romantic insincerity while Sid finds romance with a student-salesclerk (Bridgit Ryan) in a second-hand shop.

The key performances are appropriately understated and by film's end viewers are likely to be won over by these lovable losers who end up on the straight and narrow despite their best efforts to the contrary.

Because of some sexual innuendo, brief nudity and recurring rough language with profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "The Abominable Dr. Phibes" (1971)

Horror movie featuring superb art deco sets and the campy good humor of Vincent Price as the gruesome doctor of both medicine and theology who takes revenge for his wife's death by following the pattern of the 10 plagues found in Exodus. Despite a certain wacky unreality running through the whole exercise, director Robert Fuest uses some nasty close-ups that seem a little strong for all but devoted horror fans.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "The Beast With Five Fingers" (1946)

Minor horror story set in the Italian villa of a famous pianist (Victor Francen) whose sudden death brings terror after his sinister secretary (Peter Lorre) reports seeing the dead man's severed hand scuttling about, though the local police chief (J. Carrol Naish) is unconvinced.

Directed by Robert Florey, the picture's eerie atmosphere is sustained by Lorre's maniacal performance and fearsome visuals of the antic hand. Scenes of menace and suggestions of the occult but rational explanations are never far away.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Body Snatcher" (1945)

Gruesome chills from a Robert Louis Stevenson story in which a doctor (Henry Daniell) in 1831 Edinburgh buys cadavers for his medical school from a grave-robber (Boris Karloff) who turns to murder when cemetery guards cut off his supply. Produced by Val Lewton and directed by Robert Wise, the setting and characters hold interest while the dark, sinister atmosphere provides goosebumps along with some ghoulish plot twists. Minimal violence but much menace and suspense.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Bride of Frankenstein" (1935)

In a horror sequel better than the 1931 original, the macabre Dr. Praetorious (Ernest Thesiger) stirs things up by persuading the reluctant Frankenstein (Colin Clive) to create a mate (Elsa Lanchester) for the unhappy Monster (Boris Karloff). Director James Whale treats the gruesome proceedings with dry wit (a prologue featuring Lanchester as author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley) and dark humor (timorous Una O'Connor), though the picture is best remembered for the poignant sequence in which the hunted monster is befriended by a blind hermit (O.P. Heggie). Some stylized violence and considerable menace.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Carnival of Souls" (1962)

Low-budget but effective horror tale directed by Herk Harvey follows the eerie experiences of a church organist (Candace Hilligoss) after she emerges from a car crash in a Kansas river until her reunion weeks later with others who died in the accident. Sinister, unsettling atmosphere and sexual situations.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.



Piper Laurie and Walter Matthau star in "The Grass Harp," an adaptation of Truman Capote's novel about a boy's adolescence in a small Southern town during the Depression. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification for the film is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



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## People In The News

### Cardinal Bernardin Halts Chemotherapy, Given Only Six Months To Live

CHICAGO (CNS) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago said Oct. 17 that he has halted chemotherapy for the cancer in his liver and has been told he has perhaps six to seven months to live.

The cardinal met briefly with reporters following a Catholic Charities luncheon.

He also told them he has canceled plans to attend the 50th jubilee in Rome of Pope John Paul II's ordination to the priesthood because "I have to conserve my energy. My biggest priority is to serve this local church."

But he said he plans to attend the Nov. 11-14 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.

He heads a committee that is to present the bishops with a major proposal for restructuring the conference. "We're scheduled to make our final report next month, and my hope is that I will be there to make that presentation," he said.

Cardinal Bernardin underwent surgery in June 1995 for pancreatic cancer. This August he learned the cancer had returned in the liver and was inoperable.

He said he was told then that chemotherapy had about a 30 percent chance of slowing or halting the new tumors for a time.

"The fact of the matter is, the chemotherapy wasn't doing much good in terms of restricting the growth of the tumors.... The side effects of the chemotherapy were not commensurate with the results, so there did not seem to be any reason to continue," he said.

He said the chemotherapy caused

fatigue and digestive problems.

He added that the cancer itself is a kind that causes deep fatigue. "It's a fatigue you feel all the time, and resting does not necessarily cause it to go away," he said.

He said he plans to continue working, but the cancer "has made me selective, because I don't have the energy."

"My immediate plan is to live day by day, as best I can," he said.

He said he planned to give a public talk the evening of Oct. 24 on his Catholic Common Ground Project to restore U.S. Catholic unity, following a meeting most of that day with his advisers on the project.

News reports which had described that meeting as a moving up of the project's first conference next March were mistaken, he said. There has been no change in plans to hold the first conference in March.

### CCHS Graduate Receives Award

CHARLOTTE — April Dermert, a 1996 graduate of Charlotte Catholic High School, was recently selected as a winner in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth Recognition Awards Program.

The program recognizes youth who have demonstrated excellence, enthusiasm and achievement towards the betterment of their communities, Religious organizations, families or themselves.

April, the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Dermert, is currently a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill.

### Deacon John Gallen Dies At 74

MARION — Rev. Mr. John Joseph Patrick Gallen died Oct. 26 at the age of 74 at his residence. He was born in Camden County, N.J., on April 28, 1922 to the late John Joseph Gallen Sr. and Mary Parks Gallen.

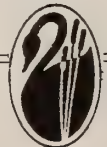
He was a member of Our Lady of the Angels Church, where he served as a permanent deacon. He was a charter member and past president of the Marion Lions Club, a member of the American Legion and of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and past president of the National Hosiery Manufacturers Association.

Rev. Mr. Gallen is survived by his wife, Mary Agnes Theresa Myers Gallen, as well as by three sons, John Glenn Gallen of Salisbury; Robert Gregory Gallen of the home; and Peter Christopher Gallen of Spartanburg, S.C.; four daughters, Margaret Mary Tiddy of Gastonia; Eileen Laughter of Spartanburg, S.C.; Mary Anita Cassell of Madison, Miss.; and Bridget Christine Allison of Charlotte; two brothers, James Gallen of Blackwood, N.J.; and

Edward Gallen of Barrington, N.J.; 13 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Gallen; a brother, Robert Gallen; and a sister, Marie Sandes.

Services were held at the church on Oct. 30, conducted by Father Ken Whittington, pastor. Burial followed at McDowell Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of the Angels Church Grotto Fund, Fleming Ave., Marion, N.C. 28752.



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## Columnist Offers Election Analysis

BELMONT — Syndicated columnist James J. Kilpatrick, Belmont Abbey College's 1996-97 Father Cuthbert Allen Visiting Fellow, will present on Nov. 8 an analysis of this year's election. The presentation begins at 8 p.m. in the Haid Theater on campus.

The Father Cuthbert Allen Visiting Fellows Program, initiated in 1984, brings speakers from a variety of fields to the Belmont Abbey College campus. The program honors the late Benedictine Father Allen, who gave nearly a half-century of service to the college. Former visiting fellows include Jesse Jackson, Ralph Nader, William Bennett, Colman McCarthy and novelist Clyde Edgerton.

Kilpatrick spent 52 years as a reporter, newspaper editor, columnist and television commentator. His principal

column, "A Conservative View," appeared in some 500 newspapers at the time he stopped writing it in 1993.

Since retiring, Kilpatrick recently published his 11th book and continues writing two weekly columns — one on the U.S. Supreme Court, the other on the use and abuse of English.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For information, call the Belmont Abbey College office of public relations, (704) 825-6890.

### Dietzen, from page 5

apocryphal Gospels may be, we need to keep in mind that they do not and will not participate in the unique role the four canonical Gospels have in Christian tradition and life.

When we call Matthew, Mark, Luke and John the canonical Gospels, we mean they are the "canon," the rule of Scriptural faith, the measure against which all Christian belief must be tested.

We do not believe that everything in Christian life and doctrine must be found in the Gospels; we do believe that nothing in our teaching and practice may be contrary to the Gospels.

How did our four Gospels come to be accepted as authoritative presentations of Christ and his message, while the others were gradually laid aside?

The answer isn't entirely clear, but

## Day of Recollection

BREVARD — The recent Day of Recollection for the Secular Order of Mary Community of Heralds of the Divine Will at Sacred Heart Church included Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. Also, Father Carl DelGuidice, pastor, presented a teaching on Luke 10: 7-12, the commissioning of the Jesus' disciples.

New officers for year were installed. The officers are: Luise Arthen, prioress; Dorene Jerz, assistant; Claire Saunders, secretary; and Daryl Wilson, treasurer.

our faith is that the Holy Spirit guided the Christian communities to recognize and embrace Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as authentic sources for a true relationship with Jesus Christ.

Interestingly, the Church also has never considered combining the four into one. Each has its own unique, essential portrait of Christ, which would be lost if all were melted together.

The Gospel of Thomas is available, among other places, in a book of that name, published by Harpers.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE—Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

### Focus on Initiation Forum

HICKORY—The Diocese of Charlotte and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate conference, "Focus on Initiation: The Ninety Days," is Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$145. Special rates for parish teams of five or more. For information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, by Dec. 6 (\$25 late charge added after Dec. 6).

### Jesuit House Retreats

HOT SPRINGS—A retreat for recovering alcoholic men in A.A., "Come Be With Us," is Nov. 22-24.

For information and reservations, contact Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-4366.

### Marriage Encounter

HICKORY—The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Nov. 8-10 at the Catholic Conference Center. For registration, call Tom and Emilie Sandin (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve and Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

### Holiday Craft Event

BREVARD—The annual Sacred Heart Church craft fair is Nov. 8-9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For details, call Mavis Gosse, (704) 891-7102.

### Living Waters Retreat

MAGGIE VALLEY—"Let Us Celebrate" is a Nov 11-17 retreat directed by Conventual Franciscan Father John Quigley, Joanne Weiler and Gus Tamborello for those who like to mingle camaraderie with spirituality, Eucharist and Thanksgiving.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Emmaus Weekend

MAGGIE VALLEY—"An Encounter with Jesus," a retreat for men seeking renewal and rejuvenation from the Holy Spirit, is Nov. 22-24 at Living Waters Reflection Center. To register, call Tom Sparacino, (704) 255-0095, or Bud Yoham, (704) 665-8249 by Nov. 11.

### Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

MOORESVILLE—The St. Therese Church Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. For information, call Cindy Brzezinski, (704) 875-9277.

### Parish Mission

STATESVILLE—The St. Philip Parish mission, "Celebrate Jesus in Your Lives and in Your Homes," hosted by Sacred Heart Father Bob Charlton and Gloria Anson, is Dec. 8-12. Services are 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is from 9 a.m. Dec. 6 until 9 a.m. Dec. 7. For information, call Sally Falls, (704) 876-3097 or the church office, (704) 872-2579.

### Lector Program

CLEMMONS—The Office of Music and Liturgy at Holy Family Church, presents "Lector College 101" Saturdays in November from 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$25. Holy Family parishioners are subsidized. For information or reservations, call Dr. Marc Innes, (910) 766-8133.

### Fire in the Mountains

LAKE JUNALUSKA—The annual "Fire in the Mountains" retreat is Nov. 16. It will explore ways to bring more life to parish communities. For information, call your parish office or contact Richard Carl Wolf, (704) 891-8926.

### Craft Fair

CHARLOTTE—The St. Gabriel Church PTO Second Annual Craft Fair



Students from Holy Trinity Middle School form a life chain to commemorate Respect Life Month. Following a Mass celebrated by Father Dennis Kuhn, students sang petitions and prayed as a bell was rung 34 times in honor of the some 34 million babies whose lives have ended in abortion since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973.

is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Booth spaces are available for \$20 and \$25. For information or an application, call (704) 541-7152 or (704) 541-6548.

### Harvest Dance

CHARLOTTE—The St. Matthew Parish Star Club Harvest Dance is Nov. 9 from 8 p.m.-midnight in the parish hall. For details, call Frank Czelusniak, (704) 846-3205; Walter Swol, (704) 568-3238; or Dennis O'Neal, (704) 541-7844.

### Eucharistic Adoration

BELMONT—Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE—The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

### Young Disciples Group

MINT HILL—St. Luke parish is establishing a youth group for 5th and 6th graders. For information, call Kathy Capps, (704) 545-0065.

### Alzheimer's, Dementia Support

CHARLOTTE—Support meetings for families affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia are the second Monday each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. Support is offered for caregivers and activities for family members with the condition. For information or reservations, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871 or B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5047, ext. 212.

### Book Of Life

ASHEVILLE—The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., offers prayerful adoptions of grandparents and unborn babies. The *Family Book of Life* is available in the Adoration Chapel to anyone wishing to pray for those threatened by euthanasia and abortion. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### Habitat for Humanity Dinner

GREENSBORO—The Catholic churches of Greensboro's dinner-dance to support their building project for Habitat for Humanity is Nov. 23 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the Knights of Colum-

bus Hall. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, call Renate Bunker, (910) 545-6246; Jennie O'Hara, (910) 299-4109; or Suzi Johnson, (910) 282-1344.

### Election Prayer Service

GREENSBORO—Our Lady of Grace Church hosts a prayer service 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 to pray for our leaders, our country and the outcome of the election.

### Informational College Program

MOORESVILLE—A program for high school juniors and seniors featuring information about Catholic colleges and universities is Nov. 24 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Therese Church. For information, call (704) 664-7762 or (704) 664-3992.

### Change of Address

MORGANTON—The correct updated contact information for Rev. Mr. Jim Johnson, chaplain for the Boy and Girl Scouts of the Diocese of Charlotte, is as follows: 2055 Eastbrook Circle, Morganton, N.C. 28655; home: (704) 437-3461; work: (704) 432-5792.

### Asheville Schools Golf Scramble

ASHEVILLE—The 3rd Annual Asheville Catholic Schools Golf Scramble is Nov. 6 at Reems Creek Country Club. For details, call Steve Santangelo, (704) 658-2629.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

WINSTON-SALEM—Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month.

ARDEN—Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE—Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at St. Eugene Church.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.

## Catholic Heritage Society

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## World And National News Briefs

### New Contraceptive Welcomed

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — A contraceptive device based on natural methods of family planning has gone on sale in Britain, with a welcome from pro-life groups and church leaders. Sold under the brand name "Persona," the hand-held device shows a green light on those days in a woman's menstrual cycle when it is safe for her to have sexual relations without conceiving and a red light during fertile times. On approximately eight days each month the device will show a yellow light, indicating the need for a urine test before the machine can decide whether it is a "red" or "green" day.

### Widow Of Murdered Headmaster Calls For Anti-Violence Crusade

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — The Catholic widow of a murdered London school headmaster has called for a

national crusade against violence and a change in Britain's moral climate. Frances Lawrence's call for a national anti-violence movement came the week after a 16-year-old youth, Learco Chindamo, was found guilty of her husband Philip's killing. Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death outside his school in north London in December 1995, after he had gone to the assistance of a pupil being threatened by a teenage gang.

### Honduran Government Criticizes Latin America's Covenant House

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (CNS) — Honduran government officials have publicly criticized children's activists from Casa Alianza, the Latin American division of the New York-based Covenant House. In recent months, Casa Alianza has criticized the Honduran government for jailing children in adult prisons, a practice contrary to the Honduran constitution and which Casa Alianza alleges has resulted in rapes, beatings, and deaths. Casa Alianza has taken its case to the Organization of American States.

In Oct. 17 newspaper ads, the press office of Honduran President Carlos Roberto Reina complained that Casa Alianza "has curiously limited itself...to denounce and point out problems, but not to contribute in a substantial way nor work with government institutions" to resolve problems of Honduran children.

### Archbishop Urges Prelates To Keep Bosnia In Forefront

NEW YORK (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops should continue to make Bosnia a priority, both for financial aid and in advocacy regarding U.S. government policy, according to Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J. He made the recommendations in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service Oct. 24 after his visit to Bosnia Oct. 18-22. As part of his trip to the region, Archbishop McCarrick also visited Al-

bania Oct. 13-17. He had been invited as an observer to look at preparations being made for that country's Oct. 20 elections. He said he found "safeguards in place" for a fair election, and said the Catholic Church has been making "great strides."

### In First Public Appearance, Pope Presides At Easter-Rite Liturgy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In his first major public appearance since his appendix was removed, Pope John Paul II presided over a liturgy attended by several thousand Eastern-rite faithful in St. Peter's Basilica. The 76-year-old pope walked in procession and delivered a sermon before departing early, as planned, after the Liturgy of the Word. The hour-long appearance Oct. 27 was the longest since his surgery nearly three weeks earlier.

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Ecuadoran Civil Defense personnel clean statues that were recovered from the debris of a church destroyed in an Oct. 22 plane crash in the city of Manta. An American cargo plane slammed into a downtown neighborhood shortly after takeoff, destroying a neighborhood, killing 25 people and injuring at least another 30.

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# Parish Profile

## Our Lady Of Grace

**GREENSBORO** — The founding of Our Lady of Grace Church occurred in January 1952, when Bishop Vincent S. Waters of the Raleigh Diocese established it as a division of St. Benedict Church, the mother parish of Greensboro.

Funding for construction had come earlier from Mr. Julian Price, a Baptist, whose wife, Ethel, a convert to Catholicism, died in 1944. Mr. Price donated \$400,000 for the project, but died in 1946 before building began. Rising building costs delayed construction, but the Prices' children gave an addition \$300,000 to ensure that the memorial church would be built.

Construction began in the spring of 1950. Modeled after the Church of Our Lady of Refuge in Brooklyn, N.Y., the church hosted its first Mass in July 1952 and was dedicated by Archbishop Amleto Cicognani (then-Apostolic Delegate to the United States) in September of that year. Msgr. Arthur Freeman was appointed the parish's first pastor.

The parish quickly established a school, which was dedicated by Bishop Waters in November 1953. Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters had arrived in August from Scranton, Penn., to staff it, and would remain there for 26 years. The school opened in 1954 to 175 students in grades kindergarten through eight. Since 1980, an all-day staff has operated the school.

Additions and renovations to the parish property have accrued during the years following. The present rectory was purchased in 1954, and the convent in which the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary lived was expanded in 1963. The convent, which originally had served as rectory, was also furnished with a chapel at this time. In 1973, a house was purchased on Market Street to provide much-needed space for parish meetings and social activities. The structure, named St. Agnes House, was sold in 1982. A growing student body has led to further expansions of the school, which now teaches some 450 youngsters. In 1995, the church underwent a six-week period of refurbishing, at which time a Divine Mercy chapel was added to the sanctuary.

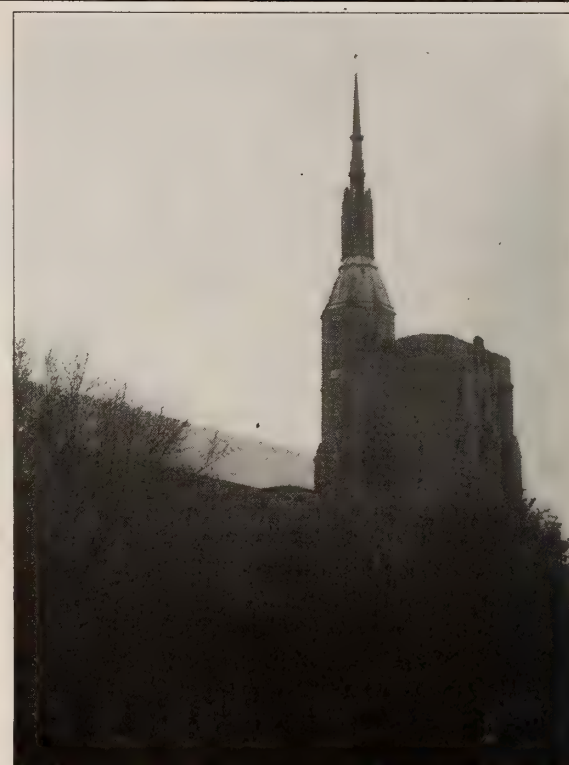
Construction of a new parish activity center was completed in 1976. Including administration offices, a gymnasium, a dining room and a kitchen, the building was also furnished with classrooms, the school library, and an audio-visual center to enhance the school. The founding bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, Michael Begley — who had been serving Our Lady of Grace as pastor before his appointment — dedicated the three-story structure in November 1976. Fulton J. Sheen, former bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y., delivered the dedication address.

In 1977, the parish celebrated the 25th anniversaries of the church and school. As a special addition to the celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKinley Bryan — the latter of whom is the daughter of Ethel and Julien Price — donated money with which the "Jubilee organ" and its gallery were dedicated.

Growth of the parish has been steady. Even at the time of its founding, the congregation comprised 300 families, and by 1982 some 775 households made up the church community. In mid-1996, more than 1700 families called themselves Our Lady of Grace parishioners.

Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception arrived at Our Lady of Grace Church in 1988. Today, Marian Father Mark Lamprich is pastor of an active parish, whose members are faithful stewards in such efforts as youth ministry, the Community Life Commission, migrant ministry, a prayer "hotline" for shut-ins, a rosary group, interfaith projects and RCIA program. Plans are also underway to purchase a van for elderly parishioners and for those otherwise unable to attend parish functions.

Our Lady of Grace Church is more than a loving memorial to Mrs. Ethel Price. From its beginnings a half-century ago to the present, it has also served as a spiritual dwelling for the ever-growing numbers of Catholics who call the Triad region of North Carolina home.



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**Rev. Mr. Paul Teich**

Number of parishioners: **4784**

Number of households: **1715**



### Diocesan Telecommunications Directors Conduct Workshop

**BOONE** — Gail Hunt Violette, director of telecommunications for the Diocese of Charlotte, and Loretta Wnetzak, associate director, conduct "The Gospel According to the Media," a media literacy education workshop, at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 at St. Elizabeth Church. For more information, call the church office, (704) 264-8338.

### Please pray for the following deceased priests during the month of November

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**Faith Development Department Consultant/Trainer:** Full-time. The diocese of Raleigh, located in the eastern half of North Carolina, in order to support parishes in their efforts to develop their faith communities, is seeking an individual to join the Faith Development team. Must have a Master's degree in Theology or equivalent, have expertise in Total Youth Ministry and catechetics, including training trainers, designing and facilitating workshops and networking. Travel to parishes and deaneries throughout the diocese, flexible hours including some evenings and weekends is required. Must be computer literate. Being bilingual in Spanish is a plus. Salary commensurate with experience with excellent benefits. Send resume, along with a sample of a design for a formational workshop for Faith Development leaders, to Director of Human Resources, Diocese of Raleigh, 300 Cardinal Gibbons Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606. EOE.





## Cardinal Bernardin Was One Of Century's Top U.S. Leaders

By JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin's death from cancer Nov. 14, the U.S. Catholic Church lost one of its most notable leaders in the 20th century.

The 68-year-old Chicago archbishop was the only man to have served as both general secretary and president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

As death approached, Pope John Paul II and President Clinton both telephoned him Nov. 13 to thank him for his life and work. Clinton had awarded Cardinal Bernardin the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in a White House ceremony in September.

Cardinal Bernardin had surgery in June 1995 for cancer in his pancreas. He learned this August that his cancer had recurred in his liver and was inoperable.

He later abandoned chemotherapy and on Oct. 31 announced that because of constant fatigue and fever from the disease, he was handing over his day-to-day archdiocesan responsibilities to Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Goedert, his vicar general.

"The Diocese of Charlotte is deeply saddened by the death of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, one of the most distinguished church leaders in this century," said The Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Charlotte. "We stand together with people of faith as prayers of condolences are offered for the soul of this renowned spiritual leader."

"Though suffering inoperable cancer, Cardinal Bernardin continued to reach out to people in need; supported by great belief in his participation in the resurrection of Christ, Cardinal Bernardin showed dignity and hope in the months preceding his death."

"A champion of humanitarian causes, Cardinal Bernardin leaves an indelible mark — on our nation and the Church — as we proceed towards the millennium. His legacy challenges us in faith to continue to seek Christ and to be authentic messengers of his Good News," he added.

A memorial Mass in honor of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin will be celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin at St. Patrick Cathedral. Date and time are pending.

In a series of speeches in the 1980s Cardinal Bernardin articulated the "consistent ethic of life," a framework for applying Catholic social and moral teachings to public policy questions on the basis of the protection of fundamental human rights of life and dignity.

He led the pro-life efforts of the U.S.

bishops as head of their Committee on Pro-Life Activities from 1983 to 1989.

And he helped make them leading advocates of a world free of nuclear weapons as head of the committee that wrote their 1983 pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response" — arguably the most effective and widely read pastoral letter they ever issued.

Cardinal Bernardin's leadership on the peace

pastoral led Time magazine to feature him on its cover Nov. 29, 1982, under the headline "God and the Bomb." In 1983 he received the Albert Einstein Peace Award for his work.

Just months before he died he pulled together a diverse group of prominent U.S. Catholics to launch the Catholic Common Ground Project. He wanted the project to be a major national effort to replace rancor and division in the church with dialogue, reconciliation and a new sense of unity and mission based on all Catholics' common ground of faith in Jesus Christ.

The new hopes and possibilities he raised with the project led the National Council of Churches of Christ to establish a new award Nov. 11 to honor outstanding dedication to the unity of people. The council named the award the "Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Common Ground Award" and made him the first recipient in ceremonies Nov. 13 in Chicago.

Even as Cardinal Bernardin lay in the final stages of death he continued to make his mark on the life of the church and the nation.

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Bishop William G. Curlin (center) is shown with Father John Putnam, Mary Lou Hildreth, Father Anthony Marcaccio, and Mary Catherine and Robert Potter. The members of the Diocese of Charlotte were recently invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. See story, page 2.

## Bishops Approve Plan For Young Adults, Elect Treasurer

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Getting down to business at what may be their last meeting as the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the U.S. Catholic Conference, the U.S. bishops approved a plan for young adult ministry and elected a new treasurer Nov. 12.

Before spending the afternoon behind closed doors in executive session, the bishops also approved a 10-point statement of economic justice principles and voted on the eighth and final segment of the general Sacramentary as proposed for use throughout the English-speaking world.

The Sacramentary — the book of Mass prayers and instructions used at the presider's chair and at the altar — must be submitted to Rome for final approval.

The 76-page document on young adult ministry, titled "Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry With Young Adults," was approved on a voice vote.

Developed by the bishops' Committee on the Laity after national and diocesan consultations with young adults, it is designed to address spiritual and pastoral issues young adults face as they enter new stages in education, work, independence, family relationships and their place in society.

Bishop Tod D. Brown of Boise, Idaho, chairman of the bishops' Committee on the Laity, called the plan "an affirmation of young adults and their gifts."

The new NCCB-USCC treasurer is Bishop Robert J. Banks of Green Bay, Wis., who was chosen in a 137-111 vote over Bishop Daniel F. Walsh of Las Vegas, Nev. The bishops also elected

more than a dozen new committee chairmen or chairmen-elect Nov. 12.

The statement on economic principles, approved in a unanimous voice vote, was jointly proposed by the bishops' domestic and international policy committees.

Just two pages long, "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life" echoes the much larger 1986 pastoral letter by the bishops, "Economic Justice for All."

The new statement emphasizes making economic decisions based on moral principles that focus on protecting the poor and vulnerable. And it encourages government, business and all of society to consider human consequences of economic choices.

Much of the meeting promised to be devoted to plans for restructuring the NCCB and USCC, the bishops' twin national conferences.

The 1996 meeting could be the last one the bishops conduct as NCCB-USCC. One of the restructuring proposals calls for merging the two conferences into one and renaming it the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, or USCCB.

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, who chairs the bishops' ad hoc Committee on Mission and Structure, was to have presented the restructuring proposals but was too ill to attend the Washington meeting. He announced this summer that he is likely to die within a year from cancer in his liver.

Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, NCCB-USCC president, read a handwritten note from the cardinal to his fellow bishops and then praised the Chi-

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# Charlotte Delegation Invested Into Holy Sepulchre

WASHINGTON — On Nov. 3, five members of the Diocese of Charlotte were invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Middle Atlantic Lieutenancy.

Mary Lou Hildreth and Mary Catherine Potter were invested as Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, and Robert D. Potter was invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. Father Anthony J. Marcaccio, secretary to Bishop William G. Curlin, and Father John T. Putnam Jr., were invested as Clergy Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Bishop Curlin, Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre, was the homilist at the Mass in the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C. The bishop appealed to the Knights and Ladies about putting their faith into action. "We do not have to look very far from this city to see the appalling condition of today's society," Bishop Curlin said. "The question I propose is whether we will accept Christ's challenge to be the light of the world."

"I believe that prayer is the key to our sense of God," he added.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy

Sepulchre of Jerusalem dates back to the first Crusades and the Knights established by Godfrey de Bouillon to guard the Sepulchre of our Lord immediately after their conquest of Jerusalem in 1099. They were approved as Order in a Bull of Approbation by Pope Pascal II in February 1113.

The Order has as its mission the protection of the Christian presence in the Holy Land by direct support of schools, hospitals and holy shrines. The Order's motto, *Deus Lo Vult*, "God wills it," inspires the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre to crusade for equality of men, justice for all, and peace in the Holy Land so that Christian, Jew and Muslim may live side by side and in love of God and each other.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is under the personal protection of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, and is the only Order in the world to be accorded this distinction. The Middle Atlantic Lieutenancy includes the Archdiocese for U.S. Military Services, the Archdiocese of Washington, the Diocese of Arlington (Va.), the Diocese of Richmond (Va.), the Diocese of

Memphis (Tenn.), the Diocese of Nashville (Tenn.), the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (W.Va.), the Diocese of Raleigh and the Diocese of Charlotte.

The new Knights and Ladies join several other Order members in the diocese. They include:

- Msgr. John McSweeney, Knight Commander, rector of the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville.

- William E. Rabil Sr., Knight Commander, and Rosalie D. Rabil, Lady Commander, of St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem.

- Edward C. Ruff, Knight Commander, of St. Gabriel Church in Charlotte.

- James E.P. Turner, Knight Commander, of Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville.

Mrs. Hildreth is a member of St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Charlotte. Father Putnam is studying canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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cago prelate for "leading us through the most difficult moments, giving sound advice on many occasions, and ... helping us chart a course into the next millennium." The bishops responded by giving Cardinal Bernardin a standing ovation.

The first morning of the Nov. 11-14 meeting featured preliminary discussion of norms for Catholic higher education, guidelines for televising the liturgy, and a new statement of guidelines for the reception of Communion. Further debate and a vote on those agenda items were scheduled for later in the meeting.

In other action Nov. 11 and 12, the bishops:

- Approved a plan to provide \$1 million to fund their national Office for the Third Millennium from 1997 to 2000.

- Ratified a \$43.4 million 1997 budget, about \$1.5 million above the 1996 NCCB-USCC budget, as well as priorities and plans for conference activities in 1997.

- Voted on proposed adaptations in funeral rites when cremated remains are present. The results of that written ballot were not immediately announced.

The proposal for Catholic higher education norms, to be voted on Nov. 13, is titled "Ex Corde Ecclesiae": An Application to the United States."

"Ex Corde Ecclesiae" was Pope John Paul II's 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic universities. It contained general norms for Catholic higher education throughout the world and asked bishops' conferences to develop particular norms adapting and implementing the general norms.

In the process of working on appropriate implementation in the United States, bishops across the country have engaged in local discussions with Catholic higher education officials.

Bishop Pilla began the meeting with an address on the challenges confronting priests in the 50th anniversary year of Pope John Paul II's ordination.

"So many negative images of priests are carelessly, even heartlessly spread around, that today I believe it both a duty and a joy to speak words of affirmation and reaffirmation to our priests," said Bishop Pilla, who challenged his fellow prelates to be more collaborative with their priests, to "truly empower our priests in their ministry."

The day before the meeting started, the bishops were invited to attend workshops on various topics — the Church and science, marriage preparation, and ongoing implementation of their national vocations strategy.

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One of his final acts was a letter to the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices pleading for reversal of two lower-court decisions that would legalize physician-assisted suicide as a constitutional right.

"There can be no legal and moral order which tolerates the killing of innocent human life, even if the agent of death is self-administered," he wrote.

Only days before he died he put the final touches on his last address to the nation's bishops — delivered on his behalf Nov. 13 by Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala. — culminating Cardinal Bernardin's five years as head of a committee formed to restructure the NCCB and USCC to make them more effective. Later in the day the bishops were informed that the cardinal's health was deteriorating rapidly. By the next morning he was dead.

Before he died he was the senior active U.S. cardinal and long one of the most prominent U.S. prelates in international as well as national church affairs.

He represented the U.S. bishops at meetings of the world Synod of Bishops in 1974, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1987, 1990 and 1994. Beginning in 1974, he was elected five times to the synod's 15-member Ordinary Council, which follows up on each synod and plans the next. He was on the synod council when he died.

Born of Italian immigrant parents April 2, 1928, in Columbia, S.C., Joseph Louis Bernardin was ordained a priest April 26, 1952.

He was ordained a bishop April 26, 1966 — at 38, the youngest bishop in the country — and two years later was called on to become first general secretary of the newly formed NCCB-USCC.

It was in that post — working the

two conferences through their formative years and guiding conference committees through the massive challenges and changes they faced in trying to implement the Second Vatican Council — that he quickly gained a national reputation as the one who could reconcile seemingly intractable opposing factions through creative compromises that met the key concerns on both sides.

In 1972 he was made archbishop of Cincinnati. Ten years later he was transferred to Chicago, an archdiocese torn apart in controversy over his predecessor, Cardinal John P. Cody.

He quickly gained the trust of Chicago's priests and people with his open, listening manner, describing himself as "Joseph, your brother."

When a scandal of sexual abuse of minors by priests hit, he formed a blue-ribbon panel to study the issue and recommend policies. The Chicago policies quickly became a model for policies in many other dioceses across the country.

He was regarded as a leading figure in Catholic health care because of his local and national efforts to help Catholic hospitals articulate a Catholic vision and strengthen their position as institutions in the rapidly changing health care environment of the '90s.

He was chairman of the board of trustees of The Catholic University of America from 1978 to 1981 and again from 1985 to 1988.

He also served the bishops' conference as chairman of the canonical affairs committee from 1978 to 1981.

In November 1993 Cardinal Bernardin faced one of the severest personal tests of his life when a young man with AIDS, Steven J. Cook, claimed he had once been sexually abused as a teenager by the cardinal when the cardinal

was archbishop of Cincinnati.

Less than four months later Cook completely retracted his claim, which had been based on so-called "recovered memories" that came during therapy with an unlicensed hypnotist.

Cardinal Bernardin, widely hailed for his grace in dealing first with the accusations and later with his vindication, had a reconciliation meeting with Cook in December 1994 which many compared to Pope John Paul's reconciliation meeting with his would-be assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca.

Cook and the cardinal became friends, and Cook called and wrote several times when Cardinal Bernardin learned he had pancreatic cancer and underwent surgery in June 1995. Cook died the following September.

Many people, especially in Chicago, remarked in the final months of Cardinal Bernardin's life that the crown of all his achievements was the profound peace and grace with which he faced the news of his own death.

When doctors discovered in August that the cancer had returned to his liver and was spreading, the cardinal announced the news at a press conference.

He said that because of his faith, he looked at death "as a friend."

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# Charlotte Seminarian Ordained To Transitional Diaconate In Rome

ROME—Twenty-three seminarians from across the United States took a significant step in their faith journey in October, when they were ordained into the transitional diaconate. One of the almost two-dozen is Ray Williams, a seminarian of the Diocese of Charlotte, who is continuing his studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

"I recall that I promised with a quiet joy to dedicate myself to a lifelong commitment ... as a sign of my interior devotion to Christ and His kingdom," said Rev. Mr. Williams of the ordination ceremony, which took place in the Basilica of St. Peter.

The Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, auxiliary to the archbishop of New York and former rector of the North American College, served as the ordaining prelate during the Mass. More than 200 priests concelebrated, and Msgr. Timothy Dolan, rector of the college, presented Rev. Mr. Williams and the other seminarians to the bishop.

Father Conrad Kimbrough, pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Denver, N.C., vested Rev. Mr. Williams at the ceremony, and a host of family members and friends attended, including several clergy members of the Charlotte Diocese.

Despite being half a world away from his home parish of St. Eugene in Asheville, Rev. Mr. Williams said he was comforted by the thought of spiritual support.

"As we prostrated ourselves for the Litany of Saints, I remember thinking that, here and now for those of us about to be ordained deacons, the saints are praying, family and friends are praying; back home many of the good people of the Charlotte Diocese are praying for me. That was encouraging," he added.

He immediately went to work as a deacon during the Mass by joining in the distribution of the Eucharist.

With Father Frank O'Rourke and



Ray Williams

Father Mark Lawlor concelebrating at a Mass the day after, Rev. Mr. Williams preached his first homily in the chapel of Casa Santa Maria, a branch of the Pontifical North American College. (Father O'Rourke is the diocesan director of vocations and pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons. Father Lawlor is parochial vicar of St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem.)

Rev. Mr. Williams said he has since returned to his studies and greatly looks forward to his ordination to the priesthood on June 14, 1997, in Charlotte.

His journey of faith has been a lengthy one. Rev. Mr. Williams, the son of an Episcopalian father and Southern Baptist mother, graduated from Bob Jones University in South Carolina. Having double-majored in English and history at the conservative Protestant school, he went on to teach English in Nepal. He spent eight years there, where he began taking a closer look at the Catholic faith.

Following a period of work in Austria, Rev. Mr. Williams returned home to Asheville in 1990 and soon joined an inquiry class. He was received into the Catholic Church in September of that year, and after much prayerful thought decided to enter the seminary.

After preparatory studies at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Rev. Mr. Williams arrived in Rome in the summer of 1995 to continue his training. Previously he had spent a summer in Rome to study Italian and also attended a conference on Cardinal John Henry Newman in Oxford. For 10 weeks during the summer of 1996 at St. Pius X parish in Greensboro, he assisted in parish and community efforts and worked with Father Frank Connolly, pastor.

At the Pontifical North American College, he receives formation training — homiletics and other pastoral skills, as well as spiritual direction. The seminarians, of whom there are some 140 at

the college, study at different universities throughout town as well. Rev. Mr. Williams studies at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas, where he earned his Bachelors of Sacred Theology and is currently working towards a Masters in Theology, specializing in ecumenism.

Rev. Mr. Williams, who also serves as a campus minister at the University of Dallas in Rome, said he has enjoyed his experiences at the college and the friendships he has made there.

Although he said he fights pangs of homesickness from time to time, the newly ordained deacon remembers the purpose of his endeavor and calls out to everyone for their support.

"I'll be ordained with Arturo DeAguilar (studying at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Florida). We covet the prayers of the faithful of Charlotte that we might be priests who serve God and His people with all our hearts," he said.

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THE CHANCERY

November 15, 1996



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During his visit last Fall, the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, offered powerful and challenging messages to Catholics in the U.S. Speaking with compelling urgency on themes of human life and dignity, poor families and children, and the need for us to remain compassionate, generous and concerned for others, he asked: *Is present-day America becoming less sensitive, less caring toward the poor, the weak, the needy? It must not!*

As our Holy Father reminded us, we must continue our long history of compassion and concern for God's poor. Through the Campaign for Human Development, we affirm our commitment to care for the less fortunate among us.

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CHD creates lasting change by empowering people to help themselves. All CHD programs are managed by poor and low-income people working to remedy the ills of their own community. By assisting and strengthening these local initiatives, CHD builds people's dignity, self-respect and confidence.

Knowing that our contributions give hope, I ask that you please give generously to the CHD appeal on the weekend of November 23-24.


Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Mauricio W. West*

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## Pro-Life Corner



### U.S. Crimes Against Humanity

The recent effort to ban partial-birth abortion has really just begun. After all, we were not just opposing a Presidential veto; we were opposing a procedure which is a crime against humanity. As long as that procedure is still legal in this country we will still cry out against it. Hold your elected officials responsible! Continue to contact them — hold the consciences of your fellow citizens responsible! Sound the alarm against partial-birth abortion and *all* abortion.

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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

### November 16

*Fire in the Mountains Conference*  
Lake Junaluska  
4 p.m.

### Confirmation

St. Margaret Church, Maggie Valley

### November 18

*Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting*  
Charlotte

### November 19

*Presbyteral Council Meeting*  
Hickory

### November 21

10 a.m.  
*Diocesan Faith Formation & Catechetical Leader Day*  
St. Aloysius Church, Hickory

### November 23

10:30 a.m.  
*Confirmation*  
St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte

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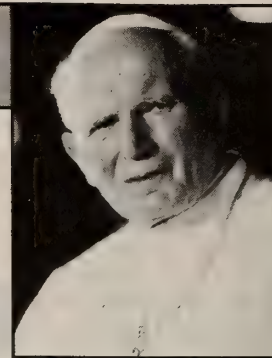
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## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*



### Pope Resumes General Audience Talks With Address On "Magnificat"

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Nov. 6.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now turn to the "Magnificat," Mary's song of praise at the Visitation. In the Old Testament tradition, Mary proclaims the greatness of God who called her, His humble handmaid, to be the mother of His incarnate Son. By sending His only Son, born of the Virgin Mary in the fullness of time, God fulfills the promises made to Abraham and offers salvation to all mankind. In the "Magnificat" Mary sings the praises of God's merciful and enduring love for His people.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking visitors and pilgrims. Upon all of you and your families I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Condemns Contraceptive Birth Control, Supports Natural Means

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II condemned contraceptive birth control and said natural family planning methods deserve better support in demographic campaigns.

In a message to bioethics experts Nov. 8, the pope said the Church needs to respond to population control programs that promote artificial birth control almost as a moral responsibility.

He criticized the "harmful campaigns of certain demographic policies that try to present contraception as permissible and proper, spreading and imposing an

exploitative and utilitarian vision of the life of individuals and peoples."

"We need to respond with every initiative that can scientifically support, with correct information, the validity of natural methods," he said.

He said such an effort was needed to combat a false sense of sexual freedom, "for which contraception provides both the incentive and the instrument, weakening consciences and eclipsing values."

The Church, while teaching that contraceptive birth control is morally wrong, accepts "natural" methods that rely on periodic abstinence to avoid conception.

The pontiff said these methods, after meeting with initial misunderstanding among the public, today enjoy increasing scientific recognition as effective means of spacing births. He said they have also provided an inner peace to couples who understand the value and the spirit of sexual self-control.

At the same time, he urged Catholic experts to help expand education efforts among couples so that they can better understand what he called their "vocation as servants of life, in responsible cooperation with the providential wisdom of the Creator."

He said the Church faces an urgent task in promoting the "Gospel of life" against the current trends of unbridled hedonism and disrespect for human life, especially in the stage of its "mysterious and delicate beginnings."

## Guest Column

*By Antoinette Bosco*

### Hard Times for Parents and Teens

A friend recently told me she was distressed because she couldn't seem to reach her 15-year-old daughter anymore. The girl was depressed because her boyfriend walked out on her saying, "You don't give me anything," meaning sex.

Think how pressured this girl is by the society she — and her peers — deal with every day, one that so often challenges a family's values!

My friend, a nurse and a working mother by necessity, also told me she is terrified when her daughter goes to a party. She tells her not to put her soft drink down, for fear somebody will slip a drug into it. She has seen this happen to girls who end up in the hospital where she works.

I could empathize. I learned a lot about young people last year covering a story for a magazine when, in a period of five days, eight teen-age girls in the quiet town of New Milford, Conn., attempted suicide.

I found that the girls had common problems — being harassed at school, ridiculed and shunned, detached from their parents, angry, hurting, lost, into drugs or alcohol, not connected to a church, feeling powerless, insecure and hopeless.

The picture I got was not one to give anybody hope — until I started talking to other teens. Then I found that the hopeless kids were not the majority.

I met teens full of energy, hopeful about the future and not pessimistic about life or the world. It was no mystery what made the difference. These teens still attended church, were involved in some way with helping others, had a good relationship with at least one parent and took school seriously.

When some of these teens decided to call a meeting for adults, I attended. They talked about the big issues they face every day: decisions about sex, wor-

ries about AIDS, violence, especially at school, and drugs, which they said are so plentiful in their high school that you don't even have to buy them. Here you had teens trying to maintain good behavior and asking adults to help.

So what happened? The adults started telling the teens that they didn't have it any harder than their parents did, that it was the same back then.

That's when the eyes of the young started to glass over. They know, even if adults don't, that things are not the same. That was then; this is now.

Our children are being shaped by a society vastly different from any before. And I believe their parents' '60s generation is, in great part, responsible for this.

They were of a generation that met in communes, sponsored "happenings" and broke sacred traditions — leaving home, taking drugs, having sex, rebelling against church and flaunting the wild look in hair and dress. It was a rebellion that tore away structures, foundations and boundaries society had been based upon.

It didn't leave our current youth much to hang on to. The buzz words to describe this today are "loss of family values," but ironically this is another way of saying that boundaries have been destroyed.

This is what our young people have inherited. Now we have to say "enough!" We have to help them reconstruct our world — make it healthy, beautiful.

Recent decades have been times for a lot of selfishness and self-preservation. We're due for an outward movement in which self-centeredness moves aside and God's love takes over.

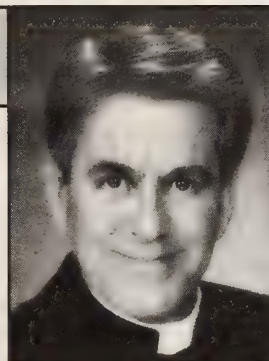
I'm an optimist, having seen so many great young people. If we help them, I believe they can begin the process of making this world a sacred place.

*Antoinette Bosco is a CNS columnist.*



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Veterans Day: Muted Trumpets Play "Taps"

It was a cold and miserable night in Washington, D.C., when my brother called from Union Station. A career military man, he'd just gotten back from his first tour of duty in Vietnam. He had only a few hours before the train would carry him home to Erie, Pa., to his wife and three kids. Eager as he was to get home, he telephoned me at Catholic University where I was taking theology, saying, "I really need to talk."

In minutes we were sitting in a seedy all-night diner near the station. My brother was exhausted but direct. His anger, his frustration, his emptiness spilled out. It was not just that America was in turmoil over the war that disturbed him, it was that he had lost so many friends. "If you know anything about soldiering," he insisted, "you'd know that we hate war. Patriots don't glorify war, they know the monster for what it is." Then came his question: "But what about these boys now maimed for life, or dead? Does the Gospel of 'Blessed be the peacemakers' say anything to those of us who die for rights that are as pre-

cious as peace?"

My brother's battlefield was now in his heart, and his cry for peace of soul was aggrieved.

I told him, or I should say the Spirit said through me in that moment, that those who call themselves peacemaker must remember the veterans and victims of war. The suffering and loss of war are clear indications of the ongoing suffering of Christ. The Prince of Peace identifies completely with our sense of helplessness in the face of war. "Denny," I told my brother, "every time I hear 'Taps' I hear the voice of Christ."

*Fight against a war or  
fight in a war and you still  
have the duty to think, to  
reason, to answer to your  
conscience and your God.*

I still do. I wonder if other people in other times have done the same. One Civil War historian who wrote a vivid account of the Battle

of Gettysburg forgot for a moment that he was trying to be objective and reacted as a human being: "My God, the world is so unchristian yet." "Taps" spoke to him, too, I think.

When that bitter, bloody war came to an end, there was much celebrating, of course. One news columnist wrote that

in New York City 20,000 people uncovered their heads and sang together a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God. Yet at the same time rockets fired their joyous reports in the air, the mournful "Taps" reminded survivors of all that had been suffered and sacrificed.

Peace carries risks and obligations. Some believe it is only to be found in justice and victory at war's end. Others believe that justice and mercy demand blood never be shed. Fight against a war or fight in a war and you still have the duty to think, to reason, to answer to your conscience and your God.

All injured by war, soldier or civilian, deserve the generosity of spirit and good will of those who would be peacemakers, who would "be called children of God." All killed in war deserve our prayer, including prayer that turns faith into action and makes peace a goal rather than a dream.

Long ago, in school, I learned the closing lines of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. So did my brother, and so did you: *With malice to-*

*ward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work that we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves and with all nations.*

As Christian peacemakers we dare not allow our awareness of the enormity of each war's suffering to become a tired, faded memory. If our peace resolutions and our works of peace are to culminate in a legacy of peace for today's children and their children, we must hear the voice of the Prince of Peace — not only in the farewell of "Taps", but in the wake-up call of Reveille. It's a cry to forge peace between us and among us — brothers and sisters together. A whisper to seek it within His will and our immortal souls.

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## Family Matters

Eileen Marx



### No Greater Love

A few weeks ago, on a golden afternoon, my 4-year-old daughter, Teresa, and I picked up my first-grader, Bobby, in front of his elementary school.

About 10 minutes after dismissal, a number of parents were still outside the school, when a mother, arriving in front of the school to pick up her child, lost control of her minivan. The van jumped the curb a few feet from where we were standing and began driving through a crowd of parents, teachers, students and the principal. I watched in horror as I saw my friend Maureen struck by the van. Seconds later, the school principal, Mr. Briketto, was also struck and knocked to the ground as he was pushing children out of the minivan's path. I saw a mother take her child and throw her into the arms of another to keep her from getting hit. This mother was then struck and dragged underneath the van. A pine tree finally stopped the out-of-control van, pinning the mother underneath it. I couldn't tell from where I was standing if anyone else had been hit or pulled under the van.

When I saw that the van had stopped and that my children were safe, I ran over to Maureen who was pleading with me and my son's teacher to find her daughter Christine, a classmate of my son's. I don't remember running over to the van, but by the time I got there, Mr. Briketto was already there. The mother couldn't be moved in case she had a spinal cord injury, so Mr. Briketto steered and eased the van off the mother as those of us there lifted up the back of the van. In

absolute terror, I looked underneath the van praying to God that I would not see Christine's face or any other child's alongside the injured mother — who I then realized was Nancy, the mother of another first grader.

As heart wrenching as it was to see Nancy, I was relieved there wasn't a child under the van. I was also relieved that there were three nurses on the scene — two were mothers of students who moments before were in the minivan's direct path and were now treating Nancy with extraordinary skill and compassion.

Meanwhile, the rest of us tried to make sense of what had just happened. We learned that the driver of the van lost control of her vehicle when she saw that her second-grader was just about to slam the door on her 4-year-old daughter's hand. In her panic, she thought she was slamming her foot on the brake but her foot hit the gas pedal instead.

When the paramedics arrived, Nancy was airlifted to a trauma intensive care unit where she remained in critical condition for 10 days. Through prayer and Nancy's remarkably brave spirit, she was released from the hospital last week and is now receiving extensive physical therapy. Maureen was taken to a local hospital where she was treated for two hip fractures. Mr. Briketto finally agreed to have his shoulder x-rayed only after everyone was taken care of on the day of the accident. Following the accident, many of the neighborhood mothers and children who were at the accident scene gathered at our friend Maria's house so we could all

be together. We prayed for everyone involved, especially for Nancy. And then we talked about how it could have easily been any one of us driving the van or getting hit by the van.

We've all had our days when we're the mother doing all the wrong things. The blood-curdling screams of our child in pain or fear can momentarily disconnect a parent's rational thoughts and actions. In our full and frenzied lives we're often balancing sanity and safety. While our right foot rests on the brake, our left foot impatiently taps as if somehow the red light will change faster or the kids will suddenly quiet down or the snarl of traffic will miraculously unravel. We want to believe that we're the perfect parent who never makes mistakes, who's always on time and whose patience never runs out. But we know better.

We're also the mother doing all the right things. We're picking up our children from school and holding their hand as we ask about their day. We're following all the rules of safety in the place we feel the safest and still the unthinkable happens. In truth, most days we're both mothers. We're filled up with stress, commitments and pressures but we're also filled up with a love and a protective instinct of our children that runs so deep it can almost be terrifying. It's this love that caused one mother to protect

her daughter as her hand was about to be caught in a door and another mother to save her daughter's life while risking her own. Our lives can be changed forever in seconds. And that can make our world seem as out of control as the runaway minivan.

The images of the accident have been difficult to erase from my mind these past few weeks. But in recent days they are gradually being replaced with the more powerful images of a community that has reached out with love and kindness with meals, baby-sitting, car pools, thoughts and prayers.

The terrifying images of children being pushed out of harm's way are now the images I find most comforting. Without a thought, Nancy risked her life to save the life of her daughter. Shortly after the accident someone asked me if I could ever feel that my son was safe at school again. I saw firsthand how our principal risked his life to save the lives of his students as if they were his own children. I'm certain there's no place on earth that my son is safer.

In the months ahead, as Nancy, Maureen, Mr. Briketto and all their families struggle with emotional and physical pain, anxiety and confusion, may they never lose sight of the gift of love and life they gave on that autumn afternoon. In their most difficult hours, may they find comfort in the words Jesus spoke in the Gospel of John: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."



# Good Shepherd Receives Accreditation, Commendation

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

HAYESVILLE — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization, the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body for health-care providers, has awarded Good Shepherd Home Health and Hospice Agency its highest level of accreditation. For Tom Taaffe, Good Shepherd's executive director, the accreditation with commendation represents the "good housekeeping seal of approval" in the field of health care. He is proud that "everyone here has gone the extra mile on a day-to-day basis to provide the best possible home care to our patients."

Mercy Sister Joanne Kuhlmann, RN, performance improvement coordinator for Good Shepherd, learned of the letter of accreditation last month. "I was even more proud and happy that we had been commended as well as accredited," said Sister Kuhlmann, who was responsible for facilitating the accreditation process. She expressed both satisfaction and relief that the two-year process was finally complete. "We (the staff) had our share of ups and downs trying to reach consensus about policies and procedures which had to be implemented at least four months prior to the actual on-site survey by the Joint Commission," she explained, adding that the schedule involved quite a bit of teaching and preparation of the staff.

This accreditation, unlike the certification and licensing required by the state of North Carolina, is completely voluntary. Nevertheless, Taaffe indicated that the accreditation, which demonstrates compliance with national standards for home care, assumes ever-greater importance for the agency as advances in medical technology lead to increasingly complex standards in home care as well as hospital care.

Good Shepherd has been in operation for more than 40 years. It was founded by the Glenmary Sisters in the mid-1950s, and has been a diocesan agency since the mid-1970s. Currently the agency employs a staff of 65, which could increase to 85 in the next 12 months if plans to expand services be-

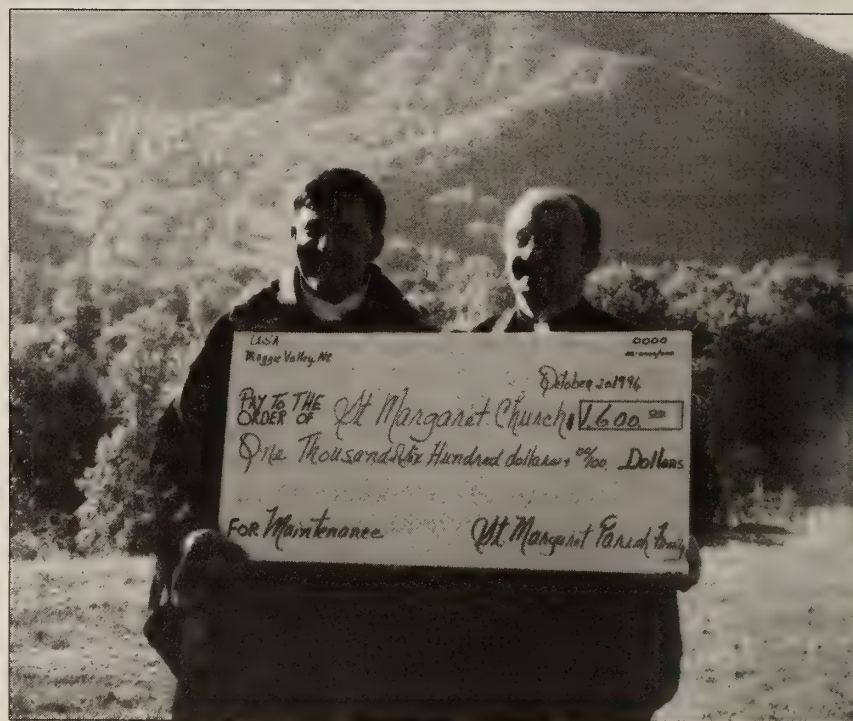
yond Clay and Cherokee counties are implemented. Taaffe explained that, of the several reasons for expanding the geographical boundaries of service to the residents of western North Carolina, the influx of managed care into the field of home health has proven paramount.

"It's no longer just the privately insured," explained Taaffe, "but managed care is now reaching into the Medicare, and down the road, the Medicaid population, too. We (Good Shepherd) must put ourselves in a position to compete for the managed care business." One way of accomplishing this is to become an organization large enough to attract insurers contracting for home care services. Another factor in this competition is the agency's willingness to "partner" with other providers in order to provide a continuum of care in a particular HMO (Health Maintenance Organization).

Taaffe finds the involvement in this transformation of the health care delivery system both exciting and challenging. "As a free standing agency we can present to the community clearly and unabashedly a mission statement that is strongly imbued with Christian values," he explains. Partnering with other providers depends on the acceptance of mutually compatible mission statements, but Taaffe also sees it as "an opportunity to insert into similar lay organizations some of our own values."

What continues to differentiate Good Shepherd from other providers, says Taaffe, is a clear mission statement, supported by the diocese, assuring that those who really need the services will actually receive them.

The steadily growing acceptance of the hospice program in the community — the agency served 150 terminally ill patients in the past year — has strengthened the staff's desire to expand services to the frail elderly as well. This has meant expanding their "in-home aid" staff to provide seniors experiencing minor disabilities with an alternative to nursing home placement. The new accreditation should only heighten the vitality of an agency already committed to the best quality home care.



MAGGIE VALLEY — The women of St. Margaret parish presented a check for \$1,600 to Father Jim Byer, priest in residence, (right) and Father Eric Houseknecht, administrator, following a craft fair in Waynesville. The event featured homemade candy, jams and jellies, vegetables and baked goods. Proceeds will be used to renovate the parish center and offices.

## Forum On Catechumenate Presents Ninety Days Institute

HICKORY — The Diocese of Charlotte and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate co-sponsor "Focus on Initiation: The Ninety Days Institute" Jan. 17-19, 1997 at the Catholic Conference Center.

This "Institute" highlights the periods of Lent through Pentecost in the Initiation process and is intended for RCIA directors and team members. The program will foster a deeper understanding of the period of purification and enlightenment, as well as the period of mystagogy. Participants learn to convey the unitive spirit of these periods in light of the sacramental celebration at the Easter Vigil. Practical implementation at the parish level will be explored.

Facilitators are Kathy Brown, Thomas Morris and Ron Oakham, members of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate Institute Team.

Brown, a published writer and co-editor of *Issues in the Christian Initiation of Children: Liturgy and Catechesis*, has directed, spoken about and been consulted on the Initiation process on the parish and national levels.

Morris, executive director of The North American Forum on the Catechumenate, is the former assistant director of the Office for Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Washington, and author of *RCIA: Transforming the Church and Walking Together in Faith*.

Oakham serves as Commissary (Regional) Provincial of the Southwest Commissariat of his Carmelite Province, a consultant to Initiation and reconciliation teams director of the catechumenate for the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Cost is approximately \$245 per person. Special rates are available for parish teams. Early registration deadline is Dec. 6, after which a \$25 per-person fee is added. For information and registration, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499.



Good Shepherd Leadership Team—Left to right, front row: Ruth Onsum, Jean Anderson, Judy Wilson, Sister Joanne Kuhlmann, Tom Taaffe. Back row: Mary Carol Campbell, Mark Brank, Susi Brown, Margie Stroud.

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## Primer aniversario de Misa en español



Algunas de las personas que asistieron a la Misa Aniversario en la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón.



Niños preparándose para su primera confesión.

**SALISBURY** — El domingo 13 de octubre se celebró el primer aniversario de su Misa en español en la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón.

Más de 300 feligreses asistieron a la Misa que fue celebrada en español por el Padre Fidel Melo, Vicario Parroquial de la iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Clemmons.

La celebración comenzó a las 2 de la tarde con una fiesta donde hubo comida, música, juegos, rifas, bazares y otras actividades para deleite de todos. La Santa Misa se celebró a las 4 de la tarde y terminada ésta se continuó con la gran fiesta.

La mayor parte de los miembros comunidad hispana se ha establecido permanentemente en el condado de Rowan y trabaja en diferentes oficios. La comunidad hispana del condado ha ido aumentando principalmente en los últimos años. Según aumenta la población aumentan los feligreses que asisten a la iglesia. El promedio de personas que asiste a la Misa los domingos es de unas 200.

La mayoría de los hispanos no habla inglés y confía mucho en Francisca Medrano, coordinadora del Ministerio Hispano de la parroquia y en Carlos Medina, diácono de Charlotte, que ayuda principalmente en la Misa dominical.

Después de la Misa del domingo, Francisca Medrano habla con las personas y trata de ayudar a aquéllas que tienen algún problema.

Hay muchos niños en la comunidad, los cuales aprenden el inglés muy rápidamente y ayudan a sus padres con la barrera del idioma.

El Pastor de la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón es el Padre Thomas Clements, VF y el Pastor Asociado es el Padre Samuel Orlando quien últimamente ha sido el celebrante de la Misa en español. La Misa en español se celebra todos los domingos a las 4 de la tarde. La iglesia está situada en el número 128 de la calle Fulton Norte y el teléfono es el (704) 633-0591.

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El Padre Fidel Melo durante su homilía.

## VI Festival Latinoamericano en Charlotte



**Festival Latinoamericano—**  
Grupo bailando una danza típica panameña.

Mas fotos en la página 2



## Festival Latinoamericano

CHARLOTTE — El pasado 20 de octubre tuvo lugar el VI Festival Latino Americano en los jardines del Museo de Arte Mint. Fue un éxito grandioso al que asistieron más de 8,000 personas.

En la celebración de apertura Ann Schrader, presidenta de los comisionados del condado de Mecklenburg y Sara Spencer, consejera de la ciudad leyeron una proclamación firmada por el alcalde de Charlotte Pat McCrory y por Ann Schrader declarando el mes de la hispanidad del 15 de septiembre al 20 de octubre de 1996.

Después de la apertura hubo un desfile de las banderas de todos los países hispanoamericanos y de España y a continuación el público fue deleitado por un variado programa musical con la participación de grupos y personas profesionales y aficionados que duró toda la tarde.

El día fue magnífico para este tipo de evento al aire libre

Hubo 13 quioscos donde se vendió comida, 15 donde se vendió artesanía, 12 quioscos culturales y 18 de servicios comunitarios. También hubo muchas actividades para los niños.

El Centro Católico Hispano de Charlotte participó vendiendo comidas variadas. El quiosco del Centro estuvo muy animado, no sólo por los que venían a deleitarse con los sabrosos platos, sino por los voluntarios que trabajaron duramente para ayudar a que esta fiesta fuera un éxito.

El festival fue organizado por la Coalición Latinoamericana y la Asociación de Mujeres Latinoamericanas.



Un aspecto de la multitud que acudió al festival.

Fotos Luis Wolf



Ann Schrader, presidenta de los comisionados del Condado de Mecklenburg y Sara Spencer, consejera de la ciudad, leyendo la proclamación que declara del 15 de septiembre al 20 de octubre de 1996 el mes de la hispanidad. En la foto se encuentran de izquierda a derecha: Marina Santaniello, vicepresidenta de la Asociación de Mujeres Latinoamericanas, Carmen Hilton, presidenta, Teresa Vásquez-McCullough, presidenta de la Coalición Latinoamericana, Ann Schrader y Sara Spencer.

### Mensaje del Padre

Rev. VICENTE H. FINNERTY, C.M.

### Es Pobre nuestro Dios

**H**ERMANOS Y HERMANAS, NUESTRO Dios es pobre. Se acerca la Navidad cuando recordamos que Jesús nació de una mujer, de una virgen, pobre y en un pesebre. Sí, nuestro Dios es pobre. "Aprendan de mí que soy un pobre" (Mateo 11, 29).

Nuestro Dios-Cristo fue humilde. Trabajó con sus manos. Al final de su vida no tuvo ni casa: "Los zorros tienen madrigueras, y los pájaros del cielo tienen nidos, pero el hijo del hombre no tiene dónde reclinar la cabeza" (Mateo 8, 20). Por eso, hermanos y hermanas, nuestro Dios es libre.

No amó lo que a nosotros nos encadena: el poder, el honor, la riqueza. Amó lo que a nosotros nos haría libres: el bien, la justicia, la misericordia, la naturaleza, el hermano. Amó a su Padre. Pobre, como es, nuestro Dios ama lo pequeño, lo sencillo, lo olvidado, lo humilde, lo limpio, lo genuino.

El apego a la riqueza es como la grasa: mancha. La pobreza es como el jabón: limpia.

Es difícil nuestro Dios pobre, nuestro Dios limpio, nuestro Dios sin oro, nuestro Dios libre para la persona con sed de todo lo que encadena, con predilección por lo que brilla, por lo complicado.

Por eso muchas persona sienten la tentación de presentar a Dios y a su madre también ricos; de cargar de oro sus templos y sus imágenes; de vestir de seda a sus ministros; de ceder el primer puesto ante quien posee un mayor trozo de poder.

Pero nuestro Dios no cambia, nuestro Dios es pobre y amigo de los pobres. Nuestro Dios es de los libres, de los que saben amarlo todo sin que se les quede nada entre las manos.

Hermanos y hermanas, esta Navidad Dios se nos llega como Pobre y como Salvador. Desde su pobreza y pequeñez nos salva, nos libera de lo que nos encadena, nos hace libres para el amor. En este tiempo de Adviento, la Iglesia nos anima a que imitemos su pobreza y pequeñez, librándonos de lo que ata, llegando a ser el bien, la justicia, la misericordia, la luz para todos nuestros hermanos.

## Sacerdote belga trabaja para liberar a inocentes de prisiones

LIMA, Perú (CNS) — Un sacerdote belga que ha vivido en el Perú durante varios decenios trabaja ahora para el gobierno, tratando de hacer que se liberte a los inocentes de la cárcel.

"Yo estaría dispuesto a desayunarme con el diablo si fuera necesario para sacar sólo a una persona inocente de la cárcel", dijo el Padre Hubert Lanssiers, de la Orden del Sagrado Corazón. "Lo que me hace tener noches de insomnio es el pensar que podríamos pasar por alto a una persona inocente que terminaría pasando el resto de su vida en la prisión".

El Padre Lanssiers, que es un defensor incansable de los derechos humanos, ha sido asesor extraoficial sobre derechos humanos del Presidente Alberto Fujimori durante los años recientes.

Se creó una comisión especial a tenor de la nueva Ley No. 26655 del Perú para revisar los casos de las personas declaradas culpables que aleguen ser inocentes de los delitos relacionados con el terrorismo en la lucha continua del Perú contra la subversión. El trabajo de la comisión involucra la evaluación de cerca de 700 casos tales, que comprenden a prisioneros peruanos.

En agosto último, el sacerdote aceptó la invitación del presidente para

representar al poder ejecutivo en la comisión.

Durante más de 20 años, él fue capellán de prisiones en varias cárceles de Lima, incluyendo a la de Castro Castro, la prisión de seguridad máxima de Lima, y El Frontón, ahora cerrada, una prisión isleña donde el anterior gobierno del Presidente Alan García Pérez (de 1985 a 1990) sofocó un motín en 1986 bombardeando la prisión y matando a cientos de guerrilleros maoístas del Sendero Luminoso.

Antes de aceptar la designación por parte de Fujimori, el Padre Lanssiers se las arregló para obtener que los tribunales peruanos revisaran los casos de cientos de prisioneros inocentes, asegurando la liberación de casi 200 personas, como director de la Comisión de Diálogo.

Los grupos de los derechos humanos en el Perú y en el extranjero sitúan la cantidad de personas acusadas injustamente de actividades terroristas en un aproximado de 700. El gobierno alega que podría haber 200 personas inocentes encarceladas, pero el Padre Lanssiers dice que los números no importan.

"No existe la justicia si hay sólo una persona inocente en la cárcel", dijo el sacerdote.



# Nuestra Iglesia: ¿un sueño o una realidad?

Por OLGA PARRA

**L**A IDEA DE CONSTRUIR NUESTRA PROPIA iglesia con un centro adyacente para los hispanos residentes en Charlotte y sus alrededores es un reto. Y digo que es un reto **primero** porque la comunidad hispana está formada de inmigrantes, unos con muchos años de vivir en este país están ya organizados y asistiendo a iglesias de parroquias americanas, otros recién llegados o con pocos años de vivir aquí, solos o con familias están comenzando a establecerse y **segundo** porque estamos hablando de un proyecto de gran magnitud en donde tendremos que poner juntos una serie de factores que harán de este sueño una realidad.

Definitivamente no va a ser fácil, pero siempre será posible, especialmente porque cuando hablamos de la comunidad hispana, hablamos de una comunidad trabajadora, entusiasta, positiva y determinada. Sí, determinada de hacer de ese sueño.....una realidad.

Posiblemente antes hubo la idea de hacerlo pero nunca se cristalizó. Hoy ha surgido la idea y trataremos de llegar a nuestra meta. Si consideramos el gran crecimiento de la población hispana en los últimos años, veremos que ahora un centro, una iglesia es una necesidad.

Necesitamos una iglesia donde además de reunirnos semanalmente a orar y celebrar el Día del Señor y otras festividades religiosas, sea el lugar donde podamos recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Primera Comunión, la Confesión, el Matrimonio. Con la variación de culturas de cada país celebraremos los Santos patronales, Misas de quinceañeras y presentaciones de los niños al Señor. Un lugar donde los niños reciban sus clases de catecismo y donde los jóvenes y adultos se sientan libres de expresar sus inquietudes y a lo mejor encontrar solución a sus problemas, un lugar donde los niños que están semana tras semana encerrados en apartamentos puedan correr al aire libre como si fuese propio de ellos, un lugar finalmente donde podamos unirnos todos y encontrar esa paz espiritual que solamente viene de Dios.

Vivo aquí en Charlotte desde hace más de 30 años y he asistido a Iglesias como San Vicente, Santa Ana y San Mateo por lo tanto tengo una idea de cuanto cuesta construir un salón grande y una iglesia — contribuciones, colecta semanal, trabajo, tiempo y esfuerzo.... — pero lo han hecho. Así es que volviendo a la realidad y observando el deseo inmenso de los hispanos de tener su propia iglesia, pienso que vale la pena empezar a trabajar en este proyecto, que nunca podrá llevarse a cabo con una sola persona sino que va a ser la expresión de un trabajo de comunidad.

He podido ver semana tras semana como los jóvenes y adultos de los diferentes países hermanos han venido trabajando fuerte con la idea de recoger fondos para la construcción de la iglesia. Y así he podido ver la venta de comidas después de la Misa los domingos, la kermesse que tuvo lugar hace unas semanas, el kiosco con venta de comidas

en el festival latinoamericano en el Mint Museum, la rifa de una camioneta. Todo eso es TRABAJO, TIEMPO, ESFUERZO Y BUENA VOLUNTAD con la única idea de cristalizar un sueño: NUESTRA IGLESIA.

Hemos podido recoger algún dinero, no lo suficiente para empezar la construcción, pero sí hemos logrado animar y envolver mucha gente en el proyecto incluyéndome a mí. Ahora siento que quiero anunciar a grandes voces que no es un sueño.... que va a ser una realidad. Trabajando todos juntos sentiremos que esta iglesia es más que un edificio, que es la labor de todos unidos. Recordemos que la iglesia somos nosotros.

**T**AL VEZ LO QUE MÁS ME HA afectado, fue la presentación de los planos de la iglesia que el comité de construcción presentó al consejo. Allí vi el amor, el deseo grande de seguir con estos proyectos. Nos contaba la arquitecta María Guerrero, que de paso les diré está haciendo una labor maravillosa, que pidió ideas a la comunidad y todo el mundo respondió, unos con ideas de una catedral, otros, más realistas tal vez, con un centro en el que podamos tener nuestra celebración semanal y al mismo tiempo usarlo para muchas actividades. También expresaron el deseo de tener unos campos donde puedan participar

en deportes, un parque para los niños y hasta un lugar de meditación con una gruta de la Virgen.

**M**ARÍA NOS DECÍA QUE ELLA SINTIÓ mucho apoyo de la comunidad con sus diferentes ideas, con el deseo grande de ayudar y hasta con la comida que la han traído mientras ella trabaja en el Centro Católico Hispano preparando los planos y la maqueta que presentaremos a la Diócesis en abril de 1997. Ya la diócesis tiene un terreno, que tenemos la opción de comprar, así es que hay algo de realidad.

¿Podremos realizar nuestro sueño? No lo sé, pero yo sé que en Charlotte hay gente muy buena y generosa y con Dios no hay nada imposible. También tenemos al Padre Vicente al frente y él quiere mucho al hispano y seguirá luchando por nosotros. Su entusiasmo es contagioso y cuando a veces vacilamos él nos alza la moral y nos da ánimo. Un día el obispo Curlin dijo algo muy cierto en una de nuestras Misas, “Creo que el Padre Vicente es un regalo de Dios para empezar estos proyectos”. Estoy convencida que tenemos un camino muy largo y costoso, pero lo que he visto hasta hoy me ha animado mucho y seguiré adelante... no sé el tiempo que nos tome, pero si lo logramos, lo disfrutarán nuestros hijos o tal vez nuestros nietos. Será una misión cumplida.

## Obispo dice que gobierno aumenta conflicto militar en Chiapas

ANTIGUA, Guatemala (CNT)— El Obispo que dirige la Comisión Nacional de Mediación de México dijo que el gobierno está aumentando el conflicto militar en el estado meridional de Chiapas.

Monseñor Samuel Ruiz García, Obispo de San Cristóbal de las Casas, en Chiapas, dijo que el 60 por ciento del ejército mexicano está acuartelado actualmente en aquel estado mexicano.

“En algunos lugares hay 17 soldados por cada residente”, dijo él. “Y el ejército tiene una función nueva: Está desempeñando un papel político y no sólo un papel militar. No es un ejército que está allí solamente para patrullar, sino que con todos sus armamentos refinados, incluyendo tanques, está intimidando a la población”.

Monseñor Ruiz dijo que el gobierno de México “no estaba dispuesto a dialogar; ha habido una decisión para disminuir al mínimo las cosas que pueden ser concedidas ... ésa es la razón de que las pláticas se hayan estancado”.

El prelado agregó que el gobierno “cree que el país está bajo control, y así no habrá más cambio que lo que el gobierno decida conceder”.

Monseñor Ruiz dijo que el gobierno y los zapatistas, cuyo levantamiento armado de 1994 estremeció al mundo, se hallan muy separados sobre los asuntos fundamentales.

“Ellos continúan siendo dos enemigos que se hablan”, dijo él, “pero no hay noción para buscar el acuerdo común”.

El Obispo hizo sus comentarios el 10 de octubre, durante una reunión ecuménica en Antigua, a la que asistieron dirigentes protestantes y obispos católicos de toda la América Central y de México.

Monseñor Ruiz dijo que el ejército mexicano “ha descubierto que la fuerza fundamental del Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional (EZLN) no está en sus armas, sino antes bien en su base social. De modo que el ejército permanece en Chiapas para cortar cualquier relación entre la población civil y el ejército zapatista”.

El Obispo agregó que, en el norte de Chiapas, “el conflicto ha sido inducido por actores” en connivencia con el gobierno, que ha “introducido una violencia arbitraria destinada a justificar el regreso del ejército, que había sido retirado después de la presión social”.

## NOTICIAS DE CHARLOTTE

**Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia** — El próximo domingo, 17 de noviembre, se celebrará la festividad de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia—Patrona de Puerto Rico— en el Centro Católico Hispano de Charlotte. Comenzará con la Santa Misa a las 10:30 de la mañana. Después de la Misa habrá una comida típica puertorriqueña donde se podrán saborear diferentes platos criollos y compartir en hermandad la alegría de la fiesta.

**Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe** — Comenzando el 6 de diciembre hasta el 14 de diciembre se llevará a cabo una novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe en preparación para su fiesta. La novena comenzará a las 7:30 de la noche en el local del Centro Católico de Charlotte. Se invita a toda la comunidad para que se una en oración y meditación demostrándole así su amor a nuestra Madre.

**Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe** — El 15 de diciembre, en el Centro Católico de Charlotte, se celebrará la fiesta de Nuestra Señora la Virgen de Guadalupe, Patrona de México y de las Américas. Comenzará temprano en la mañana con las tradicionales “mañanitas” a la Virgen, seguido de la celebración de la Santa Misa a las 10:30. Después de la Misa habrá una kermesse donde se podrá disfrutar de diferentes platos típicos mexicanos y de muchas actividades para grandes y chicos.

**Posadas al Niño Jesús** — Del 16 hasta el 24 de diciembre, comenzando a las 8:00 de la noche, se llevarán a cabo en el C.C.H. de Charlotte las Posadas navideñas. Esta es una celebración tradicional de México, Centro y Sur América. El día 24 de diciembre se celebrará la Misa de Noche Buena a las 8:00 PM. Después de la Misa se celebrará el sorteo de una camioneta Dodge Dakota 1997. Se están vendiendo papeletas para esta rifa por una donación de \$10.00 por cada una. Lo que se recaude será para el fondo destinado a la construcción de la iglesia.

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## La marcha latina impulsa protección a derechos de inmigrantes



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Los participantes de una asamblea por los derechos y el reconocimiento de los latinos se alinean en una cerca próxima a la Casa Blanca el 12 de octubre. Veinticinco mil personas desfilaron en el acontecimiento de Washington, llevando mensajes que pedían la protección para los inmigrantes.

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — “¡Despierten, Estados Unidos! Esta es su familia latina!” dijo el Representante al Congreso Federal Ed Pastor, demócrata por Arizona, mientras se dirigía a una multitud de 25,000 personas que marcharon hasta la Casa Blanca el 12 de octubre para impulsar la protección de los derechos de los inmigrantes.

Pastor, presidente del Grupo Congresional Hispano, se unió a los inmigrantes latinos, a los activistas de los derechos humanos y a los representantes de los grupos latinos de todo el país en Washington. Ellos respondieron a un llamado nacional para manifestarse en la estela de un sentimiento contra los inmigrantes cada vez mayor en el país.

El llamado a la asamblea procedió de la Coordinadora '96, un grupo recién creado con sede en Los Angeles. Juan José Gutiérrez, director del grupo, dijo que está formado por un millar de organizaciones activistas latinas pequeñas en los Estados Unidos.

Los manifestantes representaban a una amplia diversidad de intereses hispanos. La multitud comprendía delegaciones de Nueva York, Chicago,

Los Angeles y Arizona; partidarios enmascarados de los zapatistas mexicanos; trabajadores de origen maya de una planta de procesamiento de pollos afectada, de Morganton, Carolina del Norte; partidarios de Gloria La Riva, candidata socialista a la vicepresidencia de los Estados Unidos; y representantes del Centro Católico Hispano, administrado por la Arquidiócesis de Washington.

El Representante a la Cámara Federal Luis Gutiérrez, demócrata por Illinois, y otros miembros del Grupo Congresional Hispano, también participaron.

La plataforma de la asamblea pedía la amnistía para los inmigrantes que hayan llegado antes de 1991, un jornal mínimo de \$7 por hora, atención a la salud y enseñanza para todos los niños, y la creación de comisiones de ciudadanos para juzgar los casos de presunta brutalidad policiaca.

Aunque la asamblea fue notable por la diversidad de los intereses hispanos representados, las organizaciones hispanas nacionales veteranas, tales como la Coalición Puertorriqueña Nacional y el Consejo Nacional de La Raza no apoyaron a la marcha.

**Consejo Pastoral** — El consejo pastoral está formado por un grupo de personas elegidas por la comunidad que, con el Director, ayudan a tomar decisiones y planean las diferentes actividades del Centro teniendo en cuenta lo que es más conveniente para la comunidad. El consejo se reúne normalmente el tercer viernes de cada mes. Todos son bienvenidos a estas reuniones.

**Pequeñas comunidades** — Los grupos de pequeñas comunidades eclesiales de base están formados por personas comprometidas que visitan

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## Grupos Pastorales del Centro Católico Hispano de Charlotte

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tomar parte en este ministerio son bienvenidos.

**Comité de liturgia** — Está formado por personas que trabajan en los diferentes ministerios de la Misa como son los lectores, los miembros del coro, los encargados de las colectas y los ministros de hospitalidad. Los que quieran formar parte de uno de estos ministerios deben comunicarse con los coordinadores de las Misas, los sábados a las 7:00 PM y los domingos a las 10:30 AM y 7:00 PM.

**Educación religiosa** — Este año el C.C.H. cuenta con un programa

completo de Formación de Fe, que incluye niños desde cinco años de edad hasta adultos.

**Actividades sociales** — Existe un equipo de voluntarios que se dedica a cocinar y vender comidas de diferentes países después de las Misas. El dinero que se recauda es para ayudar a los fondos del Centro. También existen voluntarios que ayudan en la preparación de las fiestas y actividades del Centro.

Las personas interesadas en formar parte de alguno de estos grupos pueden llamar a la oficina del Centro al (704) 335-1281.



# Entertainment

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "The Adventures of Pinocchio" (1996)

Charming tale about a kindly puppet carver (Martin Landau) whose enchanted wooden puppet (voice of Jonathan Taylor Thomas) yearns to become a real boy, but who must first learn not to lie and pass through several dangers before he can make his wish come true. Director Steve Barron nicely blends the live cast with the impressively lifelike animatronic puppet for a luminous storybook look, although there are a few scary moments for preschoolers. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**

### "Boys" (1996)

Dull adolescent fantasy in which a troubled prep school lad (Lukas Haas) falls for a young woman (Winona Ryder) in trouble over a stolen car and a missing baseball player. Written and directed by Stacy Cochran, the dragged-out proceedings invite little interest and less sympathy for the

would-be rebel teen or his aimless rich girlfriend. Sexual situations and references, crude expressions, profanity and an instance of rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Cold Comfort Farm" (1996)

Suddenly destitute in the 1930s Depression, a crisply optimistic London socialite (Kate Beckinsale) moves in with a near-dozen gloomy, eccentric relatives on a dilapidated farm, turning all their lives upside down and right side up in short order. Director John Schlesinger's sprightly comedy of manners deftly pokes fun at rich and poor alike in a delightfully wacky send-up of life on the farm. Brief sexual innuendo and an instance of profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**



CNS photo from Paulist Pictures

Maura Kelly (right) stars as Dorothy Day with Martin Sheen (left) as Peter Maurin in the Paulist Pictures production "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story." The film recounts the life of the woman who founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Maurin.

### Dorothy Day Movie's Box Office Performance Slow To Date

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story" has yet to crack Variety magazine's list of top 60 movies since its debut in New York and Los Angeles in late September. And to make the top 60, all a film has to do is pull in about \$50,000 a week. Paulist Father Ellwood "Bud" Kieser, who first met Dorothy Day at the Second Vatican Council and produced "Entertaining Angels" about her life, told Catholic News Service the movie's box office performance has thus far lagged behind "Romero," which he produced six years ago. "But we're not raising the white flag," he said. Indeed, "Entertaining Angels" is opening in six new cities Nov. 15 and eight others Dec. 6.

## Secrets & Lies

### Film Captures Emotion Of Reconciliation

NEW YORK (CNS) — A family is forced to confront its hidden secrets in the British import, "Secrets & Lies."

The story is set in motion by Hortense (Marianne Jean-Baptiste), a black optometrist whose foster mother has just died.

Curious to know about her origins, Hortense finds her birth records and learns she was given up for adoption by a white woman.

When she phones the woman's number, Cynthia (Brenda Blethyn) answers but at first doesn't want to meet the caller.

She eventually does and soon the serious, well-educated Hortense and the lonely, working-class Cynthia become friends, with the older woman taking a motherly interest in the younger.

At home, Cynthia has a surly grown daughter, Roxanne (Clair Rushbrook), whom she fears will wind up an unwed mother as she did and constantly hectors with unwanted advice about "safe sex."

Cynthia's brother, Maurice (Timothy Spall), is a successful commercial photographer who has a nice suburban home with cranky wife Monica (Phyllis Logan) and no children.

Maurice decides to host a party for Roxanne's 21st birthday and decides to bring Hortense along as a friend.

But the truth will out and when it does, it unleashes a torrent of pent-up emotions that brings the family's secrets and lies to the surface, where they can be honestly dealt with.

Written and directed by Mike Leigh, the movie is a series of rich character studies which are intertwined with great dramatic impact in the family gathering, which opens the way for reconciliation.

The central situation of Hortense's developing relationship with Cynthia is carefully contrived and emotionally convincing.

Interspersed with this are isolated scenes showing the other members of the family in characteristic activities which are fully understood only when all the characters come together at the birthday party.

It is an intricate drama of little human moments, perfectly captured by the actors and striking viewers with their emotional truth.

After being immersed in the flawed humanity of these various characters, viewers will not easily forget the pain of their self-deceits and the hope that comes from understanding others.

Because of sexual situations and references, much domestic tension and occasional rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

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## People In The News

### Priest In Scotland Named Britain's "Preacher Of The Year"

ABERDEEN, Scotland (CNS) — At the end of Mass, the congregation of St. Mary's Cathedral burst into spontaneous applause. It was their way of acknowledging the honor bestowed on their parish priest, Father Bill Anderson, who a few days earlier had been named Great Britain's "Preacher of the Year." The Scotsman had beaten competition from hundreds of clergy of all denominations to win the award at London's Southwark Cathedral.

### Cardinal Ordains Former Anglican Clergy, Some Married

LONDON (CNS) — Marriage and ordination are two sacraments that can enhance each other, Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster said as he ordained 11 former Anglican clergymen — four of them married men — to the Catholic priesthood. In the Nov. 1 ceremony at Westminster Cathedral he told the men and their families that the ordination was "God's will," although he stressed that celibacy was still normative for Latin-rite Catholic priests.

### Scholars Present Research On Next Co-Patron Of Europe

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Theologians and historians met to present their research on St. Adalbert of Prague in preparation for his proclamation as a co-patron saint of Europe. "In April of next year, Pope John Paul II plans to add St. Adalbert to the ranks of the patron saints of Europe, joining St. Benedict, who was named patron of Europe by (Pope) Paul VI in 1964, and Sts. Cyril and Methodius, whom the pope proclaimed co-patrons of Europe in 1985," said Thomas E. Bird. A member of the Roman Catholic-Eastern Orthodox Theological Consultation and director of the Program in Slavic Studies at Queens College, City University of New York, Bird was part of the American delegation to the Oct. 29-30 conference on St. Adalbert in Kaliningrad, Russia, the town where tradition holds he was martyred at the end of the 10th century.

### Retired Bishop McCormick Of Scranton Dead At 88

SCRANTON, Pa. (CNS) — Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, who participated in the Second Vatican Council as bishop of Altoona-Johnstown and then headed the Scranton Diocese for 17 years, died Nov. 2 at Mercy Hospital in Scranton following an illness. Bishop McCormick,

who was 88, retired in 1983 as head of the Scranton Diocese and had been living since then at the cathedral rectory and had maintained a limited schedule.

### Time Columnist Praises Catholic School Nuns For Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic schools get too little credit for teaching their students to reach far in life, writes *Time* magazine columnist Margaret Carlson in the December issue of *Catholic Digest*. "The nuns I had for 12 years of school in Pennsylvania made the life I came to live possible," Carlson said in an essay adapted for the national monthly magazine from a Sept. 23 article she wrote for *Time*. "The nuns were single-mindedly devoted to the task of enlarging our minds and saving our souls in the belief that we were all God's children; the doctor's daughter and the pipefitter's son; the 150 IQ and the dyslexic."

### The Christophers Sponsor Poster Contest

NEW YORK — The Christophers invite all high school students to enter their 7th Annual Poster Contest, with prizes totaling \$2,000. To enter, each artist must illustrate his or her interpretation of the theme, "You Can Make a Difference."

The Christophers, a non-profit organization, uses the print and broadcast media to encourage individuals of all ages and faiths to use their unique abilities to effect constructive change.

Last year's contest drew more than 1,700 entries from public, private and parochial high schools throughout the country. Winning works included a wide assortment of paintings, drawings and collages interpreting the theme in original ways.

All students in grades nine through 12 are eligible to enter. Posters must be 15 by 20 inches and include the statement, "You Can Make a Difference." They will be judged on overall impact, effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality and artistic merit.

Eight prizes will be awarded, with a first prize of \$1,000. The entry deadline is Jan. 31, 1997, and winners will be announced on April 18. All posters become the property of The Christophers and cannot be returned.

For complete contest rules, contact *The Christophers, High School Poster Contest, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 759-4050.*



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Beverly Holt holds up her grandparent's wedding picture to show her grandmother, Julia Jonis, at a citizenship ceremony. At 99, Jonis became a U.S. citizen after help from Catholic Charities proved she had lived in the country nearly her entire life.

### At Age 99, Lithuanian-Born Woman Realizes Dream Of Citizenship

WORCESTER, Mass. (CNS) — For 99-year-old Julia Jonis, what once was a dream is now a reality.

After coming to the United States from Lithuania 98 years ago, Jonis became a citizen in an October ceremony at the University Commons Nursing Care Center in Worcester.

Four generations of her family looked on and sang "God Bless America" after she was handed her citizenship papers.

Holding the document in her shaking hands, she kissed it and said, "Thank you ever so much. I've been waiting for this so many years."

Citizenship brought Jonis her first opportunity to vote in a presidential election this year, and the director of the city Elections Commission was on hand to register her to vote immediately after the ceremony.

## BMHS Students Work With St. Leo School, Volunteer At Election Precincts

WINSTON-SALEM — Eight Bishop McGuinness High School students spent a recent afternoon working with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at St. Leo's School assisting the St. Leo's students with a political project that was part of a four-week integrated unit coordinated by History teacher Mary Lou Schline.

Schline explained that this political studies integrates unit math, history, language arts, computer and science. The middle school students have been conducting polls, creating campaign slogans, writing speeches and discussing political topics.

BMHS students assisted the St. Leo's students with speeches they were preparing for a school assembly. Each student was to represent a political candidate. BMHS students shared information about their candidate's platform, experience and mannerisms; helped them identify and articulate issues; and critiqued their speeches.

Schline found the involvement of BMHS students to be "a wonderful help" and beneficial for younger students to see the enthusiastic interest the other students have in politics.

On Election Day, more than 30 Bishop McGuinness students who were members of the Harvard Model Congress delegation and Mock Trial teams

worked at election precincts on behalf of pro-life candidates. The project was suggested by Ann Bagnal, Forsyth County Chairperson of Helms For Senate, and was coordinated by Student Council President Allan Huebner.

BMHS students volunteered hundreds of hours during the campaign on behalf of pro-life candidates, making phone calls, stuffing envelopes and participating in the Oct. 19 Walk For Victory. Faculty moderator Mike Streich said participation is "an excellent way for our students — the future leaders of our nation — to live out their commitment to the values we teach in the classroom."

Harvard Model Congress President Ryan Southern expressed the impact of political involvement for himself and his peers: "Real leadership starts with a Christian world view and that means integrity as well as not compromising your morals."

### International Adoption Meeting

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte presents an informational meeting on international adoptions of children from Russia and China Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. For more information, call (704) 343-9954.

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# Forsyth Career Center Opens Doors To Catholic School

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

Correspondent

WINSTON-SALEM — Every school day, Sean Kenney leaves Bishop McGuinness High School's campus. He's not cutting classes—just going to another one located at the Forsyth County Career Center down the street.

Kenney, along with seven other BMHS students, is part of a unique program where students take advanced courses at the special center operated by the city-county school system. This is the first year private-school and home-school students have been permitted to enroll in classes there.

In order to participate in the program, the students had to rearrange their schedules and sign up for classes not offered at their school. They are responsible for getting to and from school each

McGuinness students must attend classes even when their school has the day off.

Kenney is currently enrolled in an advanced psychology class at the center. Other students chose such courses as electronic music and landscaping.

"I really enjoy my class," said Kenney, a senior. "My teacher is great." Kenney compares his psychology class to a college course. "You're left on your own to keep

up with the course work. It's a good opportunity to get ready for college," he said.

In order to make his class on time, Kenney leaves his history class five minutes early. He gets the homework assignment for that class from a friend later. For Kenney, it's a slight inconvenience, but worth the effort.

While the Career Center has offered a variety of advanced and technical courses to Forsyth County students for years, this is the first year BMHS students have participated.

"There's been an ongoing effort to bring Bishop McGuinness into this program," explained Carol London, guid-

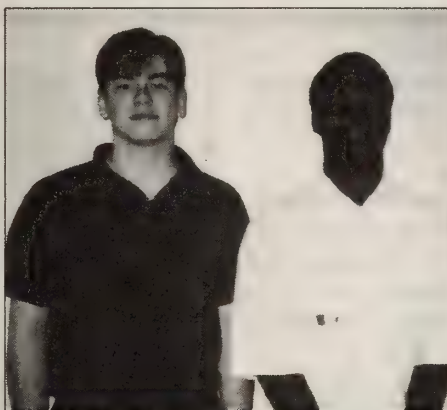
ance counselor at the school. "This has been a project of mine for 11 years."

London said when Don Martin became the new public school superintendent, the project went from the dialogue stage to reality. "Martin had always worked closely with the Catholic schools in Kentucky, where he

was superintendent. He very much believes in making schools a community effort that includes Catholic schools."

In addition to Martin's open attitude, Bishop McGuinness had a dedicated advocate working on its behalf. Steve Huebner, then the home-school president, maintained the dialogue with Martin which eventually led to the school's inclusion at the Career Center. "Steve really deserves the credit," said London.

Private and home-school students, like their public school counterparts, are not charged tuition for courses taken at the center. The public school system benefits from having these students take the courses because it is allocated state money for each student enrolled at the center. The center offers far more advanced-placement classes than are available at any individual high school. It is hoped that more Bishop McGuinness students will enroll in courses there in the coming years.



Ben Walker (left) and James Clark also enjoy taking classes at the center.



Jeannie Karagiannis, Scott Johnson, Tim Hennie, Sean Kenney and Brent Burke take classes at the Career Center.

day and for keeping up with course work at both locations. The challenge can be formidable. Some courses at the Career Center begin as early as 7:15 a.m. Others are held during some students' lunch periods or overlap a few minutes with their regular classes. And Bishop



ACC Commissioner Gene Corrigan, center, with BMHS students Glenn McNairy, left, and John Coyne, right.

## ACC Commissioner Joins in BMHS Golf Marathon

WINSTON-SALEM — Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Gene Corrigan participated in Bishop McGuinness High School's third annual Golf Marathon on Oct. 28. Contestants played 100 holes of golf at Homestead Golf Club in Wallburg. Preceding the event, golfers solicited more than \$9,000 in sponsored contributions.

The Golf Marathon is an annual fund-raising event organized by the BMHS Athletic Booster Club.

Corrigan was one of many individuals who, along with a host of businesses, supported the event. Before being named ACC Commissioner, Corrigan served as athletic director at the University of Virginia and at Notre Dame University. He is the father of six children and the uncle of BMHS alumnus and former basketball Coach Jim Corrigan.

## Employment Opportunities

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Abbey Celebrates Feast Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe

BELMONT — The monks of Belmont Abbey will host a liturgical and social celebration on Dec. 12 to commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas. Benedictine Father Lawrence Willis will offer Mass at the Abbey Church at 7 p.m. and will deliver the homily in Spanish. A social follows in Maurus Hall.

For information, call Benedictine Brother Paul Shanley, subprior, (704) 825-6696.

### Christmas Bazaar And Auction

CHARLOTTE — St. Thomas Aquinas Church presents its annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Silent auction is Dec. 8 from 8-11:30 a.m. Proceeds go to the parish building fund for a new Family Center.

### Book Of Life

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., offers spiritual adoptions of grandparents and unborn babies. The *Family Book of Life* is available in the Adoration Chapel to anyone wishing to pray for those threatened by euthanasia and abortion. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### Third World Dinner

MINT HILL — The Outreach Committee of St. Luke parish presents its 6th Annual Third World Dinner, an evening of awareness and challenge, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Society of the Holy Child Jesus Sister Margaret Rogers and Father Joseph Nietlong of the Duduguru Mission in Nigeria are guest speakers. Admission is \$1. For more information or reservations, call the parish office, (704) 545-1224.

### Church Practices Discussed

WINSTON-SALEM — St. Joseph's House presents "Early Church Practices for Today," a discussion on how the monastic life of the early Church affects

us today, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Donations appreciated. To register, call (910) 722-0028 or 722-7001.

### Winter Festival And Craft Show

BELMONT — Queen of the Apostles Church presents a holiday craft show and spaghetti dinner Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For details, call Mary Ruttenbur, (704) 263-5919.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — Our Lady of Grace Church continues its adult education series with "The Marian Congregation," a session led by Marian Father David Lord, Nov. 26 from 7:30-9 p.m.

### Parish Mission

STATESVILLE — The St. Phillip the Apostle parish mission, "Celebrate Jesus in Your Lives and in Your Homes," hosted by Sacred Heart Father Bob Charlton and Gloria Anson, is Dec. 8-12. Daily services are at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is 9 a.m. Dec. 6 until 9 a.m. Dec. 7. For information, call Sally Falls, (704) 876-3097, or the church office, (704) 872-2579.

### Christmas Craft Fair

CHARLOTTE — The 2nd Annual St. Gabriel Parish PTO Holiday Craft Fair is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The parish Men's Club will also be selling Christmas trees on site.

### Memorial Masses Celebrated

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for parents who have experienced the loss of a child or children is Nov. 17 at St. Gabriel Church at 2:30 p.m. A reception follows.

A Mass for people who have lost their spouses is Sunday, Nov. 24 at St. Gabriel at 2:30 p.m. A reception follows.

### Annual Unique Auction

MONROE — The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Lourdes Church presents its annual "Unique Auction" Nov. 24 in



MINT HILL—More than 60 parishioners and guests recently enjoyed St. Luke Church's annual Italian Night, which included a buffet, music, prizes and dancing.

Photo by Stephen Uzzell

the church hall. To donate a gift, call Mary Ellen Spohn, (704) 283-0055, or Mary Onisick, (704) 233-5737.

### High School Inquiry Program

MOORESVILLE — St. Therese Church hosts an informational meeting for high school juniors and seniors on Catholic colleges and universities and campus ministry 1:30 p.m. Nov. 24 in the multi-purpose room. For more information, call the church office, (704) 664-3992, or (704) 664-7762.

### Habitat Fund Raiser

GREENSBORO — Greensboro's Catholic churches present a dinner-dance Nov. 23 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall to raise funds to build a home for Habitat for Humanity. Cost is \$25. For reservations, call Renate Bunker, (910) 545-6246; Jennie O'Hara, (910) 299-4109; or Suzi Johnson, (910) 282-1344.

### Youth Ensemble Presentation

WINSTON-SALEM — The Holy Family Youth Ensemble presents "Arise, O My People," a program including music, testimonials and Scripture, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

### Jesuit House of Prayer Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — "Come be with Us" is a Nov. 22-24 weekend retreat for recovering alcoholic men in AA.

Jesuit Father Gene McCreesh conducts "The Dawn from on High Shall Break Upon Us," a Dec. 6-8 Advent retreat for men and women.

For information and reservations, contact The Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-7366.

### CCHS Presents Comedy

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School presents "If a Man Answers," a three-act comedy, Nov. 21 and Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are available at the door, \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

CHARLOTTE — The south Charlotte area Ultreya meets every fourth Sunday at St. Matthew Parish Fellow-

ship Hall from 1-3 p.m. Potluck lunch, meeting and Leaders' School are included.

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

MORGANTON — Ultreya for the Morganton/Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited 11:40 a.m. Wednesdays at St. Leo the Great Church in the convent chapel.

### Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother Mondays at 8:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For information, call Eva at (704) 542-1614.

### Caroling Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo Church caroling party for parish shut-ins is Dec. 19. Meet at the activity center at 5 p.m. for a picnic supper. Call Elizabeth, (704) 760-1046, for information.

### BMHS News

WINSTON-SALEM — Bishop McGuinness High School presents its fall play, "Bacchus of Torinith," Nov. 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. at Philo Middle School. Admission fee will be charged.

The next BMHS Alumni Association meeting is Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

### Golden Agers

LINCOLNTON — The Golden Agers group of St. Dorothy Church meets the fourth Wednesday each month and welcomes new members. For information, call Christine Kiser, (704) 435-4813.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



HAYESVILLE—The CCD class of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church celebrated Halloween with the residents of Clay County Care Center. The students dressed as and told the stories of their favorite patron saints. Father Edmund Kirsch, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, celebrated Mass with the group.



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### Marriage Prep Programs Work But Need Strengthening

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Marriage preparation programs instituted in Catholic dioceses and parishes across the country work but need strengthening in some critical areas, according to diocesan family life directors speaking at a workshop on marriage preparation issues. Two of the key issues that need to be addressed better, speakers said, are cohabitation before marriage and two-career families. About 25 bishops attended the workshop in Washington, a prelude to their fall general meeting Nov. 11-14.

### Athletes Improper Behavior Is Learned, Ethicist Says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The suspension of 13 Boston College football players for placing bets on college and pro football and major league baseball games says a lot about what college athletes have learned from watching others, according to one ethicist. "The myth is that students are amoral or don't have values," said Kathy Shellogg, a lecturer in leadership studies at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. "My experience is that they are copying our own behavior." The Boston College suspensions were announced Nov. 6, just four days after the Jesuit-run college had begun an investigation. Rumors about players placing bets had surfaced the week before.

### Dismissal Of Decency Language In NEA Funding "Regrettable"

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The head of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights called it "regrettable" that a federal appeals court has struck down decency standards for works by recipients of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. "It's one more indica-

tion that our governmental authorities ... are willing to accede to the most irresponsible segments of the artistic community," William Donohue said two days after the Nov. 5 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. But Georgetown University Law School professor David Cole, who handled the case for free on behalf of four NEA-funded artists and a coalition of 100 arts organizations, said the court ruled properly in keeping federal funding from being contingent on what he said were political considerations.

### Bishop Says Inmates Were Denied His "Spiritual Comfort"

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) — Bishop Walter J. Sullivan of Richmond expressed outrage after Virginia prison authorities refused to let him celebrate Mass and administer the anointing of the sick to three Catholic prisoners on death row. "I am outraged that actions by prison authorities would deny those on death row soon to be executed even spiritual comfort and forgiveness," the bishop said in a Nov. 1 letter to Ronald J. Angelone, director of the Virginia Department of Corrections. David Botkins, a spokesman for the corrections department, said Bishop Sullivan's visit coincided with a routine lockdown of prisoners, but could be rescheduled.

### Bodies Of Three Spanish Marists Found In Refugee Camp In Zaire

MADRID, Spain (CNS) — The bodies of three Spanish Marist brothers working in a refugee camp were found Nov. 8 in the town of Bugobe, Zaire, said a statement from the order. It was not immediately known how the three brothers died, but murder by armed thugs in the region of Bukavu is suspected, the statement said. Brothers Servando Mayor, 44, of Hornillos del Camino; Julio Rodriguez, 40, of Pinel de Arriba; and Miguel Angel Isla, 53, of Villalain were confirmed dead by the Catalan Marists.

### Central Americans Honor Pope With Esquipulas Peace Prize

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has been awarded the Esquipulas Peace Prize by leaders of the six Central American Congresses for his work in favor of reconciliation and solidarity among different peoples. The award was made Nov. 9 in San Salvador during the third meeting of the Forum of Presidents of Central American Congresses and was received by Archbishop Manuel Monteiro de Castro, papal nuncio in El Salvador.

The papal nuncio said that the tribute represents "the high regard and immense affection felt by the Central American people for the pope."

Pope John Paul visited Central America earlier this year for the first time in over a decade.

### Officials To Take Circumspect Approach To Theologians

ROME (CNS) — The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is taking a more circumspect approach to its monitoring of theologians, congregation officials said. Viewed by some as a nemesis of creative theological thought, the congregation is reforming its procedures to better insure the rights of theologians who come under its review, said Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, secretary of the congregation. At the same time, the congregation wants to avoid imposing a single type of theology when it acts to protect the integrity of church teachings, said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the congregation. Cardinal Ratzinger and Archbishop Bertone spoke at a one-day workshop at Gregorian University in Rome Nov. 8. Archbishop Bertone said that one of the changes foreseen is an "advocate for the author," named by the theologian and his bishop, during the second phase of the examination process.

### Vatican, Israel Stress Peace To Prepare For Jubilee Pilgrims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Israel is working at high speed to prepare to welcome 5 million Christian pilgrims in the year 2000, while acknowledging that the tourist boom won't occur without peace, an Israeli tourism official said. Shabtai Shai, director-general of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, was in Rome Nov. 6-7 for meetings with Vatican and Italian officials. The central appointment of his trip was a meeting with Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, head of the Vatican's central planning committee for the year 2000.

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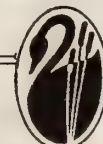
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**HAYESVILLE** — Even in the farthest western reaches of what is now the Diocese of Charlotte, Catholic history in North Carolina dates back more than half a century.

Catholic priests sporadically celebrated Mass in the remote mountain areas as early as the 1930s. However, Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh suspended their visits in 1953 because of the considerable distance the priests had to travel from Waynesville — the seat of the westernmost parish in North Carolina at that time.

The Glenmary Home Missioners arrived in the mountains in 1954, and in December of that year Bishop Wa-



ters established a parish comprising three counties: Cherokee, Clay and Graham. Glenmary Father Joseph Dean became the first resident pastor of the area, and celebrated his first Mass in Hayesville in early 1955.

Meanwhile, in nearby Murphy, a church dedicated to St. William had been constructed in 1952. Established as a mission of St. John parish in Waynesville, the Murphy church would go on to attain parish status itself. With Father Dean as its pastor, St. William assumed pastoral care of several missions, including the one in Hayesville.

As the Catholic community continued to grow in Hayesville, so did that of the Glenmary Missioners. Bishop Waters brought Glenmary Sisters to the area in the mid-1950s to assist in social work, religious instruction and home nursing. They established what would later be called Good Shepherd Home Health Service (later still the Good Shepherd Home Health and Hospice Agency), and in 1959 moved into a former motel-restau-

rant to set up their home, chapel, office and clinic there.

The chapel became the site for regularly celebrated Masses in Hayesville.

The sisters were certified by Medicare in October 1966 to carry on the work of their nursing service. Glenmary Sisters continued to staff the agency until the mid-1970s, when the diocese assumed responsibility for it.

In 1969, construction of an addition to the chapel began. Bishop Michael Begley of the newly created Diocese of Charlotte blessed the addition in May 1972.

During the years following, more and more Catholics — most from Florida — moved to Cherokee and Clay counties, especially from the mid-1970s on. Bishop Begley recognized the need for an increase in worship space for them and the growing local Catholic population, and in 1983 he approved plans to build new churches in both Hayesville and Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berguin,

members of the Hayesville congregation, donated more than five acres of land on which to build a church in town. Groundbreaking took place in February 1984 and by year's end, the new Immaculate Heart of Mary Church had been constructed. Bishop John Donoghue was the principal celebrant at the dedication Mass in July 1985, with Father Robert Healy, former pastor; Father T.J. Meehan, then-pastor; and Father Frank Ruff, president of the Glenmary Home Missioners, concelebrating.

In June 1988, diocesan priests began their pastorate of

St. William Church in Murphy and its mission, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hayesville. Church life in both towns has continued to thrive since then.

Father Edmund Kirsch was appointed pastor of the churches in 1991. In addition to a number of commissions and ministries which serve the area, Father Kirsch notes that members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary congregation offer their time at the Good Shepherd agency and at the Mountain Home Nursing Service. They are involved in a variety of community projects as well. In addition, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has given a parcel of land — donated by a parish in Illinois that the land had been willed to — where a home for a needy family was built.

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## Charlotte Mass Celebrates Life Of Cardinal Bernardin

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

CHARLOTTE — Calling him a "bridge builder" and "true man of God," Bishop William G. Curlin Tuesday night celebrated a Memorial Mass in honor of the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin at St. Patrick Cathedral. The 68-year-old Chicago archbishop died of cancer Nov. 14.

"Cardinal Bernardin was a man of grace, patience, wisdom, love and courage. He had the gifts of the Spirit which bring people together in Christ," Bishop Curlin told the more than 125 people gathered.

"There was something truly Christ-like about the cardinal. You could see him at meetings, concelebrate the Eucharist with him, or even have a casual conversation, and you knew that you were in the presence of a man who believed Jesus is Lord and Savior," the bishop added.

Born in Columbia, S.C., Cardinal Bernardin was the only man to have served as both general secretary and president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference. He learned this August that his cancer had recurred in his liver and was inoperable.

During his final months, Cardinal Bernardin continued to champion humanitarian causes. Only days before he died, he penned a letter to the U.S. Supreme Court pleading for justices to reverse two lower-court decisions that would legalize physician-assisted suicide.

"Cardinal Bernardin told them, 'My suffering has value. I'm still a human being despite my suffering,'" Bishop Curlin said. "What a glorious sermon these past few months in his life have been, telling us no matter how difficult life is, no matter our weaknesses and suffering, we still experience the presence of God's love and grace."

Like Pope John Paul II's reconciliation meeting with his would-be assassin, Cardinal Bernardin befriended Steven J. Cook, who had accused the cardinal of sexual abuse as a teenager in Cincinnati. Cook later retracted his claim. "Cardinal Bernardin embraced his accuser and prayed with him, and communicated with him until the man's death," Bishop Curlin said. "What a powerful witness of real forgiveness."

Bishop Curlin also said he takes inspiration in the late cardinal's words. "I begin each of my priests' retreats with the words of Cardinal Bernardin: 'We as Christians are called to change the world. We are called to be tools of evangelization. Before doing this though, we must evangelize ourselves.'"

Bishop Curlin flew to Chicago early Wednesday morning to take part in Cardinal Bernardin's funeral later that day.

## Pope, Castro Discuss Church's Role, Papal Trip

By JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Opening a new chapter in Vatican-Cuban relations, Pope John Paul II and President Fidel Castro met to discuss a wider role for the Church in Cuba and a likely papal visit in 1997.

"Your Holiness, for me this is a great honor," Castro said with a slight bow as he entered the Vatican for the first time Nov. 19. The pontiff welcomed him with a handshake and led him into his office, where they spoke in Spanish without interpreters for 35 minutes.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Castro renewed his invitation to the pope to visit the island nation, home to 4.5 million Catholics. The pope accepted, and both men agreed they would try to make it happen in 1997, though no date was set.

Castro later told reporters the pope would be free to go where he wanted and say what he liked during the visit.

"I did not put any conditions on the pope and the pope did not put

See Vatican, page 12



Photo by JOANN KEANE

**Defenders of the Papacy.** Swiss Guards stand at full attention outside St. Peter's basilica. For consideration for two-year volunteer service as a Swiss Guard — and the responsibility to protect the pope and papal properties — the 19 to 30 year old men must be single, Catholic, and veterans of the Swiss Army.



# Buonvenito, Italia!

Fifty-eight travelers recently returned from a 10-day excursion to Italy with Father Mauricio West. Participants visited Rome — and experienced the weekly Papal audience — traveled to Assisi to pray in the church of St. Francis, inhaled the Florentine beauty, visited the basilica of St. Anthony in Padua before concluding the journey in magnificent Venice.



Father Mo West with Jenny Malatesta and Mercy Sister Timothy Warren in Assisi.



Maureen Baggata and Bob Tull relax with a gondola ride in Venice.

Photos by JOANN KEANE



Bob and Terri Otten along with Roseann Detommoso soak up the local culture.



Below left: A glass blower demonstrates his skill in Murano, an island famous for its glass artisans.

Below right: Father James Cahill celebrates Mass in a chapel inside the basilica of St. Anthony in Padua.





# Fueling The Fire In The Mountains

## 200 Catholics Find Common Ground For Uncommon Gifts

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

LAKE JUNALUSKA — Familiar faces were easy to spot, smiles were everywhere and an abundance of warm greetings surrounded the 200 Catholics who gathered at The Harrel Center for Fire in the Mountains '96. Nearly every parish and mission in the western region of the diocese — the Asheville and Smoky Mountain Vicariates — was represented in this third annual celebration of faith and fellowship held Nov. 16. This year's theme focused on finding and utilizing the variety of gifts among community members which the Spirit sends "for the common good."

In remarks to participants, Bishop William G. Curlin encouraged everyone to build the presence of Christ in others, and to use their skills to fulfill their ministries through a personal conversion to Jesus Christ.

Presentations by Dominican Sister Donna Ciangio of the National Pastoral Life Center in Chicago were supplemented by "witness" talks from parishioners throughout the region who exemplified the day's themes in their respective communities. The presentations were followed by small group discussions that promoted an interactive exchange of ideas and experiences.

Richard Wolf, recently appointed Coordinator of Faith Formation for the western region, was impressed with the enthusiasm of the participants, many of whom were attending for the third time. "It is fulfilling my best hopes. We have nearly doubled last year's attendance. We wanted more young people to attend and they are here," he said.

Wolf was most appreciative of all those involved in the planning process and encouraged by the dynamics of the day. "If people can work in small groups this easily, experience such a high comfort level and stay on the topic, they are already moving in the direction of building small faith communities," he said.



Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

Janet Hart leads an opening hymn during a prayer service.

Dr. Elinor Ford, last year's keynote speaker, welcomed the participants and offered them the example of the late Father Henri Nouwen as a guiding image for the day-long gathering. "Henri felt he had received more from these people whom the world said had no gifts to offer than he himself was ever able to give," she said. Citing from the Canadian priest's last book, *Can You Drink This Cup?*, published the week he died, Ford invited everyone to examine their own cup of life and the gifts it contained, to raise it confidently, and to drink from it courageously "so that God can fill it again with grace and love for the world."

Sister Ciangio, who worked full-time with the Renew program since 1981, presented various approaches to

the challenge of surfacing the gifts to a larger group. Citing recent statistics indicating that one in four Americans belongs to some group (most often some form of support group), Sister Ciangio stressed the need to move beyond the "gas station" mentality of church. She described such people as "driving up to get nourished, paying for the service and driving off again, without ever getting the notion of being a member of a parish community."

Sister Ciangio referred extensively to a study conducted by Notre Dame University two years ago. It revealed that, while half of parishioners do experience their parishes as communities, 39 percent of Catholics still have an individualistic notion of religion.

Despite all of the factors creating resistance to a more communal experience of church, Sister Ciangio has confidence in the strength of the movement in this direction, not only in the American Church, but around the world. She is especially heartened by the cumulative "wake up call" effect of programs that invite conversion and growth like Renew, and the gradual implementation of the Catechumenate throughout the Church. But she questions whether many parish communities are really prepared for new members who have experienced the Catechumenate.

"Do they have a sense of responsibility for helping the faith development of these new people? Is there some way to channel people into existing groups in the parish that will help them continue their growth and development?" she asked.

## New Administrator Plans To Take Things 'One Day At A Time'

CHICAGO (CNS) — Though Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin is gone, his spirit, his vision and his administration will continue "one day at a time," according to the newly elected archdiocesan administrator, Auxiliary Bishop Raymond E. Goedert.

In accordance with the requirements of the Church's Code of Canon Law, Bishop Goedert was named archdiocesan administrator by the 12-member Archdiocesan College of Consultors on Nov. 14, the day Cardinal Bernardin died.

"It's hard for me to know what day today is," Bishop Goedert said Nov. 15. He had slept only in cat naps over a difficult two days that included visiting with and praying for Cardinal Bernardin, grieving his loss, addressing local and national media, and working with and consoling fellow archdiocesan officials and staff.

The 69-year-old Bishop Goedert, who described himself as "a hardware man's son" when he was ordained a bishop in 1991, said that "people should not expect any big changes" in the Chicago Archdiocese.

"My job now is to keep the ship afloat," he told *The New World*, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper. "Anything that the cardinal had initiated, we will complete, but we won't be introducing any new changes."

Bishop Goedert is no stranger to leading the archdiocese. In June 1995, when he was vicar general, he was chosen by Cardinal Bernardin to oversee the running of the archdiocese while the cardinal was suffering from his first bout with cancer.

Bishop Goedert expressed a deep gratitude for the lessons he learned from the way Cardinal Bernardin handled and accepted his death.

The outpouring of support and prayers from religious leaders of all faiths is a testament to Cardinal Bernardin's impact, the bishop said.

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

### November 24

11 a.m.

Mass

St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### December 1

3:30 p.m.

Ecumenical AIDS Healing Service

St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### December 2

Memorial Mass for

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin  
Atlanta

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says Catholic-Orthodox Divide Hurts Splendor Of Christianity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The spiritual richness of Christianity cannot shine with its full splendor while Catholics and Orthodox remain divided, Pope John Paul II said.

In a series of Sunday talks since early in the summer, the pope has been proposing to Catholics various traditions and practices of the Christian East that could enrich their own faith lives.

In his Nov. 17 Angelus address, Pope John Paul addressed leaders and members of the Orthodox churches: "To our Orthodox brothers and sisters I would like to express my intense desire to undertake together, with renewed trust, the journey toward unity.

"I know that they, too, deeply feel this need," he told several thousand people who stood in the rain in St. Peter's Square for the midday event.

The pope told the crowd that one of the most obvious clues to the rich faith tradition of Eastern Christians is seen in "the sense of mystery which emerges from their icons."

For hundreds of years, Christians in the East and West have worked to place art at the service of faith, he said.

"But from the East, where icons had to be defended with blood during the iconoclastic crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, there arrived a particular summons to jealously preserve the religious meaning of this art," the pope said.

Contemplating an icon, along with participating in the liturgical and ecclesial life of the Christian community, helps people grow in their experience of God, he said.

"The spiritual riches of the church — of East and West — cannot shine in all their splendor before the eyes of modern men and women without this witness of full reconciliation," he said.

### Pope Urges Action In Zaire Crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Moments after inaugurating a World Food Summit in Rome, Pope John Paul II urged international leaders to turn their words into action for an estimated 1 million hungry refugees

in eastern Zaire.

Echoing widespread frustration among church and relief officials, the pope criticized as inexcusable the delays in sending food and medical supplies to the isolated camps, many of which were recently overrun in ethnic fighting.

The world must send relief "without delay," the pontiff told a general audience at the Vatican Nov. 13.

"How can one remain indifferent toward people who have been pushed to the limit, while they could be receiving urgently needed food and medicine stocked up in great quantities not far away?" the pope said.

He said the inaction was an offense to the lives and dignity of African refugees, and thus "an offense to God."

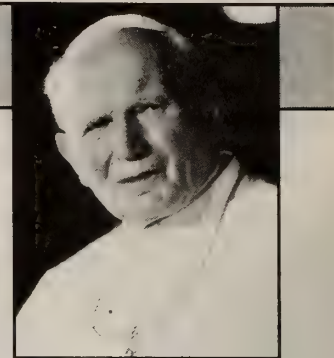
"No uncertainty, no pretext, no calculation can ever justify additional delays in humanitarian assistance!" he said.

The pope's remarks came as several major countries, led by Canada, were preparing to assemble a four-to-six-month mission aimed at guaranteeing the free flow of relief in the region. Negotiations were continuing about whether and under what circumstances the multinational mission could use force.

"This is a drama that is constantly present in my soul," he said. The pope has personally visited Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi and has made countless appeals for ethnic reconciliation in recent years.

He recalled that church workers have been among those who have shed their blood in efforts to improve the situation in Zaire. An archbishop and three missionary brothers were killed after fighting began there in late October.

The pope prayed that their sacrifice and that of other victims would help defeat forces of hatred and "help bring about in the beloved continent of Africa an era of mutual respect and brotherly welcome."



## Guest Column

Father John C. Aurilia

### Thanksgiving:

#### The Who And The What Of Our Thanks

In one of my favorite books, *The Giving Tree*, Shel Silverstein tells the story of the relationship of a boy and a tree.

For a long time, the boy and the tree enjoy fun time together. As the boy grows older, the tree shares its gifts to satisfy the needs of a maturing young man — apples for eating and money, branches for a house, a trunk for a boat.

After a while, the tree is reduced to nothing more than a discouraged, lonely stump. One day, the boy, now a tired old man, returns to the tree to be told, "I have nothing left to give you." The old man replies, "I don't need very much now, just a quiet place to sit and rest." Can you imagine the stump straightening itself up with joy as it discovers renewed love and caring.

I like to think of Thanksgiving as a total giving, including our failures and accomplishments. It is worthwhile to mention the story behind Ernest Hemingway's title, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," which is based in part on the works of John Donne, the great religious poet of the 17th century. Donne had been thinking of the custom of ringing the church bell on the occasion of the death of a native. Often people came running to find out who had died, to discover for whom the bell

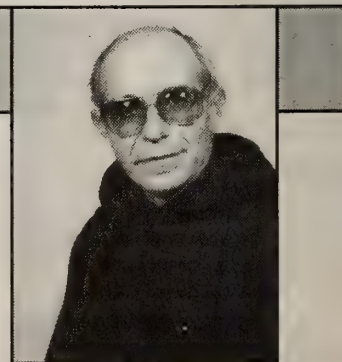
was tolling. Donne's remark about this custom was: "No man is an island, entirely of himself; every man is a piece of the continent; a part of the mainland... Any

man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." A beautiful reminder of the gift of life.

By reading the Bible, we learn that failure is as important as success. With an open heart and mind, we discover some important hints: we should expect some failures and yet be thankful; we learn from failures and therefore should be thankful. Don't give up because of failures, for they are important for success. There is a success without succeeding many times in our Christian journey.

Thanksgiving, after all, is to be thankful for what we have and are, not for what we don't have or are not.

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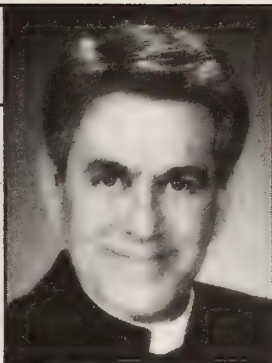
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### A Voucher For Quality Education

Ever since elementary and high school classes resumed in New York City public schools in September, officials have been wrangling over John Cardinal O'Connor's offer to help ease the city's unparalleled overcrowding in city classrooms. The Cardinal offered to take the lowest performing students into Catholic schools where there is a proven track record of success.

The debate that followed was predictable: public versus private education, state and church separation, financing issues, etc. What gets lost in the flurry of headlines and sound-bytes is, of course, the fundamental question of what makes a school good.

Any good school is a moral universe, a place where students will learn ethics and citizenship — if they are inspired to do so by leaders who compel their attention. If a school wishes to teach its young that they are responsible for one another and to a wider society, and that privileges carry obligations, it must operate according to these ideals. And these ideals are evidenced first and foremost

in the teacher.

What do we expect of the "ideal teacher"? Well-known educator, Dr. Charles B. Conant, set down five major qualifications: A good teacher must (1) have a contagious enthusiasm for the subject being taught, (2) regard teaching as a joy — which means enjoying time spent with students, (3) have a passionate interest in their development, (4) know the subject well enough to stimulate great effort from pupils: and (4) possess the teaching skills necessary to relate successfully to students.

When asked the secret of successful teaching, Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish writer and historian replied: "Be what you would have your pupils be. All other teaching is unblessed mockery."

That is precisely the method of effective teaching in both private and public education. But in Catholic schools the unrivaled example of the best teacher is Christ. Even if we should presume to use Dr. Conant's criteria as a measure of Jesus' performance as a teacher, He would receive high marks indeed.

Clearly, Peter and the other apostles

caught His enthusiasm. When He said, "Follow me," they followed. Finding joy in their company, Jesus prayed to the father: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me...so that they may have my joy made more complete." (Jn. 17: 6, 13)

Again addressing His father, Jesus revealed His passionate interest: "The glory that you have given me, I have given them, so that they may be one as we are one." (Jn. 17: 22) Jesus certainly stimulated His pupils to great effort. After Peter's first preaching effort some three thousand were baptized in one day.

Did Jesus have the skills necessary to relate successfully to His pupils? When Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to Him in search of the mystery of life, he acknowledged, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do

apart from the presence of God." (Jn. 3: 2)

Through the ages, even those who do not accept Jesus as Lord and Savior recognize Him as one of the world's great teachers. For those who do accept Him, Jesus is not only the teacher, He is the lesson.

And because of Him, others will be able to look at us and our schools and see both good teachers and followers of Christ in our contagious enthusiasm, the spirit of joy in our hearts, passionate interest in the welfare of all our sisters and brothers, and outstanding skill in relating successfully to one another.

As Jesus is what He teaches us to be, so may we be what we would have others be.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "For Our Children," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The *Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Reconciliation After Abortion

Q. Several years ago I wrote to a priest about this matter, but he didn't respond. I'm not sure why.

I hope I can somehow get through it this time. Years ago I had three abortions, which my doctor recommended very firmly since my ex-boyfriend was a heroin addict.

I was young and afraid, but I have never forgotten it nor can I get over wondering, "What if — ?"

I could never express how I wish it never happened or how I could change things. I am now the mother of three beautiful children, and when I look at them I only wish there were six.

Am I forgiven or am I lost or am I still a Catholic? I hope so.

After all these years I'm not sure what I should do. I am sorry and afraid.

A. I wish you had some idea of the number of women who are in the same lonely and unhappy situation you are. It may at least help to know that you are not alone in your remorse over past abortions.

What you have done is a terrible violence against the gift of life, which you obviously realize, but God, the Church and the sacraments are there waiting for you to come home.

There may be some sort of parallel here between abortion and divorce. Having heard so forcefully the Church's position on the permanence of marriage, some Catholics came to believe that once

divorced, even apart from remarriage, one was out of the Church forever.

Similarly, many who have had abortions believe there is no way back to God or faith.

It's clear you will never be happy until you are once again united to your Church's worship and sacraments, beginning with the sacrament of reconciliation.

There are many parishes and priests close to where you live. Pick one you don't know if you wish, perhaps one you

have heard will be gentle and welcoming, look up the times for confession and come back. You have waited long enough.

Q. My question is about the words "Thy kingdom come" in the *Our Father*. They seem to imply that the kingdom of God is in the future, at least after we die. However, our priest recently spoke in a homily about the kingdom being here now, and quoted Jesus saying the "kingdom is among you."

This is probably too trivial a question, but which one is right? I'm not even sure I know what the kingdom of God is.

See Dietzen, page 13

## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Finding Blessings In Our Shepherd's Last Days

The death of Cardinal Bernardin is a painful and inspiring reminder of a family ordeal we experienced a few years ago. Andrew's uncle Jimmie, who at the time of his death in 1992 was Archbishop of Atlanta, had been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Jimmie faced his impending death with great dignity and courage. Like Cardinal Bernardin, he continued his duties caring for the archdiocese until his strength would no longer allow it. He encouraged us by his example to face this family transition with faith. Jimmie's advice was to not get caught up in worry and fear over his dying. In retrospect we see very clearly how our willingness to watch him accept death in peace and hope, and to pray constantly allowed his death to become transforming for us and our family.

We are reminded of Jesus in the garden when He told his friends to "watch and pray." Yet they faltered in sleep. Too often we found ourselves in a slumber of fear, worry and even anger. Too often our prayers were demands for a miracle and an insistence that "this cup" was God's mistake.

However, Jimmie's peaceful acceptance of his dying was a powerful example for us to follow. So often in his life he had shown us through his example how to live in faith; during the last days of his earthly life he showed us how to die in faith.

Walking that journey with Jimmie in constant prayer and watching his physical deterioration took us into a deeper journey with God. Looking back we see how we are different because of

this. Our lives have been irrevocably changed because our faith has been deepened.

In a similar way our shepherd, Cardinal Bernardin, said to his flock, "Watch and pray" as he faced his transition with courage and dignity. We had watched him over the years as he reached out to us with encouragement and affirmation. We knew true leadership through his openness and hospitality, and his willingness to say, "I don't know the answer" and "I'm sorry." We had heard him say, "I love you." By his leadership our experience of Church was richer and more hospitable.

We knew so well that this was not a time to slumber in worry. Nor was it a time to fear what the future may hold for us. This was a time to pay close attention to the living example of a man who had gifted us with a spirit of collaboration and loving leadership; a time to let go of our anxieties and to trust in God.

In the final days of our shepherd's earthly life, we remained steadfast in our faith in the risen Christ who has shown us through His own example a sweet victory over death. And though we don't know what the future holds for this flock, we know that through this faith journey with our brother Joseph, we will never be the same. Our lives will be transformed by faith. We are so very blessed!



## 1996 Fall Meeting Decisions At A Glance



### YOUNG ADULTS

Approved "Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults," designed to address spiritual and pastoral issues.

### SACRAMENTARY

Gave their OK to final two segments of the Sacramentary as proposed for use throughout the English-speaking world. Goes to Vatican for approval.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Approved norms for Catholic higher education, titled "Ex Corde Ecclesiae": An Application to the United States."

### ECONOMICS

Approved a set of principles that emphasizes making economic decisions based on moral principles that protect the poor and vulnerable.

### TV MASSES

Approved a set of guidelines for televised Masses, favoring the broadcast of live Masses over prerecorded ones.

### COMMUNION GUIDELINES

Approved guidelines that appear in missalettes for receiving Communion, bringing them into conformity with current church law and directives.

### FUNERALS

Approved adaptations in funeral rites when cremated remains are present.

### MILLENNIUM

Agreed to provide \$1 million to fund the bishops' office for the celebration of the Third Millennium.

### BUDGET

Ratified a \$43.4 million 1997 budget for the NCCB-USCC.

### TREASURER

Elected Green Bay Bishop Robert J. Banks as the new NCCB-USCC treasurer.

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These major decisions were made by the U.S. bishops during their annual fall meeting in Washington Nov. 11-14

## Bishops Approve Catholic Education Norms

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops Nov. 13 overwhelmingly approved a major new document governing Catholic higher education in the United States. After years of controversy and struggle over what at times appeared to be irreconcilable differences over the relationship between bishops and Catholic colleges and universities, the bishops approved the document by a vote of 224-6. Wide support has gradually emerged for the document as well in the Catholic academic community. Until about two years ago many leading figures in that community had been deeply suspicious that any such document would undermine cherished commitments to academic freedom and institutional autonomy that they considered essential to their institutions' survival and credibility in the world of American higher education.

## Presentation of Mary



Stories from the apocryphal gospels tell of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, presenting their 3-year-old girl at the Temple. It is said that in thanksgiving for their first and only child, the couple left Mary there to reside and to dedicate herself to a spiritual life. The feast is marked Nov. 21.



Archbishop Theodore McCarrick closes his eyes in prayer during the last session of the U.S. bishop's fall meeting Nov. 14 in Washington.

## Bishops Approve Modified Guidelines For Communion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops approved new guidelines for receiving Communion, modifying them from the floor to address their concerns about members of the Orthodox Church receiving Communion in Catholic churches. The guidelines were approved on a voice vote with just one bishop's audible dissent Nov. 14, the last day of the bishops' fall general meeting in Washington. Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., convener of the joint committee that drafted the guidelines, urged throughout debate for their placement in missalettes used in Catholic churches. The revised guidelines, Archbishop Lipscomb said, would more closely conform to canon law and Pope John Paul II's exhortation on ecumenical cooperation, "Ut Unum Sint."

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# Entertainment

## Space Jam

### Feature-Length Cartoon Is Creative Yet Simple Fun

NEW YORK (CNS) — It's superstar athlete Michael Jordan to the rescue when the Looney Tune characters get in a jam — a "Space Jam" (Warner Bros.).

The movie is a madcap mix of animation and live action, blended well enough to make the elements come together in a frolicsome fusing of cartoon chaos with helpful humans.

Bugs Bunny (voice of Billy West) and his pals are in a bind, having agreed to a crucial basketball match. If they lose, they must relocate to the boring distant planet their animated alien opponents come from.

Most unfairly, to ensure victory, the sneaky aliens have simply stolen the talents right out of the bodies of top NBA basketball stars. But they overlooked basketball's best, former NBA genius Jordan (playing himself), who left the game to explore his baseball potential.

And so Jordan finds himself sucked into Looney Tune Land where such crazy critters as Daffy Duck, the Tasmanian Devil, Tweety Bird, Sylvester, Porky Pig, Elmer Fudd and Yosemite Sam want to continue to live — if Jordan will lend his helping hands.

Newest Looney team member Lola Bunny (voice of Kath Soucie) has Bugs bug-eyed and the game is on.

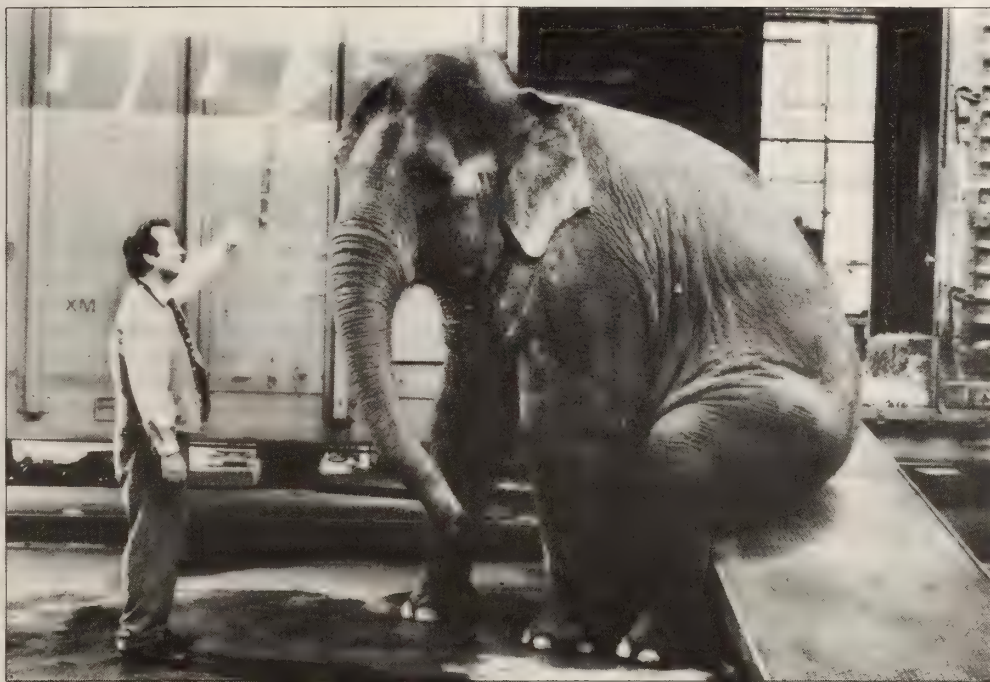
As directed by Joe Pytka, the movie zooms along its zany path and there is virtually no awkward pairing of cartoon and real characters. Jordan looks comfortable in the role and the script incorporates his real-life love for his late father into the story line convincingly.

The mostly computer-generated animation is bright, colorful and more dimensional than the usual flat-looking cartoons.

Although the various state-of-the-art visual effects may be highly sophisticated, there is simple, unsophisticated fun to be had from this creative, feature-length cartoon.

Only the customary presence of frequent cartoon violence prevents it from being appropriate for children of all ages.

Due to some comical cartoon violence, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



Motivational speaker Jack Corcoran (Bill Murray) attempts to coax Vera into boarding the Kansas City bound train in "Larger Than Life." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Faust" (1994)

Playfully absurd fantasy in which a man (Petr Cepek) finds himself in a Prague theater playing the role of Faust, sometimes on the stage or in a medieval setting but most often in a marionette version, all of which inevitably ends with Mephistopheles (again Cepek) claiming his soul. Writer-director Jan Svankmajer's Czech production is a surrealistic blend of live action, puppetry and clay animation but the traditional story gets lost in a welter of shifting scenes and bizarre images with Faust as a contemporary Everyman bumbling his way through a mythic world of good and evil. Sparse dubbed dialogue. A demonic incantation, some bawdy humor and sexual innuendo. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Independence Day" (1996)

Compelling sci-fi thriller in which huge alien spaceships level three American cities before the president (Bill Pullman), a computer whiz (Jeff Goldblum) and a Marine pilot (Will Smith) mount a last-ditch effort to disable the spacecraft's impenetrable shields. Director Roland Emmerich's patriotic-themed disaster flick is powered by an action-packed storyline, spectacular special effects and sympathetic characters who provide some human dimension to the proceedings. Intense depiction of massive destruction but little gore, brief sexual innuendo and minimal profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cau-

tioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Kazaam" (1996)

Trashy comic fantasy in which a 12-year-old brat (Francis Capra) and a 5,000-year-old genie (Shaquille O'Neal) tangle with some nasty thugs running a rap-music racket, after which the boy reconciles with a father he hasn't seen in 10 years as well as the man his divorced mom plans to marry. Directed by Paul Michael Glaser, the witless proceedings are noisy, the characters are generally unlikable and there's nothing magical about the clumsy special effects. Stylized violence, menacing situations, domestic tensions, coarse language and a profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Mrs. Winterbourne" (1996)

After surviving a train wreck, an unwed pregnant teen-ager (Ricki Lake) is mistakenly thought to be the widowed daughter-in-law of a wealthy matron (Shirley MacLaine) whose son (Brendan Fraser) promptly falls in love with his bogus sister-in-law. Director Richard Benjamin's sappy mistaken-identity tale fills this contrived Cinderella story with cardboard characters and cheap sentiments. A live-in relationship, fleeting violence, recurring profanity and minimal rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for chil-

dren under 13.

### "The Pallbearer" (1996)

Comic misfire about a well-meaning wimp (David Schwimmer) who's persuaded to eulogize a high school classmate he doesn't even remember, then is seduced by the deceased's grief-stricken mother (Barbara Hershey), though he's only interested in wooing a former classmate (Gwyneth Paltrow). Directed by Matt Reeves, the script gives trite treatment to the personal crossroads faced by the title character and his twentysomething pals. Fleeting bedroom scenes, recurring profanity and an instance of rough language. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Phantom" (1996)

The comic-book jungle hero of the title (Billy Zane) is a mysterious masked figure who sets out to prevent an evil millionaire (Treat Williams) from securing three magical skulls which have the power to rule the world. Directed by Simon Wincer, the fantasy adventure is set in the 1930s and features a colorful collection of dashing heroes, mustachioed villains and desperate damsels in distress. Some stylized violence and frequent menace. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



# Rediscovering the spirit world in Advent

By Father Lawrence E. Mick  
Catholic News Service

Jean Auel writes often of the spirits and totems embraced by different tribal groups in *The Valley of the Horses*, her best-selling novel about early humans at the end of the last ice age. Though her writing is fiction, Auel is probably correct in believing that primitive humans were concerned about the spirit world.

Every known culture seems to have some sense of spiritual realities beyond what humans can see and touch and control. In diverse ways, all humans seem to think about the spiritual, talk about the spiritual, seek to commune with the spiritual and call upon spiritual beings for help.

While recognition of a spiritual realm may be universal, the way that the spiritual is envisioned varies greatly. Some of the deepest human questions concern how the spiritual should be understood, and how the

spiritual and material worlds are related.

A critical question is how big a gulf there is between the spiritual and material realms.

One approach identifies the spiritual with the material world. Called pantheism, this view believes God is identical with the whole created universe. There is no gap at all.

In another approach, the material and the spiritual are completely opposed to each other. This view assumes that to become a spiritual person, one must shun the material world as much as possible. Such an approach tends to view the material world, especially the human body, as evil or at least as the main source of temptation.

A variation of this second approach can be found in a contemporary materialism that attempts to find meaning and happiness by dealing only with the material world. Here, nonetheless, the underlying assumption is that the material world has no spiritual component or connection.

Though both of these approaches have influenced Christians in various ways through the centuries,

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an authentic Christian worldview steers a middle course between them. This course is based on the fundamental fact that Jesus Christ, the Word of God, became flesh and lived among us.

Christians do not believe that the universe is God; there is a distinction between God and the world God created. But in Jesus, the created and the divine are joined inseparably and forever.

Jesus is both God and human, divine and created, spiritual and material. In him, we see God made visible. We hear God speak to us. We feel the

touch of God's healing power. We experience God's presence and power at work in our midst. We are drawn into the very life of God through the saving grace Jesus brings.

This is what we celebrate each year at Christmas — not just that Jesus was born 2,000 years ago, but that he continues to live in our midst. Christmas is a celebration of the incarnation, the enfleshing of

the Son of God.

In the Christmas season we celebrate the implications of this amazing truth: that God has become one of us so that we might become like God.

All the church's life and liturgy are ultimately based on the truth of the incarnation.

In worship, the church uses created things and people as the means to encounter God. A purely spiritualist approach is not Christian. Instead, water and oil and bread and wine play roles when people are initiated into the body of Christ. We use human words and actions to express and experience God's presence and power in our midst.

Though Christians sometimes have held a rather negative view of the human body, the liturgy always has incorporated the body into worship.

The body is washed and clothed at baptism, anointed in confirmation and fed in the Eucharist. The body also is anointed in ordination to ministry and in the sacrament of the sick. Reconciliation is expressed by an imposition of hands, and weddings speak of the physical union of husband and wife as a sign of God's union with us.

We also use our bodies to express our prayer and our worship. We stand and sit and kneel. We travel in processions and other forms of ritual dance. We bow and prostrate ourselves as signs of reverence. We kiss the cross on Good Friday and bless our bodies with holy water every time we enter and leave the worship space.

We share signs of peace with



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each other and wash each other's feet. We take the body and blood of Christ in our hands and into our bodies, the primary tabernacles where Christ wishes to dwell.

Advent is a good time to reflect on the wonder of the incarnation. The eternal Son of God took on our human form, forever linking the human and divine, the spiritual and material. God came to share our life so that we might share the life of the Trinity.

That is the wonder of the Christmas we now are preparing to celebrate.

(Father Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a freelance writer.)

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**This Advent, how can you adjust your focus in order to improve your preparations for Christmas?**

"I'd like to focus more on my family, on my parents and grandparents, not just my immediate family. I'd like to be more available to them to help them, not so much with gifts, but with my time and presence." — Antoinette Cheek, Greensboro, N.C.

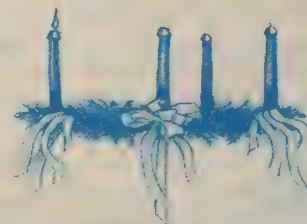
"Basically, slowing down my life, because I think that will help me focus on the importance of the Advent season and what Christmas is all about." — Sister Paula Nasenbeny, OSF, Lemont, Ill.

"To receive the sacrament of penance. I think that's very important to prepare for Christmas — to focus on God's forgiveness and to ask for forgiveness for the times we've hurt people, even inadvertently." — Ana Maria Middlebrook, Mission, Texas

"I could take a look at the spiritual aspects of Christmas and focus less on the gift-giving, commercial aspects of the season. We get so wrapped up in what we're giving, we forget why we're giving." — Denise Jawdy, Corry, Pa.

"I try to take my cue from the actions and life of Jesus Christ. Being generous with your time, money and talents is an everyday thing, but during Advent, keeping that orientation may be easier — because so many people are focused in that direction." — John F. Walsh, Westfield, N.J.

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## An astonishing thought for Advent

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

It starts with hunger in a belly that cannot fill itself. The limitation and needs which go with the territory of the human body are part of our experience from the beginning of our lives until the end.

To be sure, there are times for some of us when our bodies are a source of joy: strong, beautiful, immensely complex in organization and diverse in form.

There are more times, however, for more of us, when our bodies seem to betray us.

—Our arms are too short to reach the top shelf.

—Our face doesn't strike the desired chord in another's heart.

Reflection on the mystery of the incarnation, which we will celebrate at Christmastime — that God takes on our full humanity, including a finite human body — may provide us with an antidote to such an impulse.

Becoming human is the amazing way God entered into irrevocable communion with us. This is an astonishing

At times our bodies seem to betray us. We find fault with our appearance, our frailty. "Reflection on the mystery of the incarnation, ... that God takes on our full humanity," offers a way to turn frustration into hope.

assertion. And it suggests that in the limitations and glories of the body we can connect with the God who created us.

Because of our bodies, we share with the Lord himself the experience of a life charged with immense beauty and richness: the sight of a sunrise over a snowy winter field; the freedom and power felt when

our bodies respond to the demands of work; the heart-filling sound of our names on the lips of people who love us. In these and 1,000 other ways our bodies enable us to experience and share creation's goodness. They become signs of that goodness.

It would have been enough for God to save us from outside our humanity, stepping in only as our Creator. But through the incarnation, our salvation is accomplished from the inside.

On a real bad day, the difficulties our bodies pose for us can seem almost unlimited. No amount of theologizing will render the hard facts of pain and sickness and limitation easy to bear.

Vision still grows cloudy with age. Chronic ailments still impede us from doing what we long to do. Physical needs that can't be met still contribute to strained relationships in families and among nations.

But this Advent, try to remember the unimaginably deep bond which the incarnation forges between us and God. It offers a way to turn the pains and frustrations of human frailty into occasions of hope and signs of communion.

(Luby is the director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, and a free-lance writer.)

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's easy to welcome Advent, even if it isn't easy to carry out our plans — this year, again — to get ready for Christmas in an all-new way. Advent seems healthy!

For one thing, Advent urges us to live with expectation, anticipation. This church season gives us a push in the direction of hope — something it's hard to live without. It's good to feel we're looking forward to what comes next in our lives.

Of course, in Advent what comes next is Christmas. So the season sets a tone — proposing that we live as though wonderful things still await us, as if, yes, there is always something more to come, something to celebrate.

But Advent doesn't only set a future-directed tone. With its focus on the incarnation — God becoming one of us — it recasts our thinking about our "world": the people, work, concerns and activities that tend to absorb our energies.

By anticipating the incarnation, Advent reminds us to make time for recognizing and drawing out whatever is best about the "universe" we occupy.

Whatever causes us anxiety isn't the whole story. The fuller Advent story is that God not only hasn't abandoned us, but that God awaits us here and now at every turn.

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

## Salvation history: God's promise in human history

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

Abraham and Sarah were childless and quite advanced in age —eagerly "heir-minded" but definitely not "heir-conditioned" — when God told Abraham he would become the father of a people so numerous as to be beyond counting. This was the beginning of what we call "salvation history," the process by which God works out a plan to save humanity.

Scripture says that when Sarah overheard the messenger of God make the promise to Abraham, she doubled up with laughter. With the passing of each childless year, the promise seemed sadly more laughable.

### FAITH IN ACTION

Advent each year ought to be different since we ourselves are not the same, observes Passionist Father Isaias Powers in *Welcoming Christ, Daily Meditations and Prayers for Advent* (Twenty-Third Publications, Box 180, Mystic, Conn. 06355. 1996. Paperback, \$0.99; bulk-order discounts). During one meditation he imagines Jesus' mother saying: "Being born without sin is a gift ... I didn't deserve.... God deserved it!... You, too, have received a whole assortment of God-given favors at your birth ... bones that could grow, a brain that could learn.... If you develop gratitude for the good beginning God has given you, that ... is itself the first step of Advent."

Reflection: Father Powers suggests this Advent prayer during grace before dinner: "Jesus, make me more a giving person and less a griping person. And let me be more spontaneous in giving thanks for the uniqueness I was born with and for all the care that keeps me going. This way, I can thank you for your mother, too."

Abraham hoped against hope "that he would become 'the father of many nations'.... He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as (already) dead.... He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God." Abraham was convinced that what God promised, God was also able to do (Romans 4:18-21).

Abraham's faith paid off, and his trust was vindicated marvelously. He did have a son, Isaac, and salvation history was on its tumultuous way.

But bear in mind that salvation history is history nonetheless, and human history can be pretty messy at times. It involves people as well as God, flesh-and-blood human beings who can be weak, fearful, treacherous, prone to doubt God's love, to be skeptical that God's promises will be kept.

Moses undertook the leadership of a fractious people, convinced that God would lead them into a land of their own. When they were well on their way, Moses sent a body of scouts to reconnoitre the land. They returned with the disappointing report of strongly walled cities with fierce defenders.

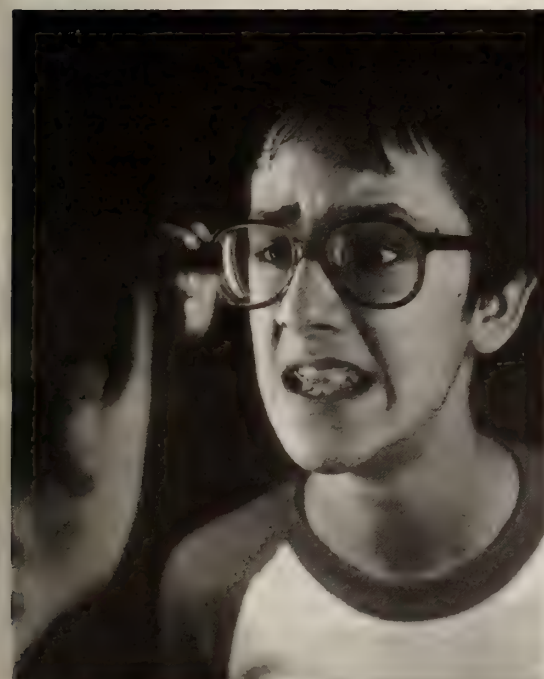
One scout, Caleb, was not so pessimistic. But in spite of his confident assurances that the people could take possession of the land, they believed the majority report and turned on Moses for leading them on a dangerous wild-goose chase. Moses could do nothing to dissuade them from turning away into a circuitous route, and the entrance into the promised land was delayed.

Undaunted by this disappointment, Moses continued to lead them, and eventually they entered Canaan and took it by a flanking movement. It was, after all, the promised land, and God, who had made the promise, fulfilled it spectacularly.

Centuries later, when the people were in apparently hopeless exile, God promised to bring them home. This was simply incredible but, as God told the prophet Ezekiel, "I have promised, and I will do it" (Ezekiel 37:14).

Which is just what God did!

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)



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—Sleep overcomes us when we need to be awake.

—Our knees grow stiff.

—Sickness or flaw or unmet desire mars our sense of success.

There is no doubt that we live "in the flesh" — no doubt either that our flesh, the bodily dimension of being human, is often experienced as burdensome.

And what bears more eloquent testimony to the reality of our bodily limits at this time of year than the transformation of the Advent season of holy waiting into a frenzied commercial festival of stress and fatigue, sore feet and headaches?

Whenever we are forcefully confronted by the weakness inherent in our bodily existence, we can succumb to the impulse to identify our true selves only with the spiritual and to disown our eminently finite bodies. Doing so, however, rejects not only the reality of who we are, but also the saving power of the incarnation.

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## People In The News



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Pope John Paul II releases doves from the central balcony of St. Peter's facade Nov. 10, closing 10 days of ceremonies marking his 50 years as a priest.

### Bishop Howze Loses Brother, Sister-In-Law In Fatal Accident

BILOXI, Miss. (CNS) — Albert O. Howze, the 72-year-old brother of Bishop Joseph L. Howze of Biloxi, died Nov. 12 at Providence Hospital in Mobile, Ala., as a result of injuries he suffered during a two-car accident in Mobile Nov. 9.

Howze's wife, 71-year-old Katie Lee Howze, and a family friend, 56-year-old Thelma Agnew, were passengers in his car and died at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the other car, 16-year-old Heath Dewrell, was treated and released from Mobile Infirmary.

Services for the Howzes were held Nov. 16 at Liberty Baptist Church in Mobile.

Bishop Howze, 73, was attending the Nov. 11-14 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington when he was notified of the accident.

He was at his brother's bedside Nov. 12.

### NCC Establishes Award To Honor Cardinal Bernardin

NEW YORK (CNS) — The National Council of Churches has established an award to honor Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, and named him as the first recipient Nov. 13, a day before he died of cancer in Chicago. NCC officers voted Nov. 11 to begin honoring "persons whose lives have shown dedication to the unity of people" with the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Common Ground Award. Carol Fouke, NCC spokeswoman, told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview Nov. 13 that the award had been presented earlier that day at the NCC's annual meeting in Chicago to Father Thomas A. Baima, director of ecumenism and interreligious affairs for the Archdiocese of Chicago, on behalf of the cardinal.

## Pope, Gorbachev Exchange Words Of Appreciation At Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev exchanged words of appreciation for the efforts each other made on behalf of justice.

The pope and the former communist leader, who was visiting Italy, met at the Vatican Nov. 18.

They had met twice, in 1989 and 1990, while Gorbachev was still president of the Soviet Union and was introducing political and economic reforms in his country.

"Your Holiness, I recall our first meeting here which led to the start of so many changes both inside and outside of the Soviet Union," the papal spokesman quoted Gorbachev as telling the pope.

"I must show you my high esteem for your words then — and still now — about justice in the world, freedom and your efforts to keep this world more united," Gorbachev said, according to Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the spokesman.

The pope responded by thanking Gorbachev for visiting again and praised the efforts he had made to reform communism before the Soviet Union splintered apart.

"With your words of that time, you wanted to underscore the trend toward change — not so much in what form justice would take, but in the very substance of justice," Navarro-Valls quoted the pope as saying.

The pope also told Gorbachev, "I recall with great affection that you were the first to invite me to Russia."

At that point, Navarro-Valls said, Gorbachev interrupted the pope saying, "I am still very hopeful that we will see each other there."

The idea of a papal trip to Russia frequently is mentioned at the Vatican, but always with the understanding that Vatican relations with the Russian Orthodox Church would have to improve before the visit would be possible.

As with their previous meetings, Pope John Paul and Gorbachev also exchanged gifts.

The former Soviet leader left with another set of papal medals, which change each year.

"Your gifts are very important to me," Navarro-Valls quoted Gorbachev as saying. "When there is a museum of 'perestroika,' these gifts will hold a prominent place."

"Perestroika" was the Russian word used to describe Gorbachev's policies of liberalization and gradual openness to the West.

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STAMFORD, Conn. (CNS) — The first East Coast Catholic Family Conference attracted about 1,500 adults and children from Toronto to Texas to hear speakers talk about the Christian values found in the Bible and how they can be applied to today's family.

The Nov. 9-10 conference in Stamford was modeled after the annual National Catholic Family Conference in Long Beach, Calif., and was organized around the theme "Building Families in the '90s."

"Because of my own interest in and the obvious need to strengthen marriage and family in our time, I began to check into the possibility of getting a family life conference in our area," said its coordinator, Father Peter J. Towsley, parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Fairfield.

It turned out to be "an overwhelming success," added the priest, who organized it with the help of St. Joseph's Communications.

Speakers included Scott Hahn, a theology professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and Kimberly Kirk Hahn, who talked about their conversion to Catholicism and how their new faith has helped their marriage grow and its effect on their family life.

## Sharing "One Life In God"

### Catholics And Lutherans Gather, Share Faith At Yearly Conference

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

LENOIR — The Fourth Aquinas-Luther Conference Nov. 10-13 at Lenoir-Rhyne College was a rare opportunity for renowned scholars, writers, historians, clergy and lay persons to gather around the same table to share their faith. Once-feuding Lutherans and Roman Catholics of the 16th century were united together in Christ, reflecting on the theme of this year's conference, "On Life in God."

During the four lectures and two keynote speeches, three recurring themes surfaced: survival tips in an anti-Christian or Post-Modernistic culture; convergent and contrasting views on Aquinas and Luther; solid arguments for unity — one Church in Christ.

#### Sharing A Rich Spirituality

Dr. L. Gregory Jones, professor and chairperson of the Department of Theology at Loyola College in Baltimore, delivered the keynote address, "Life in the Fountain of God's Love," at the opening Vespers Service. The title was inspired by the words of St. Catherine of Siena.

Jones discussed the need to distinguish between "authentic Christian understanding and the practices of spiri-



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tual living from their corrupting counterfeit alternatives," by sharing the common desire of Aquinas and Luther to live a rich spiritual life through the Way of the Cross.

#### The Need For Unity: Mending The Body Of Christ

Dr. Michael McDaniel, director of the Center for Theology at Lenoir-Rhyne College and organizer of the event, set unity as the tone for the conference. "Lutheranism has run its course," he boldly said, adding that Martin Luther's objectives had been met.

Even though this opinion was not completely shared by Dr. James Kittelson, professor of history at Ohio State University and author of a biography on Martin Luther, it showed that some in-roads have been made in Lutheran-Catholic dialogue. Dr. Kittelson pursued the topic with rhetorical questions: "Who's giving up what?" and "Why the need for unity?" The answers came swiftly from other panelists with quotes of Scripture and an explanation of how the broken body of Christ needed mending so that its voice could be strengthened.

Lutheran and Catholic scholars unanimously agreed that Pope John Paul II was the modern theologian of today. Dr. McDaniel then showed the crucifix with the figures of St. Peter and St. Paul he wears around his neck given to him by the Holy Father when he was serving as the Lutheran Bishop of North Carolina. Pope John Paul II said, "May the theology of Paul and the Church of Peter forever be together at the foot of the cross."

#### A Look Toward The Future

With concern for youth growing up in a confused time, Dr. Paul Rorem, Princeton professor of Ecclesiastical History, believes the Holy Spirit will bring forth 21st century theologians. "They may come from unexpected places such as Asia or Africa and we must (then) humbly learn from else-

where," he said. Dr. Rorem felt that probing traditional teachings in the formation of the soul provides an engaging and provocative alternative to the pop spirituality circulating today.

"People are not aware of their own Church tradition. There are some Catholics who think St. Thomas Aquinas is irrelevant for our time, but this is not so. His theology offers a whole way of life, an education in genuine happiness, learning to love the right things," said Father Paul Wadell, professor of Christian Ethics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Dr. Deal Hudson, publisher and editor of *Crisis* magazine, said that Lutherans and Catholics did not have time to argue endlessly over divisive issues such as "justification by faith" but instead must focus on a more urgent problem — the current and dangerous Post-Modern Age. He defined this age as "giving up on the whole" where there is an unhealthy emphasis on differences and fragmentation. "Post-Modernism says all knowledge is socially determined by sex differences, ethnic differences, class or power," he added.

Hudson pointed out the effects of such a notion are further fragmentation in religion with gender theology, sexual preference theology and third world theology. "There is nothing good about it," he said. "Luther and Aquinas said that sin affects our practical judgment." He also believes for Post-Modernists, there is no definitive right or wrong.

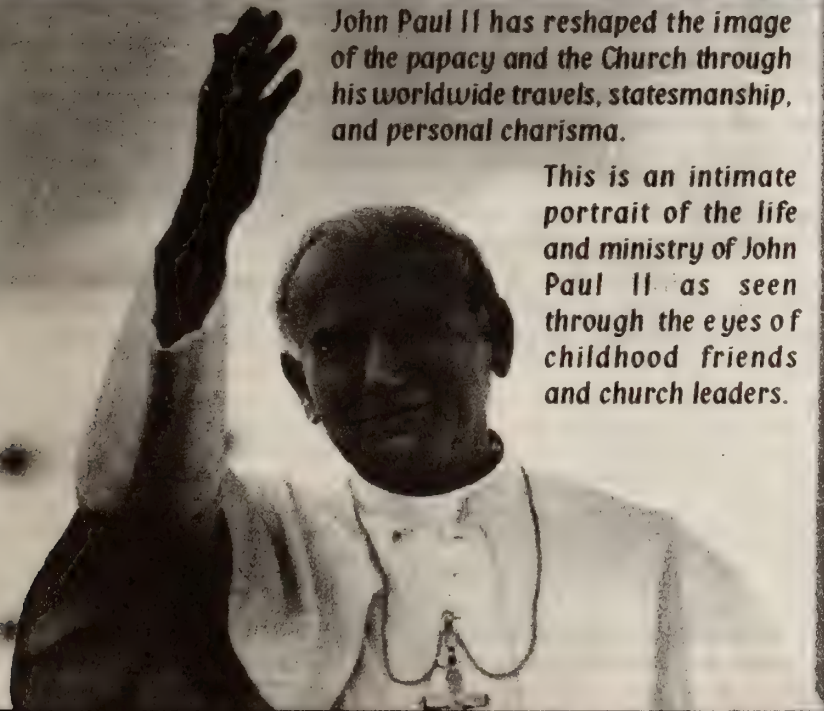
Dr. Hudson added there is hope. Catholics and Lutherans are the pivotal figures to defeat Post-Modernism, he said, since they share a belief in the Word of God. He also encouraged reading Aquinas' works. "When I read it (*Summa Theologiae*), I always feel a call to holiness. I always feel convicted I could live a better life!" he said.

Regardless of their background, participants left united in their desire to learn more about their faith and traditions, and the theologians who continue to lead Christians to a "Life in God."

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BELMONT — As part of the Life Choices vocational training program, Holy Angels will open a craft and coffee shop in downtown Belmont Nov. 29. "Cherubs" will feature gourmet coffees, espresso and speciality coffees such as cappuccinos and lattes, sandwiches, gourmet cookies and ice cream confections.

The Life Choices program offers adults with mental retardation the opportunity to learn work ethics and etiquette, simple business skills, salesmanship and to develop creative talents through craft projects in a professional work environment. By working at Cherubs, they become active members of the Belmont business community as well as the Gaston County community as a whole.

Unique crafts, hand-made by individuals with from Western Carolina Center (Morganton), RHA (Asheville), Nevins Center (Charlotte) and Gaston Residential Services (Oakland Enterprises in Gastonia) as well as Holy Angels, will be sold. A Christmas card specially designed by a Holy Angels resident will also be available. Artist and Mercy Sister Soledad Aquilo will design with original jewelry and artwork for Cherubs.

Residents at Holy Angels' Main

Center and Fox Run Homes are making items for the shop in order to make it a huge success.

Cherubs receives funding from the Gaston Memorial Hospital Foundation, First Union Bank and individual donors. Volunteers provided Cherubs with professional expertise as well as materials to renovate the building.

Cherubs, at 23 North Main St., is expected to open in time for shoppers to complete their Christmas shopping. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Take-out food service is available for commuters and people on the go.

Holy Angels, a private, non-profit corporation founded by the Sisters of Mercy, provides residential, educational, health care and recreational services and programs for children and adults who have mental retardation, multiple disabilities and are medically fragile. Programs include: Holy Angels Main Center, Fox Run, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR), Lakewood, Belhaven and South Point community group homes, Great Adventures, Little Angels Child Development Center, Camp Hope and Life Choices.

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## New Chapter Opens In Vatican-Cuban Relations, from page 1

any conditions on me either," he said.

"He will be treated with respect when he comes," the Cuban leader said. Cuba is the only Spanish-speaking country in Latin America the pope has not visited.

Castro also told reporters he hoped his meeting with the pope would help build a climate of Church-state trust.

"We want to work with the Catholic Church. We're willing to keep improving these relations and to satisfy (the Church's) aspirations. But that is not accomplished from one day to the next. Time is needed," he said.

The unusual meeting brought together two 20th-century protagonists from opposite ends of the ideological spectrum. Castro heads one of the last communist governments in the world, one which harshly persecuted the Church when it came to power in 1959, and Pope John Paul is widely credited with hastening the fall of European communism.

Navarro-Valls said the two leaders spoke in a climate of "open dialogue," and their talks focused on "normalization of the Church's life in Cuba and of the role of believers in Cuban society."

A carefully worded Vatican statement summarizing the meeting did not explicitly mention human rights, but Navarro-Valls said the issue surely was covered in the talks.

In the past, the pope has strongly insisted on respect for religious freedom as the first of all human rights, and Castro's communist government has recently shown signs of moderating its restrictions on Church activities.

The Cuban president, who once attended a Jesuit school, expressed to the pope his admiration and appreciation for the Church's work in his country, especially its education and social welfare programs. The two also spoke about conditions in Latin America, the history of the region and environmental issues, Castro said afterward.

"I was impressed with the pope's kindness. He let me do most of the talking and listened attentively," Castro said.

Castro left the pontiff with the words: "I hope to see you soon in Cuba." Pope John Paul replied: "Thank you for your visit, and my blessings on the Cuban people."

Navarro-Valls underlined the historic nature of the encounter.

"The most important thing that happened was that President Castro was here discussing these key points with the Holy Father. The result is open to future developments," he said.

He echoed other Vatican officials, who said privately that the dialogue with Castro and his government was certainly more open than in the past, but by no means easy. The Church there is still pressing for greater operating space for its missionary, social, educational and mass media activities.

Navarro-Valls said one topic in this second round of talks was the activity of bishops and priests in Cuba; the Vatican has pressed for freer entry of non-Cuban pastoral workers in the country, citing a priest shortage, and Cuba recently showed some flexibility on the issue.

The two sides also talked about the process of national reconciliation in Cuba, which the Vatican spokesman said included all Cubans living inside or outside the country. More than a million Cubans have left the island since Castro came to power; most have settled in the United States.

They discussed development in Cuban society and Cuba's place in the international community. Both have been conditioned by a long U.S. economic embargo against Cuba, which the Vatican opposes for humanitarian reasons.

Castro departed the Vatican via St. Peter's Basilica, touring the church for about 20 minutes and pausing before the crypt leading to the tomb of St. Peter. He was able to admire Michelangelo's "Pieta" statue up close, stepping inside a glass partition that normally keeps tourists at a distance.

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**New York Publisher To Print English Release Of Pope's Book**  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The New York publishing house William G. Berry will print and distribute Pope John Paul II's new book in the United States, England and Australia.

The book, "Gift and Mystery: On the 50th Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination," is expected to be released in English by the end of November, Vatican officials said.

The 119-page Italian edition, published by the Vatican printing press, was distributed to the media Nov. 15.

Archbishop Crescenzo Sepe, secretary of the Congregation for Clergy and apparent force behind getting the pope to write a personal account of his vocation, said the Vatican consulted with national bishops' conferences in choosing publishers for the various language editions.

The archbishop said the pope wrote the book between July and September as an act of thanksgiving for 50 years of priesthood and as an offering of love to his brother priests, not as a money-making project.

In fact, he said, the retail price of the Italian edition, 15,000 lira — the equivalent of \$10 — is about half the standard price for a hardcover book in Italy.

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#### CHRISTMAS STAMP —

Postage stamps for the 1996 holiday season include this Madonna and Child stamp, a detail from the oil painting, "Adoration of the Shepherds," done by Italian artist Paolo de Matteis in 1712.



## Stamp Of Madonna And Child Among Holiday Postal Offerings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — This year's U.S. holiday postage stamps include not only a Madonna and Child for Christmas, but also one commemorating Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights.

There also are secular images of the season: ice skating, tree trimming, a child's dream of Santa.

This year's Madonna and Child stamp is a detail from the oil painting "Adoration of the Shepherds," done by Italian artist Paolo de Matteis in 1712. The painting is in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, where the stamp was to be issued in a Nov. 1 ceremony.

De Matteis did the painting for a leading art patron of the time, the Duchess of Laurenzano. It is considered one of his masterpieces, and typifies the late Baroque or early Rococo style of Naples, according to Postal Service

spokesman Robin Wright.

The Hanukkah stamp was unveiled earlier this year as the first stamp in a new series called "Holiday Celebrations." It was issued jointly by the United States and Israel during October and shows a contemporary menorah of nine multicolored candles.

The Postal Service said the "Holiday Celebrations" series will reflect a different cultural or ethnic holiday each year, and it announced Oct. 30 that the 1997 stamp will feature the African-American holiday Kwanzaa. According to Wright, future stamp issues might highlight the Islamic fast of Ramadan or Cinco de Mayo, the May 5 Mexican holiday marking a military victory.

The Postal Service already has announced that its 1997 holiday stamps will include another Madonna and Child, along with holiday wreaths and American holly.

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#### Dietzen, from page 5

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Monday:	Revelation 14: 1-3, 4-5 Luke 21: 1-4
Tuesday:	Revelation 14: 14-19 Luke 21: 5-11
Wednesday:	Revelation 15: 1-4 Luke 21: 12-19
Thursday:	Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9 Luke 21: 20-28
Friday:	Revelation 20: 1-4, 11 — 21: 2 Luke 21: 29-33
Saturday:	Romans 10: 9-18 Matthew 4: 18-22



## Diocesan News Briefs

### Tinsel And Tears

CHARLOTTE—Counselor Ruth Posey, conducts a session titled "Handling the Holidays" Dec 4, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at St. Gabriel Church in the parish center focussing on learning to live with grief during the holidays.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Churches Host Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church in the chapel area. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

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HICKORY — St. Aloysius Church offers Adoration the first Friday through the first Saturday each month. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339, or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

### Abbey Hosts Celebration

BELMONT — Belmont Abbey licommemorates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas, Dec. 12. Benedictine Father Lawrence Willis will offer Mass at 7 p.m. at the Abbey Church and will deliver the homily in Spanish. A social follows in Maurus Hall. For information, call Paul Shanley (704) 825-6696.

### Christmas Bazaar And Auction

CHARLOTTE — The St. Thomas Aquinas Church annual Christmas Bazaar is Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Silent auction is Dec. 8 from 8-11:30 a.m. Proceeds go to the parish building fund.

### CCHS Student Recognized

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School Senior Cassandra Allison was honored recently with the Outstanding Youth Award at the Service to Mankind Dinner, hosted by the Leu-

kemia Society of America to raise money for medical research.

Allison was recognized by the community for her devoted work with the Children's Theater as well as her parish, St. Ann in Charlotte. She is the daughter of Mark and Ann Marie Allison.

### Book of Life

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., offers spiritual adoptions of grandparents and unborn babies. The *Family Book of Life* is available in the Adoration Chapel to anyone wishing to pray for those threatened by euthanasia and abortion. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### Winter Festival And Craft Show

BELMONT — Queen of the Apostles Church presents a holiday craft show and spaghetti dinner Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For details, call Mary Ruttenbur, (704) 263-5919.

### Adult Education Series

GREENSBORO — Our Lady of Grace Church continues its adult education series with "The Marian Congregation," a session led by Marian Father David Lord, Nov. 26 from 7:30-9 p.m.

### Parish Mission

STATESVILLE — The St. Phillip the Apostle parish mission, "Celebrate Jesus in Your Lives and in Your Homes," hosted by Sacred Heart Father Bob Charlton and Gloria Anson, is Dec. 8-12. Services are 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is 9 a.m. Dec. 6 until 9 a.m. Dec. 7. For information, call Sally Falls, (704) 876-3097, or the church, (704) 872-2579.

### Holiday Craft Fair

CHARLOTTE — The 2nd Annual St. Gabriel School PTO Holiday Craft Fair is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The parish Men's Club will also be selling Christmas trees on site.

### Jesuit House of Prayer Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — Jesuit Father Gene McCreesh conducts "The Dawn from on High Shall Break Upon Us," a Dec. 6-8 Advent retreat for men and women.

For information and reservations, contact The Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-7366.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

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Bishop William G. Curlin recently met with members of the Diocesan School Board, which represents all 17 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charlotte. The bishop applauded board members for their commitment to Catholic education. "If we can give our young people a good education, and moral Catholic, Christian principles to live by, I don't believe we will have to worry about the future," Bishop Curlin said. Shown, seated, l-to-r: Marianne Misko, Martha Gallagher, Board Secretary Janet Smith, Brigitte Ruggiero, and Georgette Schraeder. Standing: Al Allan, Board President Joe Marinello, Richard Martinez, Bishop William G. Curlin, Father James Hawker, Paul Fedorkowicz, Dr. Michael Skube, and Board Vice President Hussein Sadek. Not pictured: Father Dennis Kuhn and David Morgan.

Morganton and Hickory meets 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Vocation Discernment Retreat

NAZARETH, Ky. — The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky. offer a vocation discernment weekend for Catholic single women in their 20s and 30s as part of the Advent retreat "Praying with Feminine Images of God" Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Catherine Spalding Center. For details, call Pat Coulter, (502) 348-1516, or Sister Janice Downs, (502) 348-1521.

### Caroling Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo Church caroling party for parish shut-ins

is Dec. 19. Meet at the activity center at 5 p.m. for a picnic supper. Call Elizabeth, (910) 774-1046, for information.

### Golden Agers

LINCOLNTON — The Golden Agers group of St. Dorothy Church meets the fourth Wednesday each month and welcomes new members. For information, call Christine Kiser, (704) 435-4813.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Cardinal Bernardin Hailed For Witness In Life And Death

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Chicago's Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin was "our nation's pre-eminent Catholic Church leader of the 20th century," said Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles. "He was a peacemaker. He cut through difficult issues. He had remarkable gifts.... There is no one to take his place," said retired Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco. Cardinal Bernardin's death from cancer Nov. 14 at the age of 68 brought an outpouring of such tributes, from non-Catholic leaders as well as Catholics. Hundreds of cardinals, bishops and civil dignitaries were expected at his funeral at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago Nov. 20. Named to represent President Clinton were Vice President Al Gore and U.S. ambassador to the Vatican Raymond Flynn. Cardinal Mahony was to be chief celebrant with Msgr. Kenneth Velo, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, as homilist.

### Both Parties See Good Coming From Church-Labor Dialogue

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Leaders in both the church and the labor movement said Nov. 13 they have seen an ongoing church-labor dialogue bear much fruit, and added their hopes for still more to come. Retired Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, a self-described "son of a steelworker" who put in some time in the steel mills himself, said the joint work of the church and organized labor is "an important challenge." AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, another participant in the dialogue sessions since their beginning five years ago, said he wanted "to salute all of the bishops for all the good work that you do." Bishop Malone and Sweeney made their comments during a reception to celebrate the dialogue. It was held in conjunction with the U.S. bishops' fall general meeting in Washington.

### State Department Committee On Religious Freedom Named

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Twenty religious leaders and academics, including two Catholic bishops, have been named to a new U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad. Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., will join representatives of Muslim, Protestant, Jewish, Bahai and Orthodox congregations on the committee, which was formed at the direction of the White House to call attention to the problems of religious persecution abroad. The committee will be chaired by Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck, who heads the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

### Bishops In Statement Decry Taped Confession

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops expressed outrage over the case in Portland, Ore., involving the

secret taping of a sacramental confession by county jailers. "We are dismayed by this violation of fundamental religious and human rights," said Cleveland Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference. His statement, dated Nov. 13, was issued on behalf of the conference during the bishops' annual Nov. 11-14 meeting in Washington.

### Assisted Suicide Cases Said To Put Nation At A Crossroads

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With the Supreme Court considering two physician-assisted suicide cases, the "assisted suicide agenda" is shaping up as a battle over discrimination against illness and disability, said a statement from the U.S. bishops. "No court, no legislature, no human being has the right to say that any human life is worthless or that any human being is of less value than another," said the Nov. 13 statement issued by Cleveland Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, on behalf of the organization. The conference filed friend-of-the-court briefs a few days earlier arguing that lower court rulings, which found laws prohibiting assisted suicide to be unconstitutional, were misguided and not constitutionally supportable.

### Order Confirms Murder Of Four Spanish Marist Brothers In Zaire

MADRID, Spain (CNS) — Four Spanish Marist brothers serving refugees in Zaire were killed by a group of Hutus militia living in the relief camp who had fled from Rwanda two years ago, according to an investigation by the religious order. The Hutus militias of the former Rwandan regime killed the Marist relief workers on Oct. 31 — not Nov. 7, as authorities of the religious order initially believed — to gain control of the camp where some 30,000 refugees were living, according to the report by the General House of the Marist Brothers in Rome.

### World Bank Head Says Reducing Debt Key To Food Supply

ROME (CNS) — Reducing international debt, particularly in developing countries, is a key step to ensuring an adequate supply of nutrition around the globe, the head of the World Bank said Nov. 14. World Bank President James Wolfensohn said he agreed with Pope John Paul II's observation during his opening remarks at the World Food Summit that countries "bearing the sometimes stifling weight of international debt" cannot count on being able to feed all of their people. Recent Vatican documents have focused on the effects of debt on societies, and Pope John Paul has made debt forgiveness a central issue of social justice connected with the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. The pope and Wolfensohn were featured speakers among the dozens of leaders of governments and international agencies who addressed the summit Nov. 13-17.



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Local citizens reach for food at a distribution point Nov. 6 in Goma, Zaire. Relief agencies are in a better position to handle the current humanitarian crisis in Central Africa than they were when Rwanda's government was overthrown and much of the population fled widespread massacres two years ago, said representatives of those groups. But a more complex response is required than the planned United Nations-led military intervention and the delivery of emergency food or medical aid, said administrators of five relief agencies, including Catholic Relief Services. They spoke at a press conference in Washington Nov. 15, the same day hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees began to return home on foot from the Zairian refugee camps where they have spent the last two years.

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# Our Lady Of The Rosary

LEXINGTON — As a parish, Our Lady of the Rosary celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1996. But even before a house in Lexington was purchased for use as a mission church there, Catholics had settled in the Davidson County seat as early as 1917.

For more than 25 years, Lexington Catholics traveled to Salisbury for Mass. Eventually, however, they saw their attempts to have a mission established come to fruition. Charles Coira, a Catholic businessman, led the effort, and in January 1944 Father Thomas Colgan, pastor of St. Edward parish in High Point, began celebrating Mass in the Coira home.

The Lexington "church" remained a mission of St. Edward's until April of that year. From that point, Sacred Heart parish in Salisbury assumed its pastoral care.

In November 1946, at which time about 15 Catholics gathered for Mass in Lexington, a house was bought on the present site of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. The house was renovated for use as a chapel and rectory.

That development proved monumental for the town's Catholic population, small as it was. With the purchase of the house came parish status, and the congregation could then call itself the parish of Holy Rosary Church.

The Raleigh Diocese installed Father Edward Sullivan as the first resident pastor of the new parish. Catholic congregations in Asheboro, Thomasville and Mocksville were acknowledged as missions of Holy Rosary during the years following. In



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time, each of them became parishes in their own right.

In 1950, an African-American mission was formed in Lexington and staffed by clergy from Christ the King Church in High Point. The mission continued to celebrate Mass until 1954, when its congregation was brought into that of Holy Rosary.

Such mission work marked an enlarging Catholic population in North Carolina during the 1940s and '50s. Industrial expansion from the north was mainly responsible for the growth. By the mid-1950s, worship space in Lexington had become insufficient for the crowds.

Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh approved construction of a new church and rectory, and building was underway in September 1957. Bishop Waters dedicated the buildings in July 1958.

The parish comprised almost 50 families then, and steady growth ensued. Construction of a separate four-room rectory was completed in 1969; the former living quarters were converted into offices and a parish hall. A mobile unit was added to the church grounds in 1974 for use as a nursery and for meeting space.

In compliance with new liturgical standards, the church was modernized in 1977. Parking lots were added in the late 1970s and early 1980s. In 1981, the parish received a modification of a different kind: Its name was changed from Holy Rosary to Our Lady of the Rosary. A nearby building was also purchased that year,

named Our Lady of the Rosary Center, and modified to include classrooms for religious education, a kitchen, and a parish hall.

To create more worship space, the church was again renovated in 1988.

Since its inception, the parish has been staffed with diocesan priests, although during the 1970s into the '80s, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Fathers served the Lexington church.

Father Joseph Kelleher arrived at the parish in 1991. He calls the congregation a "generous" and "dedicated" one, which — in addition to a variety of parish activities and efforts — devotes time to an active Bible study program. The church family has come together each year for a quarter-century to celebrate its Christmas Bazaar, which builds camaraderie within the parish and features a plethora of crafts, food and amusements.

It was an evangelical spirit of faith that led those few Catholics to travel from Lexington to Salisbury for Mass during the first half of the century, and that same dedication exists today in the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary.

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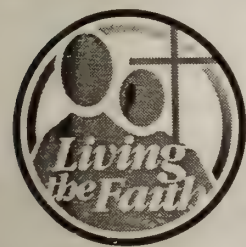




## Asheville DRE Looks For Love, Spirit In Students

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — The Catholic cradle of Mary Ann Poli's formative years was the ethnically Slovakian parish of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Warren, Ohio. When she moved to Asheville



in 1988, Poli brought with her an experience of faith nurtured by the parochial elementary school where she had taught for 12 years. In 1987

this small school with less than 200 students finally succumbed to consolidation—the fate of many parish schools in recent years. Despite the heartaches surrounding its closing, Poli believed enough in the value of Catholic education to continue her profession as a teacher at Asheville Catholic School.

Although she found graduate work at the Franciscan University of Stuebenville, Ohio, (where she obtained her MA in theology) a satisfying experience, Poli credits her undergraduate years at Villa Maria College (now Gannon University) in Erie, Pa., with providing her the environment of faith and freedom she needed to make life choices. "The Sisters of St. Joseph were very caring and fostered a close family-style community among the 500 women on campus at the time," she said.

For Poli, who has contended since infancy with disabilities resulting from polio, attending Villa Maria College was the realization of a long-held dream. "I was never able to attend our parochial school because it was not accessible to people with physical disabilities," she said. "My parents arranged for me to attend schools that were all on one level."

Poli looks back with admiration at the influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph upon the students. "Their presence was significant but surprisingly unintrusive. They allowed the young women to live

their own lives," she said.

Poli graduated from Villa Maria convinced that Catholic schools could create this same kind of community without getting bogged down, like the public schools, in government regulations. She came to Asheville Catholic in 1988, with a wealth of teaching experience and critical appreciation for the educational tone that administrators can set in a school.

Her background stressed the notion that faith permeated the culture, but she began to observe a steadily increasing tendency — by teachers and administrators alike—to separate Catholicism from culture. "I first recognized this when I was asked to become a religion teacher. I found myself teaching all the religion classes," she said. "It was considered a specific subject like art or geography, not something that pervaded the life of the school as I had experienced at Sts. Cyril and Methodius."

She taught at Asheville Catholic for seven years, first as a teacher's aid, then as a full-time religion teacher. She eventually headed the religion department before deciding to leave in 1995. By then Poli's outlook on religious education had changed. "Although I made very good friends there, I realized I was growing in a different direction," she said. "I've come to believe strongly that some Catholic schools are having an identity crisis. They aren't sure whether to be religious schools that promote faith or private schools that provide an alternative to public education."

For the past year and a half, Poli has been settling into her new position as

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Photo by Joann Keane

**Good Samaritans.** Matt Gee and Savannah Thompson — both 11 and members of St. Vincent de Paul in Charlotte — look over the contents of shoe boxes destined to reach needy children worldwide via Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritans Purse, a ministry established by Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. Last year, over 812,000 children in 15 countries received shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies and other small gifts. The faith formation office of St. Vincent de Paul distributed 200 boxes parishwide, and will deliver the filled packages to Operation Christmas Child.

## Cardinal Asked That Little Sisters Of Poor Get Memorials

CHICAGO (CNS) — It wasn't until the night Cardinal Bernardin died that the Little Sisters of the Poor learned he wanted any memorial gifts in his name given to them.

"We are filled with deep gratitude," said Sister Marcel McCanless, assistant administrator of the order's Helen Kellogg Center in Chicago, where the cardinal's mother, Maria, lives.

"He always shared his gifts with us. He frequently sent over flowers, cookies, cakes — he was so generous," Sister McCanless said.

Mrs. Bernardin, now 92, has lived with the Little Sisters of the Poor since 1982, when Cardinal Bernardin was named archbishop of Chicago. But the order's ministry in the Chicago area goes back more than 120 years.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are a mendicant order founded in 1839 in France by Jeanne Jugan, who was beatified in 1981. "Blessed Jeanne instructed us to show tenderness, love and the compassion of Christ to the aged poor," Sister McCanless said.

Today about 3,500 members carry on that ministry on five continents in 200 residences, serving nearly 23,000 elderly men and women.

"The cardinal came here every day before his illness," Sister McCanless said. "He was 'Father Joseph' when he was here. The door was always open when he was visiting with his mother. He was part of our family."

Sister Beatrice Scully in Palatine, where the sisters also have their provincial house, said the congregation has made no immediate decision on how gifts in the cardinal's name will be used, but the donations will probably help "put bread on the table, pay the bills, keep the lights on."

"As a mendicant order, we go out and beg for food and donations," she said. Every day members of the order go out to South Water Market in Chicago to collect donations of produce. Other food is brought to their door by donors.

Sister Scully said that since it serves the needy elderly, the congregation always faces administrative costs. "Since Medicare and Social Security for our residents only cover about 54 percent of our expenses, we depend upon God's goodness for the rest," she said.

Memorial gifts in Cardinal Bernardin's name can be sent to: Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

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Special 4-page supplement: Room at the Inn

Happy New Year!  
Dec. 1, the first  
Sunday of Advent,  
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of a new liturgical  
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## Asheville DRE Puts Faith Into Practice, from page 1

Director of Religious Education at St. Joan of Arc Church in west Asheville. She finds it refreshing to have more control over presentations that are not limited by class periods and to stimulate growth not measured by grades. It has been freeing, she says, to deal with only one pastor, (not six) when planning the liturgical celebrations she believes are so important.

Since her work encompasses the coordination and oversight of all levels of formation from RCIA to children's sacramental preparation, Poli has not been spared the more taxing aspects of transmitting religious values. Despite frustrations, she has developed a strong determination not to let anybody go unloved. The "problem kids" in the school have become her "special kids" and she is energized by the conviction that "we can all discover a loveableness in one another."



Mary Ann Poli

## Mother Teresa Consents To Cardiac Procedure, Moved To Heart Clinic

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa agreed to undergo an angiogram to help doctors determine if angioplasty was necessary and was moved to an Indian heart clinic Nov. 26.

As she was carried from Woodlands Nursing Home on a stretcher, eyes shut and arms folded, a silent crowd of some 200 people — including nuns from her Missionaries of Charity — stood watching.

Mother Teresa was taken by ambulance to B.M. Birla Heart Research Center, accompanied by a doctor, a nurse and four nuns.

"Generally she is all right," said the heart clinic administrator, A.K. Chatterjee. "She has been placed in the critical care unit where all heart support arrangements are available."

In a medical bulletin, Woodlands Nursing Home stated that the angiogram results would reveal if angioplasty were necessary.

Chatterjee said doctors were to determine the date of the angiogram, which was likely to occur Nov. 27.

"When she agreed, we decided to do

it quickly unless she might change her decision," said Dr. Sudipto Kumar Sen, medical director of Woodlands Nursing Home. Sen said Nov. 25 that the 86-year-old nun had been reluctant to consent to any invasive procedure.

Mother Teresa underwent angioplasty at the Birla clinic in 1993 and at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in California in 1991. She was fitted with a pacemaker in 1989.

An angiogram involves inserting a catheter and injecting a radiopaque substance into the blood vessels to help take X-ray images and show any blockage. Angioplasty repairs damaged blood vessels using a tiny inflatable balloon.

The Missionaries of Charity founder and Nobel laureate was admitted to Woodlands Nursing Home early Nov. 22 with acute left ventricular heart failure.

She was released from the same hospital Sept. 25 after a 10-day stay recovering from a head injury suffered in a fall from a chair at the order's motherhouse. Upon her release, physicians expressed concern about her persistent irregular heartbeat.

She was hospitalized Aug. 18 to Sept. 6 for cardiac problems, malaria and a lung infection.

In a ceremony in Calcutta led by U.S. Ambassador to India Frank Wisner Nov. 16, she received honorary U.S. citizenship, one of only five people in U.S. history to receive the distinction.

## For All They Did, And Still Do The Collection For Retired Religious Dec. 7-8

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Dear Friends in Christ:

The national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in the parishes of our Diocese on the weekend of December 7-8, 1996. This year's theme is "They Shaped Lives and They Still Do."

We are becoming more aware of the retirement crisis faced by elderly sisters, order priests and brothers, who once served in our institutions. Many of these congregations do not have enough money to pay for the care of their retired elderly members, largely because there are fewer wage-earning members in the communities today. Some people who benefited from the dedicated service of our now retired religious are unaware that most religious congregations in this country are in financial need.

Many of the religious communities have embarked on efforts to cut costs and raise additional moneys to meet expenses. They have sold property, converted existing structures to maintain them more economically, and developed joint, intercommunity efforts for cost-efficient care of their elderly members.

We hope you will be mindful of this great need and that you will respond generously.

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Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
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### Andrew the Apostle



Andrew was born in Galilee. He was a brother to Simon Peter and also a fisherman. He became a disciple of John the Baptist and first met Christ when John baptized the Lord. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ. After the resurrection of Jesus, Andrew preached in Scythia and Greece. He is said to have been crucified on an X-shaped cross. His feast is Nov. 30.



### The First Sunday of Advent

To mark each of the four weeks before Christmas a candle is lit on a traditional Advent wreath.

According to the Catholic Almanac, the tradition originated among German Protestants.

CNS illustration by Caole Lowry



## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
December 1 - 7



Sunday:	Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 33-37
Monday:	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Matthew 8: 5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25: 6-10 Matthew 15: 29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26: 1-6 Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29: 17-24 Matthew 9: 27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9: 35—10: 1, 6-8



# Holtz Resignation Brings Disappointment, Confusion

By JOHN DEBOY

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — For many, the announced resignation of University of Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz was a shocking disappointment.

For others, the news brought with it confusion and some unanswered questions. And for a small minority, it marked a welcome end to the most recent chapter in the storied history of Notre Dame football. But despite differing opinions, students, administrators and athletes seemed to agree the program won't be the same.

At a televised press conference Nov. 19, Holtz — winner of more football games at Notre Dame than any Fighting Irish coach other than Knute Rockne — announced his resignation, effective at the end of the 1996 season.

With nearly 11 seasons and one national championship under his belt as Irish head coach, Holtz simply said that the time was right for a change.

"I cannot honestly give you a reason for my resignation, except to say I feel it is the right thing to do," said Holtz, who is 59. "People will say there has to be more to it than this, but believe me, there isn't."

Holtz's announcement sparked an outpouring of reactions among students on campus.

Freshman Pat McCusker was impressed with the way Holtz handled himself during the announcement.

"It's very respectable how he talks about the university," McCusker said. "It shows he's a real classy guy. It's one aspect we're going to miss. That dimension is going to be hard to be without."

Junior Julie Lyzinski said that the entire campus nearly stood still when the announcement was made.

"You would have thought the president had just died," said Lyzinski, who watched the press conference from the student center.

"It was amazing. The place was packed and there wasn't a sound. It's like the end of a tradition," Lyzinski continued. "I'm glad to have experienced Lou."

While several students expressed sadness at the thought of Holtz's upcoming departure, many among them felt that the coach's decision to leave was the right one.

"Holtz's resignation obviously marks the end of an era," said senior Damian Guevara. "But it will be exciting to see who succeeds him. This program needs a fresh start."

Members of the Notre Dame administration praised the coach for his on-the-field achievements as well as his contributions to the Notre Dame community.

"Lou Holtz's record on the field speaks for itself; despite his demurs to the contrary, he has joined the pantheon of Notre Dame coaching greats," said Father E. William Beauchamp, Notre Dame's executive vice president.

"More importantly," Father Beauchamp added, "in his faith, in his family life and his commitment to the ideals to which Notre Dame aspires, Lou Holtz has been an able and admirable representative of the university to a vast public audience."

The football players were predictably surprised and saddened when Holtz informed them of his decision.

"I'm just kind of taken aback by all this," said senior tailback Robert Farmer. "It was just kind of upsetting to hear that Coach Holtz was going to resign."

But while most players said that they were disappointed to see Holtz go, the majority appeared supportive of their coach's decision.

"I do believe that, knowing the man for five years, anything he does is well thought out," said senior tight end Pete Chryplewicz. "Anything he does is a smart decision on his part. As hard as it may seem, I think he knows what's best for Notre Dame and himself, and that's the course of action he took."

During the press conference, Holtz,

*"I'd be walking across campus, I'd be walking to church and someone would say, 'Hi, coach.' ... To the Notre Dame family, I can't say anything but 'I've been blessed.'"*

a Catholic, reflected on the pride he has enjoyed while serving as a representative of one of the world's premier Catholic universities.

"I will always cherish the fact that I had the opportunity to be a representative of Our Lady's school, both on and off the field," Holtz said. "To a Catholic such as myself, no man could ask for a more important role in life."

Just days after Holtz announced his resignation, the Fighting Irish Nov. 23 rolled to a 62-0 blowout home victory over Rutgers, a resounding triumph that gave Holtz his 100th win as head coach at Notre Dame — leaving him just five victories short of Knute Rockne's record.

According to many on the football team, by defeating Rutgers — the last home game of the 1996 season — the players were thanking their coach for 11 years of service to the university and the football program.

"Coach wouldn't let us make this into a victory lap for him," said quarterback Ron Powlus. "But we wanted him to go out in style. We went out hard in the first half, then the second half was a victory lap."

Throughout the game, chants of "Lou, Lou" reverberated throughout Notre Dame Stadium, and numerous students and fans held up signs which read, "Thank You, Lou" and "We Love Lou." Afterward, Holtz addressed the student body from the field.

"You have no idea how much you mean to me. How much you supported me. How you lifted me up when I was down, when I was depressed," Holtz said to the students. "I'd be walking across

campus, I'd be walking to church and someone would say, 'Hi, coach.' ... To the Notre Dame family, I can't say anything but 'I've been blessed.'"

Holtz, who will be succeeded by defensive coordinator Bob Davie, has indicated that he has not ruled out the possibility of assuming leadership of another football team in the near future.

"I just have to see what I can do, and what I want to do, and what options are available to me," he said. "One thing is certain: I am a natural-born teacher. It's something I enjoy and it's something that comes easy to me. And I miss a relationship with the players already and it hasn't even started."

But Holtz said his most important priorities were to help his 8-2 team finish the 1996 season successfully — the Irish were scheduled to play at the University of Southern California Nov. 30 — and to aid Davie in making a smooth transition to the head coaching position.

Holtz indicated that despite the sadness he feels in leaving Notre Dame, he believes he made the right decision.

"In closing, I thank the University of Notre Dame, the players, the coaches, the clergy, students, faculty, fans, subway alumni and others for their support — but more emphatically, for their prayers. They can rest assured God answered them," he said Nov. 19.

## BMHS Students Win Awards

WINSTON-SALEM — Bishop McGuinness High School students recently competed in and were honored at the annual Mock Trial Competition, sponsored by the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers. Students Ryan Southern, Ingrid Albrecht and Nathan Byerly received Best Attorney Awards, while Brian Heaton and Greg Klaiber were recognized with Best Witness Awards. Twelve high schools teams from the Forsyth County region competed, with the BMHS team being declared Regional Finalist before losing to Salem Academy in the final round.

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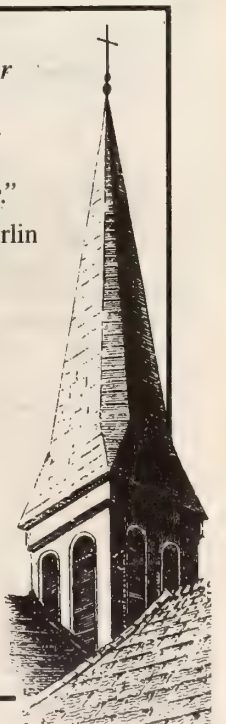
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St. Patrick Cathedral, Charlotte

### December 2

*Memorial Mass for*  
*Cardinal Joseph Bernardin*  
Atlanta

### December 8

10:30 a.m.

*Confirmation*  
Sacred Heart Church, Brevard

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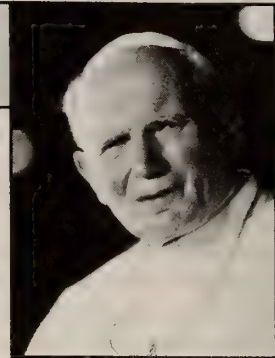
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Jesus' Early Life With Mary Shows Principles Of Faith, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Gospel accounts of Jesus' early life and his relationship with the Virgin Mary help people to understand the principles of the faith, Pope John Paul II said.

"In every age, those who wish to meet Jesus must find him with his mother," the pope told pilgrims from around the world at his weekly general audience Nov. 20.

"In the account of the birth of Jesus, the evangelist Luke reports some facts that help us better to comprehend the meaning of the event," Pope John Paul said. "Informing us of the circumstances in which the voyage and the departure (from Nazareth to Bethlehem) take place, the evangelist presents a situation of discomfort and of poverty that provides a glimpse of some of the fundamental characteristics of the messianic reign, a reign without earthly honors and power."

The pope said Luke's account of Mary and Joseph being turned away from the inn affirmed the observation made in the Gospel of John that Jesus "came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him."

The fact that there was no room for his mother at the inn "foreshadowed the numerous refusals that Jesus was to undergo in his earthly life," and showed "how Mary was already associated with the destiny of suffering of her son."

The pope said the significance of Mary and Jesus was also underscored in Luke's description of the shepherds who set out for Bethlehem to experience the "great joy that will be for all the people," and encour-

tered "Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."

"In the face of these extraordinary events, Luke tells us that Mary 'kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart,'" the pope said, adding that this description calls to mind "another mother, the church," which throughout time offers renewed impetus for theological reflection.

### Pope Urges International Community To Honor Pledge To Aid Refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged governments and church organizations not to falter in their commitments to help the starving refugee population in eastern Zaire.

The pope made his remarks during a general audience Nov. 20.

Governments, which a few days before had pledged participation in a multinational humanitarian aid effort to the region, were at the time reconsidering their pledges in light of changed circumstances: Most of the Rwandan refugees were returning home and it appeared that they would need less assistance than was originally predicted.

"Such a re-entry, which hopefully concludes another sad chapter of the country's history, nevertheless demands immediate and wide-ranging measures," the pope said.

## Letters

### Father Catoir's Comments Ignore Moral Crisis In Church

To The Editor,

This is in regard to "Spirituality for Today" by Father John Catoir (Nov. 8 issue). For the second time Father Catoir has given evidence that he is unaware of or ignoring the moral crisis in our society and the disheartening apostasy within the Catholic Church. His argument is that the debate within the Church concerns pastoral practices, not deviations from doctrine. This could not be further from the truth.

Over the last 10 years national polls have found that only about 30 percent of those who call themselves Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In our own diocese, many are resisting the authority of the Holy Father and don't believe he is infallible in matters of faith and morals. Interpretations of the Bible by the magisterium are being questioned seriously. Devotion to the Blessed Mother is being "controlled." Pro-choice Catholics probably outnumber pro-life Catholics in our own diocese. It was Catholic senators who prevented the veto of the partial-birth abortion ban from being overturned.

The meaning of being Catholic is being turned on its head. It's time we took a stand on who can call themselves Catholics. If we continue to be timid about confronting apostasy, we risk losing the deposit of faith handed on to us by Christ's apostles.

Mary Dore  
Charlotte

### Pray The Rosary To End Abortion

To The Editor,

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, let's ask our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the pro-life movement, to intercede for all unborn babies and help bring an end to abortion.

I ask that all families and households in the Diocese of Charlotte pray the five Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m., the hour of mercy.

Let us all pray for the intention of bringing an end to abortion, which kills 4,400 babies every day, and for all unwanted unborn babies; let us pray their mothers would allow them to live.

If we all unite our prayers into one big offering, Our Lady of Guadalupe will do the rest.

And remember, the family that prays together stays together.

Rico De Silva  
St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte

### Looking Forward To Parish Profiles

To The Editor,

Congratulations on your series "Parish Profiles" and for including a picture of the pastor of the church profiled. I look forward to reading them in *The Catholic News & Herald* each week.

We visit Asheville fairly often because my husband was born there. I had seen the beautiful Basilica of St. Lawrence but did not know it was a Catholic church. Also, I wondered what happened to Msgr. John McSweeney. Now I know.

Then I saw Father Aloysius D'Silva is now at St. Lucien. I haven't kept track of Father John Pagel, and I was pleased to read about both of them.

We attended Father Carl Del Giudice's first Mass at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Now we meet him again.


Thank you for all this Good News. I truly think we do not appreciate our priests enough. This newspaper series is one good step toward honoring them.

Mary F. West  
Boone, N.C.



### Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



**A Real Taste Of Thanksgiving**

While the Thanksgiving Day observance may not change our circumstances, the Thanksgiving state of mind can change what circumstances do to us.

An elderly woman bowed her head and said, "Thank You, Lord, for these vittles." Someone overheard and asked, "Lady, what are vittles?" "This little bit of food I've got here in front of me," she said. "You are going to have that food to eat whether you thank God for it or not," she was told.

"Well, perhaps so," the woman replied, smiling, "but everything tastes better when I'm thankful."

A simple statement, but one we forget, as did the children of Israel on their way to the Promised Land. God promised to provide for them and He did, leaving fresh bread from His "heavenly bakery" every morning on the ground. For forty years, they were humbly grateful, when one morning, they began to grumble. "Manna, again?!!!" they complained. The miracle they received every day was no longer satisfying. Once the spirit of thanksgiving gives way to ungratefulness and one begins to take things for granted, things "taste" different.

It was on Thanksgiving Day in the McSweeney home some years ago when my family gathered about the dining room table to feast on all the goodies my mom had prepared. The privilege of praying grace before the meal went to my eldest niece.

She marched through the words in the routine manner that all of us had more or less been accustomed to: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." The standard quick blessing accomplished, several hands hastily went for the bread basket.

But before anyone could say, "Pass the butter," my youngest niece, then eight years old, blurted out: "I want to say grace again!" We all looked blankly at each other. Her dad asked her, "Why?" Without losing a beat, she said: "Because Kelly said it with her lips, and I want to say it with my heart!"

Out of the mouths of babes!

Actually, my niece's observation brought several things to mind when it comes to the way we give thanks. Those of us who have come to treat the abundance of the earth as only so much more Manna probably take for granted God's caring presence in all the other areas of our lives. If Thanksgiving is only so much lip service, how can anyone truly become a caring presence in the lives of others?

My prayer with you is that each of us will give each other permission to speak from the heart this Thanksgiving. Let us give thanks for the bread of sustenance that is shared with those less fortunate, for the bread of understanding that brings peace to fractured families and nations, for the bread of deep friendship between husband and wife, for the bread of companionship for those who are lonely, for the bread of forgiveness for those that hurt us, for the bread of reconciliation for those we have hurt.


If you and I let our hearts do the praying this Thanksgiving, we will experience the presence of God in the daily bread of our lives. And suddenly everything will begin to taste better.

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### Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



**Non-Catholic Godparents**

Q. Must a child have godparents who are practicing Catholics for the child to be baptized into the Catholic faith? My husband and I have four children, are regular churchgoers and see to the religious upbringing of our children.

Three children are already baptized, and I receive varied answers at every baptism. The youngest is now to be baptized.

Of the six Catholic godparents in our family, three are divorced, only one still attends Mass regularly and none plays an active role in our children's religious life.

It might be better to have a good Christian with good morals than to choose people solely because today they are practicing Catholics. How does the Church truly feel about this?

A. Let's look first at Catholic policy about baptism sponsors. It's quite clear, in theory at least, so I don't understand why you should be receiving different answers.

At least one of the sponsors at baptism should be a practicing Catholic, who is baptized, confirmed and is receiving the Eucharist. A second "Christian witness" may be a baptized Christian of another denomination.

These regulations are found in canon law (874), in the Introduction to the Rite of Baptism and in the Church's 1993 norms for ecumenism (98).

To me and probably to you, these policies make sound sense. The sacrament of baptism is not merely a social formality, but a solemn initiation into the Catholic community of believing Christians.

Parents and godparents promise they will not leave their son or daughter spiritually hanging alone in the cold. They will model their faith for the child as it grows, not only by being "good people," but by living out the prayer and sacramental life of the Catholic faith.

They also commit the child to assume, in time and with their guidance, his or her personal responsibility to live that faith as a member of the Catholic community.

That said, I have two suggestions. By these policies the Catholic Church agrees with you that a committed, loving Christian of another faith can be an invaluable support and help to the Catholic parents and godparent in the Christian upbringing of the child.

If you know someone like this, which you apparently do, explore that option.

Second, you might examine the qualifications you look for in your choice of godparents.

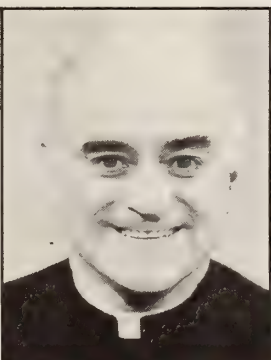
Having baptism sponsors who fail their responsibilities is not uncommon. But your experience is uncommon, with all six godparents seriously abandoning their commitment to your children one way or another.

Is it possible you look more at friendship and relationships, the desire to make someone happy, than at their

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### Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir



**Parental Love Under Challenging Circumstances**

You may remember a column of mine a few weeks ago when I shared the letter of a mother who rejected her lesbian daughter. I argued gently that Christian love will find a way to love the person in spite of his or her moral situation.

It seems to me that once you've made your position clear on the moral issue, you've done your duty and expressed your conscience. After that there is a more important value to deal with; namely, parental love. It would be terrible to reject your own flesh and blood when with a little patience and understanding you might be able to keep the relationship alive.

The word "agape" refers to Christian love. Jesus loved sinners. He died for them, and said, "Love one another as I have loved you." This admonition cannot be taken lightly.

After I told that mother to love her daughter and not despise her, she replied in these words:

"I said some hateful things to my daughter. She didn't speak to me for three weeks. Your letter came and offered me hope and a way to find some peace. My daughter came over the next night, and we had a long heart-to-heart talk.

"I told her how very sorry I was for my mouth. She told me she was sorry too. I told her I would put aside my feelings about her being a lesbian. She told me how much she loves me and wants me to be her mom, which I very much needed to hear. I thank you deeply for your kindness, sincerity and deep faith in our Lord. I will always cherish your words."

I asked for permission to share the above excerpt with you, and she replied: "Yes. I'm very glad you got my message about the love and peace I feel now. Having Jesus in my life in this way is all that keeps me going. You filled my hurting soul with words of love and wisdom. For this I thank you once again."

Her letter warmed my heart. The reason I am sharing it with you is to point out that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, peace and joy. Jesus once said, "By their fruits you shall know them." The fruits of the evil one are hatred, rejection, self-righteousness, isolation and misery. Whenever I see good fruit flowing from my words, I know I'm on the side of the angels.

"Agape" is a term which speaks of the benevolent, disinterested, unselfish love of God. It is the very opposite of hatred.

With "agape," God's love in us, we are free to love everyone. Jesus even encouraged us to love our enemies. Since this is true, surely we can love our own sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, even if we disagree with them. Live and let live.

"Judge not and you will not be judged."



## Stewardship <sup>Q & A</sup>

### Why give thanks?

We humans are arrogant cusses. Our vocabulary is full of phrases of self-praise. You've heard them: "He's a self-made man." "She pulled herself up by her own bootstraps." "Everything they've got, they earned."



To hear us talk, you'd think we might spend this Thanksgiving season patting ourselves on the back.

Individual initiative and determination do play a large role in human life. But we tend to exaggerate. A self-made man? Hardly; we all work with materials given us by birth and circumstances. And try pulling on your bootstraps. All you'll get is a sore back and, if you pull hard enough, broken bootstraps.

It is true, we do best if we do our best. But that is only the beginning of the story. Our own efforts did not enable us to be born in this land of opportunity. The way we take care of ourselves and others has a great impact on whether we live healthy and happy lives, but we have hardly any control over whether illness or accident will hit us or our loved ones. Our own inner resources have a lot to do with how we deal with adversity, but little to do with whether we will experience it.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, as all days, it is worth taking a few moments to think about things that we have no control over that make our lives worth living. Whether you thank God or good fortune, you know that much of what you value most in life you have not earned. It is a gift. Once we understand the importance of the gifts we have received, we are able to see the importance of gifts we give—to family and friends, of course, but also to fellow human beings less generously blessed by birth and circumstance, and to future generations. The best way to give thanks for the priceless gifts we have received is to give generously in return.

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## Knights Operation Exodus Effort Continues To Broaden Horizons

By STEVE UZZELL

**MATTHEWS** — Since 1992, Knights of Columbus councils in Mecklenburg County have served the community through Operation Exodus, a non-profit effort through which countless hours have been logged and dozens of projects have been completed for the physically disabled.

With assistance from the Independent Living Rehabilitation Program of Charlotte, which locates and qualifies needy clients, the Knights councils have extended their ministry to diocesan and state levels.

Knights of Columbus Council 7343 of Matthews recently completed an Operation Exodus project for Thomas Rorie, who was paralyzed in a 1989 auto accident.

"We visited Thomas and asked what his needs were," said Bill Hamm, council coordinator. "Then we presented the project plans to the council."

"It certainly fit into our category of needs, based on his available resources and means to accomplish the task," he added. "We approved the project and funded the money for materials."

With funds set aside for use in projects not covered by the Independent Living program, the council reconstructed the interior of Rorie's home to include a sliding glass door. The result

gives Rorie more space to maneuver his wheelchair and provides greater visibility to the outdoors.

"It's twice as wide, twice the view, twice the light and twice the enjoyment," said Rorie of the addition. A songwriter and musician, he added that the project has been wonderful for his creative spirit.

"It makes a difference in the way you feel, what you see. Visual things help the creative juices start to flow," he said.

Although his accident left him paralyzed from the shoulders down, Rorie is an indomitable fighter who has turned to music with hope and purpose. He founded One Call Ministries, through which he — along with musician Randy Jenkins — performs as a determined witness to oth-



From left: Bill Hamm, John Valeri, Jon Bonsignore and Randy Jenkins at an Operation Exodus worksite in Charlotte.

ers. He is planning a pre-Christmas benefit concert at Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte.

Rorie praised the Knights and volunteers who offered their time to the project. "I'm very blessed to be here," he said of the fortunate things that have come his way. "A multitude of things will point to glorifying God."

## L'Osservatore Editor Says Evolution Text Had Discrepancy

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The English-language edition of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, has pointed out a discrepancy in its translation of a message by Pope John Paul II on evolution.

In his message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences Oct. 23, the pope said that over the last 50 years, new knowledge has emerged that shows the theory of evolution to be "more than a hypothesis." His point was that evolution was now accepted by a wide range of scientific disciplines doing independent research.

In the English-language *L'Osservatore*, however, the pope's sentence was translated as meaning that new knowledge has "led to the recognition of more than one hypothesis in the theory of evolution."

U.S. Father Robert Dempsey, editor of the English-language *L'Osservatore*, said Nov. 19 that the newspaper had published an overly literal translation of the French-language message that "obscures the real meaning of the text."

The pope's real meaning, he said, was that it is now possible to recognize that the theory of evolution is more than a hypothesis.

This was also the meaning provided in the official Italian translation, published Oct. 23 by the daily *L'Osservatore Romano*.

## Waugh Carries On CDA Tradition



**ASHEVILLE** — Members of Asheville Court 412 of the Catholic Daughters of America were happy to recently learn that Iris Waugh agreed to host another spaghetti supper for the group (her last, she says). Waugh (pictured) is chairman of the Court's Ways and Means Committee, and her annual dinners have been the organization's principal fund raiser and social event. Many Basilica of St. Lawrence parishioners and community members enjoy the meal and fellowship. She is also a member of the basilica's choir. A native of Jamaica, Waugh has lived in Asheville for 29 years.

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# Room At The Inn: A radiance amid the ruins

The success of Good Counsel Homes in New York and New Jersey led several North Carolinians to start Room At The Inn off South Boulevard in Charlotte almost two years ago.

by Tom Ashcraft

**T**he harvest of 40 years of sexual revolution, helped along by a welfare state which rewards irresponsibility, has come in. It is not a pretty sight.

The statistics on illegitimacy, abortion, child abuse, domestic violence and teenage suicide present a bleak abstract of contemporary life in the U.S. The individual stories known to or lived by, each of us, however, convey the real extent of human tragedy; the pain has piled up.

Out of this welter of social and personal disintegration, a light shines nonetheless. Groups of Christians, bristling at the cheapening of human life by legal abortion, have joined together to serve single mothers and their endangered children. "Baby saving" and "mother saving" homes have sprung up around the country. While the politicians fiddle, these pro-lifers act.

The success of Good Counsel Homes in New York and New Jersey led several North Carolinians to start *Room At The Inn* off South Boulevard in Charlotte almost two years ago. It's been a struggle, but they're now operating on a budget of \$220,000 a year and

doing some amazing things to help young women and their babies.

*Room At The Inn* does not shy away from its religious mission. Its motto is "Making Christ present to single, pregnant mothers and babies in need." Although this group home is open to women irrespective of faith, the accoutrements are plainly Catholic.

On the second floor there is a chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and Saint Joseph is the inn's patron saint. Morning and night prayers are mandatory. Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus maintain the grounds. The women must attend church on Sunday, but which one is up to them.

The purpose of *Room At The Inn* is to help mothers carry their unborn children to term. After birth, whether to opt for adoption is up to the woman. If the woman keeps the child she may continue to stay at the Inn with her baby for a year. This after-birth care for mother and children distinguishes the Inn from ordinary maternity homes.

Both pre- and post-birth, the new mothers are taught how to be responsible for themselves and their children. During the day, they must be either in school or at a job. Sitting around watching soap operas or talk shows is not

an option. If they already have a child, the Inn provides day-care services. On Tuesday nights, classes are offered in parenting, budgeting, nutrition and chastity.

*Room At The Inn* has a curfew of 6 p.m. on weekdays, 11:00 p.m. on weekends. If a mother has a court order requiring the father to support the child, she may date that man. Otherwise, dating is out. As explained by executive director Albert Hodges, the idea is that a woman's first priority is to change her life and learn responsibility - dating is for later after this lesson is learned.

No one is turned away for lack of funds, but any income earned while living there is divided three ways: one-third to the ministry, one-third to the woman's savings account, and one-third for her personal needs. Currently there are six mothers in residence, three of whom are with child, and five born children.

Hodges has been accused of running a tight ship and pleads guilty. There are only two constants in life, he says: one's personal accomplishments and Jesus Christ. The Inn takes no government money, and he calls welfare "economic slavery" for those who stay on it. His goal is that every mother will give birth to her baby and leave able to support herself and her offspring. Moreover, he hopes that she gains a love of Christ.

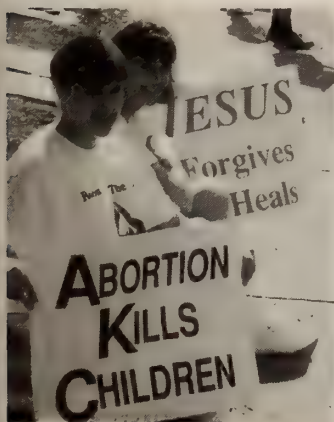
Among the Inn's many stories,

Martha's (not her real name) is typical. Astonished to find herself pregnant at age 18 and just out of high school, she turned to her mother who advocated abortion as the "easy way out." The father of the baby offered no support at all. Rejecting abortion after a first stop at an abortion clinic, Martha found *Room At The Inn*. They took her in and gave her love and support. She gave birth to a baby girl. Later the Inn's staff continued to help through some serious surgery for the baby.

"*Room At The Inn* has given me the strength and the hope to carry on and be successful as a mother and as a person," Martha says. "I thank God for allowing me to see my daughter live and grow." The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Want to help? Write *Room At The Inn*, P.O. Box 30544, Charlotte, NC, 28230, or call 643-0699.

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## Elizabeth's Story

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When I found out that I was pregnant again, I was devastated. My son, Nicholas, was already one year old and we had just been evicted from our home. My baby's father was long gone. I was afraid for our future.

We spent a while moving about from friend to friend, even staying at a homeless shelter. There were no homes anywhere in the Carolinas for single, pregnant women who already had a child. Just when I had nowhere to turn, God led me to *Room At The Inn*.

*Room At The Inn* not only gave me a warm house to live in, good food to eat, and clothing for my kids and me, I also found true friends and the love of Christ. They picked me up and caressed my heart whenever I needed it and made me face reality whenever I needed that, too.

Today, thanks to *Room At The Inn*, I am a working brick mason and am supporting my family off welfare. I love my job! I am excited about my life and what it has in store for me and my children.

Most importantly, *Room At The Inn* encouraged my relationship with Jesus. Today, I am an active member of my church and enjoy the peace that comes from knowing Christ. I'm also committed to wait to have sex until after I'm married.

Things are so different for Nick, Anni and me, thanks to *Room At The Inn*. We have been shown God's mercy through this ministry. What would have happened to us without them?

*Room At The Inn ... Offering Women and Children Futures Full of Hope!*



## Jennifer's Story

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Coming from a large Catholic family, I never thought that abortion would be an option in my life. But, once I found out that I was pregnant, abortion kept rearing its ugly head as an easy choice for me. I had just been offered a job working for the president of a New York modeling agency and having a baby would end all of that.

But God is good and sent a dear Christian friend, Megan, who reminded me that "God orders all things mightily". With His help and her friendship, God made a place for me at *Room At The Inn*.

Once at *Room At The Inn*, they hooked me up with Catholic Social Services who handled my adoption. Throughout the whole process I was given the emotional support I needed to make my decision. I chose to place my son for adoption. I will never forget the look in the eyes of the parents who adopted my child when I presented him to them in a private ceremony— at my special request — at Saint Patrick's. Even though it was hard at the time, I never doubted my decision, and I know that I will never regret it.

My spiritual life took on a whole new meaning while I was at *Room At The Inn*. Jesus has become more real, and I know that He is always there for me to lean on. Look at all He has done for me!

*Room At The Inn ... Offering Women Life-Affirming Choices!*



## Martha's Story

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I couldn't believe my ears when the doctor told me that he couldn't finish the abortion because my baby was too far along. I was almost 6 months pregnant and I didn't know what to do. The clinic staff made an appointment for me at a clinic in another state and I left.

My mother told me that I had to get an abortion or leave home. She was a single mother all of her life and didn't want me to go through that. My baby's father refused to help. I wanted to keep my baby, but no one would help me.

Fortunately, the local crisis pregnancy center told me about *Room At The Inn* and I moved in. They gave me a home to live in, home cooked meals, and baby items. Most of all, they loved me and gave me support during the lonely times and whenever I felt abandoned.

Halli was born a little early and with breathing problems. We spent 6 weeks in the hospital, and they gave me the support I needed to get through this troublesome time. After we came home, the staff went through special training so that they could help me feed and care for my daughter.

Today, I'm so glad that I didn't follow through with my abortion. Halli is almost 8 months old and is doing very well. My mother is now proud of her granddaughter and is a big help to me. Halli and I could never have made it without *Room At The Inn*. I thank God for them everyday and for all they did for me while I was there.

*Room At The Inn ... Giving Life a Chance!*



## What is Room At The Inn?

Our mission of helping single, pregnant women is not an easy one. Many of the mothers who find *Room At The Inn* arrive broken in heart and in spirit - often rejected by their families and the fathers of their babies.

*Room At The Inn* is a unique, comprehensive program help-



ing single, pregnant women with or without previous children to have a safe and healthy pregnancy and delivery and to return to school or work after the birth of their child.

We provide housing, food, clothing, counseling and love in a structured environment. Transportation to the hospital, medical and social service appointments, and to work and school is provided. Training in parenting, nutrition, budgeting, chastity and job skills is offered in our home as well.

Child care is provided to allow our moms to finish their education or to return to work.

All medical appointments, medications and immunizations are tracked and supervised.

*Room At The Inn* is a place where young mothers learn to become responsible for themselves and their children. All of our mothers do the cooking and cleaning in the home. Each resident contributes to the upkeep of the home to the extent that she is able.

While at *Room At The Inn*, all residents work to pay back past creditors and to restore their credit rating and good name. Our moms explore careers in fields that will enable them to support themselves without welfare. We provide the support and love that they need to make the transition to a life filled with hope and opportunities.

Offering homeless, single women facing crisis pregnancies and their children a new start is what *Room At The Inn* is all about.





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Advent, 1996

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was only two short years ago that we opened our doors and took in our first young mother, a fifteen year old who was six months pregnant and alone.

Since then we have seen the birth of dozens of babies and heard the joy of children's laughter throughout our home. Children really do make the world a happier place.

Looking back, it is amazing to me to see all that God will do when people say yes to Him: young women facing up to their responsibilities as new mothers and mustering up the courage to change old ways of behavior; staff members and volunteers who daily experience the difficulties and demands of residents who come to us so wounded; and finally, the people of God who reach out and make Christ present to these forgotten ones - the least of His brethren.

This year has also been a challenging year for us financially. We struggle daily to pay our bills and to keep our doors open and food on our table. We do not receive money from any level of government. Yet, because we place our trust in God's good providence, we stay open.

This Advent, would you help us? We rely on the generosity of God's people and your support truly makes a difference in the lives of single, pregnant women and their children. An envelope is enclosed in this newspaper for your convenience.

Room At The Inn is a story of joy and love. But, it is also a story of struggle and hardships. Just like that night two thousand years ago when another Baby was born. Please keep us in your prayers as we remember His birth and may He bless you for your kindness and concern as you join us in making Room At The Inn.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Conrad L. Kimbrough  
Fr. Conrad L. Kimbrough  
President and Co-Founder

Albert Hodges  
Executive Director and Co-Founder

"She gave birth to her Son ... and laid Him in a manger,  
because there was no room at the inn."  
Luke 2:7



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## Mission Statement

Responding to the call of Jesus Christ to respect and affirm Life from the moment of conception, Room At The Inn is a safe haven for children threatened by abortion or infanticide and their homeless, single mothers. Invoking the patronage of Saint Joseph, and guided by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, Room At The Inn seeks to help these young families move toward a life of hopeful, independent and healthy living.

**Room At The Inn.....Making Christ Present to Single, Pregnant Mothers and Children in Need.**



# Entertainment



CNS photo from TriStar Pictures

Barbra Streisand portrays Rose Morgan in a scene from the romantic comedy "The Mirror Has Two Faces." The U.S. Catholic Conference Classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Sling Blade

## Thornton Writes, Directs, Stars In Drama Worth Watching

NEW YORK (CNS) — The world of a mentally retarded man is portrayed in the challenging drama, "Sling Blade" (Miramax).

The story is about Karl Childers (Billy Bob Thornton) and what happens to him after his release from the asylum to which he had been committed as a boy for murdering his mother and her lover.

The movie's ominous title refers to the sickle-like instrument he used as the murder weapon.

Released and completely on his own, Karl returns to his Southern hometown, gets a job repairing small engines and lives in a shed behind the store.

When he helps young Frank Wheatley (Lucas Black) lug some heavy bags, the boy becomes his friend and introduces him to his widowed mom, Linda (Natalie Canerday), and soon she invites Carl to live in the shack behind their house.

Karl not only has a job where he is appreciated but now feels part of a family for the first time in his life.

Linda's construction-worker boyfriend, Doyle Hargreaves (Dwight Yoakam), makes Karl's life miserable.

Worse, Doyle is physically abusive to Linda and Frank when he gets drunk and Karl comes to fear for their safety.

By this time, it is fairly obvious

where the story is going and how Karl will protect his friends, but the ending is no less powerful for that.

Also written and directed by Thornton, the movie is worth watching for its gentle depiction of a man with limited intelligence but an abundance of good will.

Thornton's performance as Karl is entirely sympathetic, warmly convincing and yet tinged with an element of unpredictability in his reaction to things.

Most of the people Karl meets are decent folk who accept him despite occasional misunderstandings.

The one who seems to understand Karl's problems the best is Linda's friend, Vaughan Cunningham (John Ritter), a homosexual trying to escape notice in a Bible Belt community.

The heavies in the piece are the insufferable Doyle and Karl's drunken father (Robert Duvall), who refuses to have anything to do with his son.

Though the plot becomes increasingly contrived in arriving at its dark conclusion, one is left with a keen awareness of Karl's potential to contribute to the community instead of being locked away from it.

Because of some chilling off-screen violence, alcohol abuse and occasional rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Against All Flags" (1952)

Colorful swashbuckler in which an English sea captain (Errol Flynn) joins a pirate crew in order to enter their impregnable island fortress, then destroy it. Directed by George Sherman, the formula plot focuses on the hero's problems with a suspicious buccaneer (Anthony Quinn), a lovely pirate captain (Maureen O'Hara) and the Grand Mogul's captured daughter. Stylized violence and romantic situations. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "All the Brothers Were Valiant" (1953)

Middling 19th-century sea yarn about the captain of a New England whaler (Robert Taylor) who finds his missing brother (Stewart Granger) in the South Seas, then has to keep him from seizing the ship to search for a fortune in pearls. Directed by Richard Thorpe, the adventure combines the themes of greed and sibling rivalry with more talk than action. Stylized violence, some of it quite nasty. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Captain Blood" (1935)

Swashbuckling adventure begins in 1685 England as an Irish doctor (Errol Flynn) is unjustly arrested with a band of rebels against King James II, then condemned to slavery in Jamaica under a brutal commander (Lionel Atwill) until the plucky doctor organizes their escape by sea to become pirates. Directed by Michael Curtiz, the lively proceedings include well-staged sea battles, the doctor's romance with the commander's niece (Olivia de Havilland) after rescuing her from a French buccaneer (Basil Rathbone) and justice for the rebels from the new English monarch, William of Orange. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Donovan's Reef" (1963)

Throwaway situation comedy with World War II vets (John Wayne, Lee Marvin and Jack Warden) beachcombing on a South Pacific isle when the daughter (Elizabeth Allen) of one of them makes a surprise visit. Director John Ford plays around with his familiar themes of male camaraderie and manly rivalry as well as the freedom of nature versus the restraints of civilization, but the result is less than original and only fitfully engaging. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

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### "The Fighting Seabees" (1944)

Patriotic World War II programmer in which a civilian contractor (John Wayne) joins forces with a Navy officer (Dennis O'Keefe) in training a naval construction battalion, called the Seabees, which proves itself by building a fuel depot on an island under Japanese attack. Directed by Edward Ludwig, the formula plot includes a war correspondent (Susan Hayward) who's torn between the two until Wayne becomes a posthumous hero. Wartime violence. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Morituri" (1965)

Murky World War II espionage thriller about an unwilling German pacifist (Marlon Brando) forced by a British agent (Trevor Howard) to undertake the disablement of a Nazi freighter (captained by Yul Brynner) on the high seas. Director Bernhard Wicki gets plenty of tension aboard ship but never seems quite certain whether he's making an action picture or some kind of allegorical statement on war. Stylized violence, drug use and sexual situations. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Mystery of the Mary Celeste" (1935)

Creaky British melodrama based on the 1872 mystery of the U.S. brig Mary Celeste, discovered derelict on the high seas with no clues as to what had happened to its crew. In speculating on what might have occurred, writer-director Denison Clift imagines the doomed ship sailed by a mutinous crew (notably one-armed Bela Lugosi), though the movie's sinister atmosphere and heavy-handed portents of disaster have little to do with the ultimate outcome involving a revengeful lunatic. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**



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## People In The News



Photo by Jimmy Rostar

Two runners dash past the Belmont Abbey Church during the First Annual 5K Steeplechase Turkey Trot Run in mid-November. Some 100 runners, joggers and walkers raised nearly \$3600 through their participation in the event, the first of several fund raisers whose proceeds will resurface and beautify Belmont Abbey College's quarter-mile running track.

### Doctor Stops Performing Abortions After Cardinal's Death

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (CNS) — Dr. John Nwannunu estimates that he has performed hundreds of abortions since he began his family practice at a clinic in Merrillville more than two years ago. But no more. Nwannunu called Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary Nov. 15 to say that he will no longer do abortions in Merrillville or at his clinics in Gary and East Chicago. "You can come and get the equipment," he told the bishop. Nwannunu attributed his change of heart to the coverage of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin's death that had saturated the airwaves in the Chicago market. In an interview with the *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, newspaper of the Diocese of Gary, the doctor said he was moved by "how he (the cardinal) handled death" and by "the letter he wrote to the Su-

preme Court (against assisted suicide) prior to dying."

### Former President's 11th Book Tells Of His 'Living Faith'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Former President Jimmy Carter says his 11th book was "by far the most difficult book I've ever written" because of the "personal things" he revealed about the challenges of living a Christian life. "Living Faith" (Times Books, \$23), "is a book about the values and experiences that have shaped my life, and how the religious beliefs I inherited have been transformed into a living faith," Carter said in an introduction to the 256-page volume. Carter, a Democrat who was president from 1977-81, spoke about the book and his views on church-state separation, the Christian Coalition, abortion and the trend toward "megachurches."

### Benedictine Priest, Teacher Dies At 73

BELMONT — Benedictine Father Raphael Gerard Bridge died on Nov. 24 at Belmont Abbey.

Vespers were sung at the Abbey church on Nov. 25. On Nov. 26, Abbot Oscar Burnett concelebrated the Mass of Christian Burial with the monks of Belmont Abbey and Diocese of Charlotte clergy.

Father Bridge was born on March 7, 1923, in Latrobe, Pa., to the late Rhabanus Maurus Bridge and Mary Catherine Fresch.

A graduate of Holy Family Parochial School and St. Vincent Scholasticate in Latrobe, he went on to earn his bachelor of arts degree at St. Benedict College in Atchison, Kan. He pursued post-graduate studies in history at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

Father Bridge entered the Benedictine novitiate at St. Benedict Abbey in Atchison, and became a professed monk of Belmont Abbey Aug. 28, 1944. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1950, at St. Vincent Archabbey Church in Latrobe.

He taught history at Belmont Abbey College for 48 years, and also served as prefect and assistant dean of the preparatory school; assistant treasurer; director of maintenance; dean of students; and chaplain of the college.

Father Bridge was also a member of the board of trustees, faculty representative of athletics, a member of the athletic committee and moderator of the intercollegiate athletic teams at the college.

He served as director of the Abbey Press, subprior, procurator, and member of the Senior Council of Belmont Abbey Monastery.

He is survived by the monks of Belmont Abbey; two brothers, Louis Bridge and Charles Bridge; three sisters, Helen Munchinski, Rita Casey, and Imelda Ransel, all of Latrobe; and many nieces and nephews.

### Cardinal Agrees, Reluctantly, To Continue As Doctrinal Head

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said he has agreed, with some reluctance, to stay on as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The 69-year-old German theologian, whose third five-year term at the congregation expired Nov. 25, said he would not mind if someone younger took over, but for now Pope John Paul II had asked him to remain. His new term would extend until the year 2001, but it is possible for Vatican officials to leave office before their full term is completed.

### Architect Of Dayton Accords Receives Tutu Award For Peace

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS) — Initially thought to be nothing more than a strategic location to hold the Bosnian peace talks, Dayton has now become a powerful symbol of what can be accomplished when the United States pushes rival factions toward peace. That's the assessment of the former envoy who helped broker peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina one year after the Dayton Peace Accords were signed. "In retrospect, you couldn't have imagined a better place," said Richard Holbrooke, architect of the Dayton Peace Accords, as he addressed 400 professors, business and civic leaders, and diplomats at the University of Dayton Nov. 19 and received the Desmond Tutu Award for Peace.

### Maryknoll Priest-Doctor Dies

OSSINING, N.Y. (CNS) — A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 20 at Queen of Apostles Chapel in Ossining for Maryknoll Father John Edward Bergwall, a physician whose career as a missionary in Africa was cut short by multiple sclerosis more than three decades ago. Father Bergwall, a 69-year-old Milwaukee native, died Nov. 14 at St. Teresa's residence. After he learned that he was being assigned to Africa but before his ordination, Father Bergwall diagnosed himself as having multiple sclerosis. Despite concerns for his health, he went to Tanzania where he helped establish a hostel for 60 victims of Hansen's disease.

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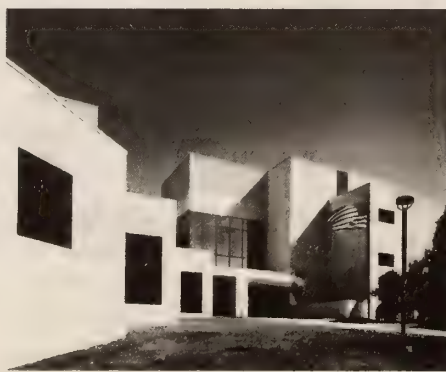
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# Bishop Curlin, Catechetical Leaders Gather In Hickory

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HICKORY — A possible record was achieved Nov. 21 as 90 catechetical leaders gathered to dialogue with Bishop William G. Curlin; Father James Hawker, vicar for education; and Dr. Cris Villapando, diocesan director of faith formation. In past years, an average of 20 participants would be counted; this time it skyrocketed to nearly a hundred.

Villapando tributes the turnout to a new spirit between regional coordinators and parish catechetical leaders.

After the introduction, Bishop Curlin spoke to the participants. "As you teach, continually remind people of the presence of God in their lives. Before any of us can teach with authority, we

ourselves must live in the presence of God's love," he said.

The day would become one of teaching, participation and feedback, as catechetical leaders learned of new guidelines for parishes and were introduced to teaching modules.

Moreover, the fellowship of those charged with teaching the faith brought on discussions of victory and sometimes failure in the teaching process.

Jeannine Martin of Holy Infant



A group of catechetical leaders discuss their concerns.

Church in Reidsville shared her successes incorporating confirmed youth as catechists. "Younger children respond well to teenagers," she said.

Problematic issues included lack of funds, parental and community involvement.

In the afternoon session, Villapando asked leaders to review the 250 requirements for PCL qualifications. He said he hopes to reduce that number and tailor the requirements to fit parish needs.

## Heritage Society Provides Gifts That Last

CHARLOTTE — Ray and Kay Cuzzone have always believed in sharing their time, talent and treasure with the Church, and as members of St. Aloysius Church in Hickory, they view the Catholic Heritage Society as a perfect vehicle for their commitment.

"The important thing is giving a part of yourself and leaving a part of yourself behind to help the Church grow," Mrs. Cuzzone said.

"We've always felt this way," she added. "This is part of our stewardship too — the stewardship of our assets."

Formed nearly two years ago, the Catholic Heritage Society is open to individuals who provide in their wills or other estate plans for the Foundation, the diocese, or any of the diocesan parishes, schools, agencies or organizations.

The Cuzzones and other members of the Catholic Heritage Society from throughout the diocese met with Bishop William G. Curlin on Nov. 17. Each fall, the bishop invites society members to a Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral and reception at his residence. The bishop told members that they were supporting the Church, not just in the present, but in the future as well.

"On behalf of all the Catholic faithful, I thank you for the generosity you and so many others practice in our diocese," Bishop Curlin said. "Your generosity shows you want to help your parish, your school, and the diocese as a whole."

"Giving of yourself is one of the greatest gifts in the world," the bishop added. "It shows you are people who follow Jesus. The proof is in the way you live, and the manner in which you show your love for the Church."

The society has open membership, said Jim Kelley, diocesan development

director and executive director of the Foundation. "Anyone in the diocese can become a member, whether they leave \$500 or several thousand dollars or more in their wills or other estate plans for the Church," he said. "This isn't about money. This type of planned giving helps to ensure the future financial stability of the Church and will allow us to serve the faithful for generations to come."

According to Kelley, there are several ways to become a member of the Catholic Heritage Society. A member might leave a bequest in his will, a gift of life insurance, a gift of real estate or establish a life arrangement — such as a trust or annuity. Most of the gifts are easy to initiate and take very little time.

For more information about the Catholic Heritage Society, call Jim Kelley at (704) 331-1709 or (704) 377-6871.

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actual track record of caring for people, treasuring their Catholic tradition and being faithful to its practice?

Finally, are you aware that godparents are not absolutely required to be present for the baptism as long as other conditions are fulfilled?

Perhaps someone you would wish to ask lives farther away, but could still be the kind of godparent you desire.

Somewhere in these thoughts should be some solution to your dilemma.

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### Introducing our Spiritual Directors ...

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GLORIA ANSON — New York Regional Director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Apostolate and the Sacred Heart Center in Syracuse, N.Y., has promoted the primacy of Jesus as Lord in the homes, schools and the marketplace. She has conducted parish missions throughout the country and chaired the National Sacred Heart Conference at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio in 1993.

The hours for the mission are: Sunday, Dec. 8 from 7-8:30 p.m.  
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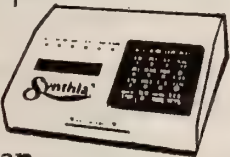
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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Interfaith AIDS Healing Services

CHARLOTTE — Methodist, Episcopalian and Lutheran bishops will join Bishop William G. Curlin at an ecumenical AIDS Healing Service Dec. 1 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral.

ASHEVILLE — The 4th Annual Interfaith AIDS Healing Service is Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. at Nazareth First Missionary Baptist Church, 26 Dogwood Rd.

### Night of Prayer For Life

Several parishes in the Charlotte Diocese are asking God's mercy and guidance in the struggle for the unborn, sick and the elderly by participating in the National Night of Prayer For Life Dec. 9. Call the Respect Life Office, (704) 331-1720, for information and see the Pro-Life corner on page 4 of this issue for a list of parishes involved.

### Advent Celebration

ASHEVILLE — Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry presents the Advent celebration "A Journey of the Heart" 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 5-6, 12-8:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 2-6 p.m. Dec. 8 at First Christian Church, 20 Oak St. Experience the exotic Bethlehem marketplace on the day Jesus was born; a musical medley prepares the way. Capacity is limited, so arrive early. Donations are appreciated.

### Advent Mission

HENDERSONVILLE — Immaculate Conception parish and Good News International presents the Advent mission "Dare to be Holy" Dec. 8-11 at the church. Call (704) 697-7420 for times and details.

### Survivors Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — Survivors, a support group for widows and widowers, meets Dec. 15 at 1:15 p.m. at the Catholic Center for a Sunday brunch at Providence Cafe. There is no regular meeting that day. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871.

### Books and Crafts Fair

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M. Christmas Fair Extravaganza is Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Dec. 8 after Masses until 2 p.m. in St. Justin's Center. Items include books, religious items, crafts, raffle, baked goods and refreshments.

### Spanish Mass Rescheduled

BURNSVILLE — The December Spanish Mass at Sacred Heart Church is Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. There is no Spanish Mass Dec. 15.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point areas meets the first Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Christmas Bazaar And Auction

CHARLOTTE — The annual St.

Thomas Aquinas Church Christmas Bazaar is Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Silent auction is Dec. 8 from 8-11:30 a.m. Proceeds go to the parish building fund.

### Monthly Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated Dec. 8 and the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service is at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

### Garden Of Eaten

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church, located at 507 S. Tryon St., two blocks east of Ericsson Stadium, offers hot dog and barbecue lunches before Carolina Panthers' home games, Dec. 1, 15 and 22, starting two-and-one-half hours before kickoff. No parking. Visitors are welcomed to tour the church and fresco. Proceeds are given to feed the city's hungry. For information, call (704) 332-2901.

### Feast Day Celebration

BELMONT — A liturgical and social celebration to commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas, is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Belmont Abbey Church. Benedictine Father Lawrence Willis celebrates Mass and delivers the homily in Spanish. A social follows in Maurus Hall. For information, call Benedictine Brother Paul Shanley, (704) 825-6696.

### CCHS Senior Attends Young Leaders Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Charlotte Catholic High School Senior Rebecca Dudley was one of 350 students from across the country who recently attended The National Young Leaders Conference in the nation's capital.

The conference is a unique development program for high school students demonstrating leadership potential and scholastic merit.

The students interacted with key figures from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps. They received a welcome from the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and attended a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

Also, they took part in skill-building activities involving role playing.

The conference was sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization founded in 1985.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Winter Festival And Craft Show

BELMONT — The Queen of the Apostles Church holiday craft show and

spaghetti dinner is Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For details, call Mary Rutenbur, (704) 263-5919.

### Adoration Precedes Mission

STATESVILLE — A 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament precedes the St. Phillip the Apostle parish mission, "Celebrate Jesus in Your Lives and in Your Homes," from 9 a.m. Dec. 6 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7 in the church. For more information, call Sally Falls, (704) 876-3097 or the church office, 872-2579.

### Christmas Fair

CHARLOTTE — The 2nd Annual St. Gabriel PTO Holiday Craft Fair is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The parish Men's Club will also be selling Christmas trees on site. Proceeds benefit St. Gabriel School and parish.

### Jesuit House of Prayer Retreats

HOT SPRINGS — Jesuit Father Gene McCreesh conducts "The Dawn from on High Shall Break Upon Us," a Dec. 6-8 Advent retreat for men and women. For information and reservations, contact The Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743, (704) 622-7366.

### Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother Mondays at 8:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For information, call Eva at (704) 542-1614.

### Caroling Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo Church caroling party for parish shut-ins is Dec. 19. Meet at the activity center at 5 p.m. for a picnic supper. Call Elizabeth, (910) 774-1046, for information.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For more information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is Dec. 4 and the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday at St. Leo the Great Church.

### First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are Dec. 7 at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

### Holy Angels Passes Review

BELMONT — Holy Angels' Fox Run ICF/MR (Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded) group homes recently passed the on-site Medicaid Review and Survey with zero deficiencies. Members of the survey team from the Black Mountain Office of Licensure and Certification of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services looked at several major areas for review including resident rights, active treatment, health care and dietetic services, facility staffing, living environment and safety. The team reported that the staff members were well-trained; that each resident was well-cared for and treated with dignity and respect.

This is the third consecutive year that Holy Angels has passed the ICF/MR Survey with no deficiencies.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2, 1997. Tickets available for \$125 per couple before Dec. 31 (\$150 per couple Jan. 1 on). Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Joan of Arc Church in the chapel the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

### International Adoptions Meeting

CLEMMONS — Catholic Social Services of the Charlotte Diocese presents an informational meeting on international adoptions of children from Russia and China, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church. For information, call (910) 727-0705.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs



CNS photo from the University of Dayton

A mourner touches the body of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, which was placed inside the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago Nov. 18. Hundreds lined up outside the cathedral for the visitation.

### Thousands Line Chicago Funeral Route For Cardinal Bernardin

CHICAGO (CNS) — Uncounted thousands of Chicagoans lined the 18-mile funeral route carrying the body of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin from Holy Name Cathedral to its final resting place in Mount Carmel Cemetery Nov. 20. The cardinal, who in life always preferred to travel the city streets instead of the expressways, had asked that his funeral cortege also avoid the expressways. So the slow, 60-vehicle procession snaked through the city for 90 minutes. Some onlookers knelt and prayed as the hearse bearing the cardinal approached. Others made a simple Sign of the Cross as it passed. Some raised signs with messages like "We love you" and "Good-bye, God bless you."

### Call To Action Conference Draws 5,000 To Detroit

DETROIT (CNS) — More than 5,000 people committed to bringing about major changes in the Catholic Church gathered Nov. 15-17 for the Call To Action national conference. The conference drew people from across the United States to Detroit's Cobo Center, site of the original Call To Action conference in 1976. Speakers included Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton; Fathers Hans Kung and Charles Curran, both barred by the Vatican from teaching as Catholic theologians; French Bishop Jacques Gaillot; feminist activist Edwina Gateley; and Loretto Sister Maureen Fiedler, national petition drive organizer for "We Are Church: A Catholic Referendum." The gathering also showed support for members of Call To Action-Nebraska, who were threatened with excommunication this year by Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., after they organized a state chapter.

### Merger Protects Catholic Hospital's Pro-Life Ideals

PHOENIX (CNS) — St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, an affiliate of Mercy Healthcare Arizona, will maintain its Catholic identity and its commitment to the sanctity of life in a merger between Mercy Healthcare and Samaritan Health System. The two health care systems announced Nov. 14 that they have signed a letter of intent to combine the operations of their Arizona facilities under a new nonprofit operating company. Specifically, a common values statement has been written and will be discussed as the merger is made to verify policy and procedures that will be congruent with that values statement.

### Racial Unity In Church 'Possible, Exciting,' Priest Says

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (CNS) — Within the Catholic Church "racial, cultural and religious unity is not only possible, but exciting," said Father Virgilio Elizondo, a San Antonio priest. Catholics are called to accept the diversity among them "not as a threat to unity but with a sense of enrichment," he said Nov. 13 in a lecture at Seton Hall University in South Orange. To bring about such unity, Catholics must "believe in it," he said. "We make it possible by welcoming people to our church," he said, which includes responding to the hunger for the Gospel among U.S. Spanish-speaking Catholics. "If we do not respond to that hunger, the people will find it somewhere else," Father Elizondo emphasized.

### Work To Begin On Controversial Neighborhood Near Bethlehem

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Work on a controversial neighborhood bordering Jerusalem and Bethlehem is expected to begin by the end of the year after the Supreme Court rejected a final appeal opposing the project. According to the government plan, some 6,000 housing units are to be built on a hill known in Arabic as Jabal Abu-Gneim and in Hebrew as Har Hooma. The land belonged to residents of the Christian village of Beit Tsahur and the Muslim village of Umm-Tuba, southeast of Jerusalem. Jewish land developer David Meir also owned parcels of land on the hill. Building plans were introduced about six years ago, but were held up by court appeals — by Meir and residents of both villages — against the Israeli government's expropriation of the land.

### Pope Urges International Community To Honor Pledge

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged governments and Church organizations not to falter in their commitments to help the starving refugee population in eastern Zaire. The pope made his remarks during a general audi-

ence Nov. 20. Governments, which a few days before had pledged participation in a multinational humanitarian aid effort to the region, were at the time reconsidering their pledges in light of changed circumstances: Most of the Rwandan refugees were returning home and it appeared that they would need less assistance than was originally predicted.

### Cardinal Asks Sandinistas To Form 'Constructive Opposition'

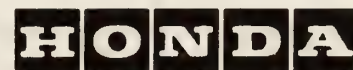
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (CNS) — Almost a month after Nicaragua's general elections, Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua has called on members of the Sandinista party to accept the results and to assume the role of a "constructive opposition." Former President Daniel Ortega, a Sandinista, said his party would "continue struggling ... but within a legal framework." "I believe that the Nicaraguan people deserve congratulations. Despite some administrative difficulties, the elections were clean. The results should be accepted," Cardinal Obando said Nov. 14.

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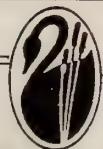
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# St. Barnabas Church

ARDEN — The history of St. Barnabas Church began in 1964, when a structure in Arden was purchased from local Baptists for use as a Catholic church. Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh celebrated the first Mass there in November of that year. Thirty-six families made up the church community.

Originally designated as a mission of St. Lawrence Church in Asheville, St. Barnabas was first served by Msgr. George Lynch, who later became auxiliary bishop of the Raleigh Diocese. The congregation later welcomed Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father Joseph Maule, in early 1966, as its first resident pastor. With parish status, St. Barnabas grew steadily, both in spiritual and physical terms.

The parish not only saw its first Holy Communion and Confirmation classes receive their respective sacraments, but it also developed the pastoral committee, Ladies' Guild, and musicians group, all of which remain a vital presence in the church community.

Long-range planning took place

during the 1970s to coincide with a continuing influx of Catholics settling in the Arden area. Meanwhile, efforts to pay off the church mortgage were completed by 1976, thus allowing the parish to attend to expansion projects more closely. A residence for the pastor was purchased, and in 1980 land transfers brought the construction of a new church facility a step closer to reality.

With the original building having been sold, the

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Number of parishioners:  
**1,755**

Number of households:  
**620**

parish celebrated Mass under a tent and in a roller skating rink in the meanwhile.

In July 1984, the parish saw the completion of the new St. Barnabas Church. With a church featuring a native stone sanctuary wall, a locally crafted crucifix and education facilities, the parish had a new spiritual home reflecting the beauty of both faith and the Carolina mountains.

As the years passed, the St. Barnabas Church religious educa-

tion program was enhanced. With the arrival of the 1980s came an expansion of the parish's Cursillo and Knights of Columbus council.

In July 1990, Father John Schneider became pastor. From then to the present, he has continued the devoted work of his predecessors, and has formed and developed an enthusiastic youth ministry comprising middle- and high-school youngsters as well.

Ever-increasing in size and participation, the parish in February 1990 began to explore the possibility of again expanding the facilities. After a lengthy series of meetings and discussions, the project was underway. New classrooms, offices, meeting rooms and an expanded library highlighted the augmentation. Bishop William G. Curlin blessed the expansion in July 1994, 10 years after the dedication of the new St. Barnabas church.

Father Schneider serves as pastor to some 620 households that make up the religious, educational, social and,

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**Bishop William G. Curlin** chats with Louise Lenz during a Dec. 3 visit to The Little Flower Assisted Living Community in Charlotte. Residents treated the bishop to conversation and a tour of their home, recently decorated for the holidays. Forty-four people live in the community, named in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

# Carolina Bishops Join Together For World AIDS Day Observance

**By JIMMY ROSTAR**

*Staff Writer*

**CHARLOTTE** — The struggle of the more than 22 million people infected with HIV/AIDS was commemorated globally on World AIDS Day Dec. 1. At St. Patrick Cathedral, an ecumenical group gathered to pray for those infected and affected by the disease.

Calling the event “a unique moment for the city,” Bishop William G. Curlin — along with his fellow shepherds — led a historic assemblage of the faithful in a state where more than 9,000 people are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Joining Bishop Curlin were Bishop J. Gary Gloster, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Church of North Carolina; Bishop Charlene P. Kammerer, resident bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church; and Bishop Norman D. Eitrhein, interim bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

"Your presence here speaks of Jesus in our midst," Bishop William Curlin said in his welcome to the bishops and attending clergy. With that greeting, Bishop Curlin set the tone for the afternoon healing service, where a message of hope and faith was conveyed through song, symbolism and Scripture.

Bishop Curlin talked of the healing power of prayer, and urged the congregation to live faith-filled lives — lives that are lived for Jesus and through which His presence can be felt.

The notion of offering one's very life to God was the concept most strongly conveyed at the service.

"Believe that every waking moment is His moment," Bishop Curlin said. "Believe that if Jesus wakes you up in this world tomorrow, He wants to use you as His instrument in this world."

The afternoon of prayer and ecumenism also included powerful images and a message of mercy:

See **AIDS**, page 13.

## At Advent Service, Pope Urges Catholics To Discover Glory Of God In Christ

**By CINDY WOODEN**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As candles brightened the darkened interior of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope John Paul II urged Catholics around the world "to discover the glory of God that is revealed in Christ."

The pope celebrated a special evening prayer service Nov. 30, the eve of the first Sunday of Advent, to mark the beginning of three years of prayer, study and charitable acts in preparation for the Holy Year 2000.

"This itinerary will lead us to the threshold of the Holy Door which I will open, if it pleases God, on the night of Christmas 1999," the pope said, referring to the practice of opening a bricked-up door in St. Peter's Basilica at the beginning of a Holy Year.

Pope John Paul II to focus their prayer first year on the per-  
"Becoming man, braced human time to guide men and eternity and to lead tion in divine life, the Father, Son and Holy said.



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“In this darkness, we become aware that there is a light which can guide us, which can truly give meaning to our lives, and it is toward this light that we must walk,” he said.

In his homily during the prayer service, the pope said that Christ's victory over sin and death has made it possible for all people to accomplish good in his name.

That possibility, he said, must become a reality as Christians work for "authentic peace, the fruit of justice and love."

At the end of the liturgy, the pope led the congregation in reciting a prayer he wrote for Catholics to recite during 1997 as part of their preparation for the jubilee.

Continuing his comments about Advent and the upcoming jubilee Dec. 1 during his midday blessing, the pope said, "the coming three years will be a time of strong spiritual and apostolic commitment for the local churches spread throughout the world."

“With the jubilee, the church intends to appeal to everyone’s heart so that they will grow in listening to God and in the constant search for fraternal solidarity,” he said.

"Now is the time to defeat laziness and mediocrity, renewing our entire existence in the light of the Gospel," Pope John Paul said.

"Now is the time to rediscover the value of prayer," he said.

"Along with prayer," he said, "there also must be a strong commitment of charity toward our needy brothers and sisters in whom we encounter and serve Christ."



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## Kelley Is Honored For Work With Homeless



Jim Kelley and his wife, Joan, at the Homeless Services awards ceremony.

velop and support the program resources that we have for the homeless community."

The Homeless Services Network is a coalition of agencies and organizations who are involved with delivering services to homeless people or those at risk of homelessness. Established in 1992, the Network is committed to: collaborating; coordinating services for the homeless; advocating with and for homeless people; and planning and managing responses to needs.

Kelley has been a strong advocate of the homelessness issue in Charlotte since the early 1980s. He was part of the team that started the Emergency Winter Shelter. In 1984, he served as a member

of a study group that presented a report on the urgent need for a family and women's shelter. As a result, Charlotte Emergency Housing opened the following year. He was also a founding member of the Uptown Day Shelter. When the United Way formed the Homeless and Shelter Study Committee to study the issue of homelessness in Charlotte, Kelley was named to that committee. It resulted in the opening of the Men's Shelter in 1988, which later merged with the Uptown Day Shelter.

In 1992, Kelley helped form the Homeless Services Network. He also was part of the team that formed the Urban Ministry Center in 1993. He has served on both boards since their inception.

Kelley points to others when discussing the Homeless Services Network honor. "I am very fortunate to work with committed staff at these agencies. All the agencies I work with have very committed and capable people," he said.

"It is also a real joy for me to do this kind of work," Kelley added.

CHARLOTTE — Jim Kelley has spent the better part of 18 years helping others.

Kelley's tireless efforts were recently recognized when he was presented the Homeless Services Network's 1996 "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award during a luncheon at the Adams Mark Hotel. The first-ever volunteer award was named in Kelley's honor.

Those who know the Diocese of Charlotte's director of development can verify his service on 24 volunteer boards since moving to Charlotte in 1979.

"Jim's involvement and leadership in all homeless issues has been inspirational," said Frank Mansfield, chairman of the Homeless Services Network. "He is the epitome of volunteer leadership for homeless services in Charlotte. We would not have the level of services and resources for the homeless in Charlotte — both in terms of quality and quantity — were it not for his leadership. I know of no one else who has worked more, usually behind the scenes, to find, de-

## Liturgy Conference Centers On Respect For Cultural Diversity

By MIKE NELSON

LONG BEACH, Calif. (CNS) — A record number of parish liturgists discussed sensitivity to, acceptance of and communication among various cultures at the first bilingual liturgy conference held by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in five years.

The calls at Liturgy Conference '96 to embrace cultural diversity and to model lives on the Gospel message of Jesus were as prominent as the calls for sound liturgical practices and spirited liturgies.

"Each of us mirrors part of the living God," said Auxiliary Bishop Gabino Zavala of Los Angeles in his keynote address Nov. 22. "We are therefore called to have appreciation and respect for each other, and we must accept the uniqueness of each person. We must respond positively to the call to be community."

"We cannot build community," he added, "without solidarity, respect, appreciation for diversity and respect for the common good."

Liturgically speaking, "it means building relationships outside the sanctuary before we approach the altar," said Bishop Zavala, whose talk was also delivered Nov. 23 in Spanish. "All must be prepared to meet God in the assembly. Liturgy and community just doesn't happen; we must work at making them happen."

More than 2,100 liturgists — mostly from Southern California but also from the Midwest, East Coast and Canada — attended the Nov. 21-23 conference sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Worship. Its theme was "City of God, United in Love."

More than 50 workshops, along with keynote addresses, liturgies, music showcases, a liturgical arts festival and a concert, were presented at the Long Beach Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Many of the liturgy coordinators, music ministers, initiation directors and other liturgical ministers in attendance agreed with the call to build community, although they admitted that doing so among diverse cultures is not easily or quickly accomplished.

"It would be nice to come together for more celebrations," said Kathleen Lester, music minister of St. Louis de Montfort Church in Orcutt, a parish with Anglo and Latino Catholic populations. "Our people need a vision, a way to see it's do-able, so they don't feel frustrated. It's important to value one another's culture."

Bishop Zavala urged the liturgists to "build 'cross-cultural moments' into our liturgical planning, into our parish structures, to allow us a greater understanding of the history and struggles of different peoples."

"We need to promote greater dialogue through story-telling, to better understand each other and allay the fears of long-standing parishioners that newcomers are out to take over the parish," he added.

In fact, that process must start well before liturgy, said Jesuit Father Allen Figueroa Deck, adjunct theology professor at Loyola Marymount University and executive director of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry.

"You begin with the reality of your parish, your community, the people of God," he said. "Get eyeball to eyeball with them; find out who they are, what they want, what they need. How do they express rituals and symbols? What do they want and need from their preachers? Find out what emerges from the reality; then, find out what the Church tells us liturgically in doctrine and tradition and resources."

### St. Nicholas



Nicholas was born toward the end of the third century. He was ordained and appointed abbot of a monastery. He was very generous to the poor. He protected the innocent and the wronged. St. Nicholas is a special patron of children. A legend that tells of Nicholas throwing a bag of gold through a window to aid three poor children possibly led to the tradition of giving presents in his name around Christmas. His feast is Dec. 6.

**Saints & Scripture**

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**The Second Sunday of Advent.** To mark each of the four weeks before Christmas, a candle is lit on the traditional Advent wreath to symbolize the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ.



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### Scripture

Readings for the week of  
December 8 - 14



**Sunday:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
1 Peter 3: 8-14  
Mark 1: 1-8

**Monday:** Genesis 3: 9-15, 20  
Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary  
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1: 26-38

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Matthew 18: 12-14

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40: 25-31  
Matthew 11: 28-90

**Thursday:** Readings from  
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**Friday:** Isaiah 48: 17-19  
Matthew 11: 16-19

**Saturday:** Sirach 48: 1-7, 9-11  
Matthew 17: 10-13



# Bosnian Students Learn And Teach In Indiana

By ANGELA MOORE

DYER, Ind. (CNS) — One would never know that the two Bishop Noll Institute students completing chemistry homework at their dining room table are any different from other teen-agers in the Diocese of Gary.

And that is the point that Bosnians Dzeni Dubreta, 16, and Alisa Karic, 18, are trying to convey — they are no different than other teens. Both said they are enjoying their U.S. stay, but often find themselves having to debunk stereotypes because many in the United States know only what the media portray about their country — usually negative images.

"Many people we talk to have this picture of the war stuck in their minds," Karic told the *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, newspaper of the Gary Diocese. "Yes, there are poor everywhere, but there are wealthier people, too, in Bosnia. When we tell people where we are from, some look at us as if we are from Mars."

"On TV they never show normal things," said Dubreta. "They never show nicely dressed people who work and try to live normal lives."

This is the second year the two have lived with their American legal guardian, Father Alfred Dettmer, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Dyer.

Last school year they were students at Marquette Catholic High School in Michigan City, Ind., when Father Dettmer was pastor of Queen of All Saints Church in Michigan City.

Both came here via the relief program "Bridge for Humanity," which was founded in Chicago by Bosnians and Slovenians to help the country by raising money and bringing children to experience life in the United States.

Father Dettmer became interested in the program after a Slovenian high school singing troupe performed at Queen of All Saints four years ago. He now serves on the board of directors of "Bridge for Humanity."

The priest said he, too, has learned from the experience of being legal guardian for the two students.

"Many of us do not understand how others live," he said. "I had the experience of spending one week there meeting the girls' families. They are very kind people."

Dubreta and Karic said they are fortunate to be able to come to the United

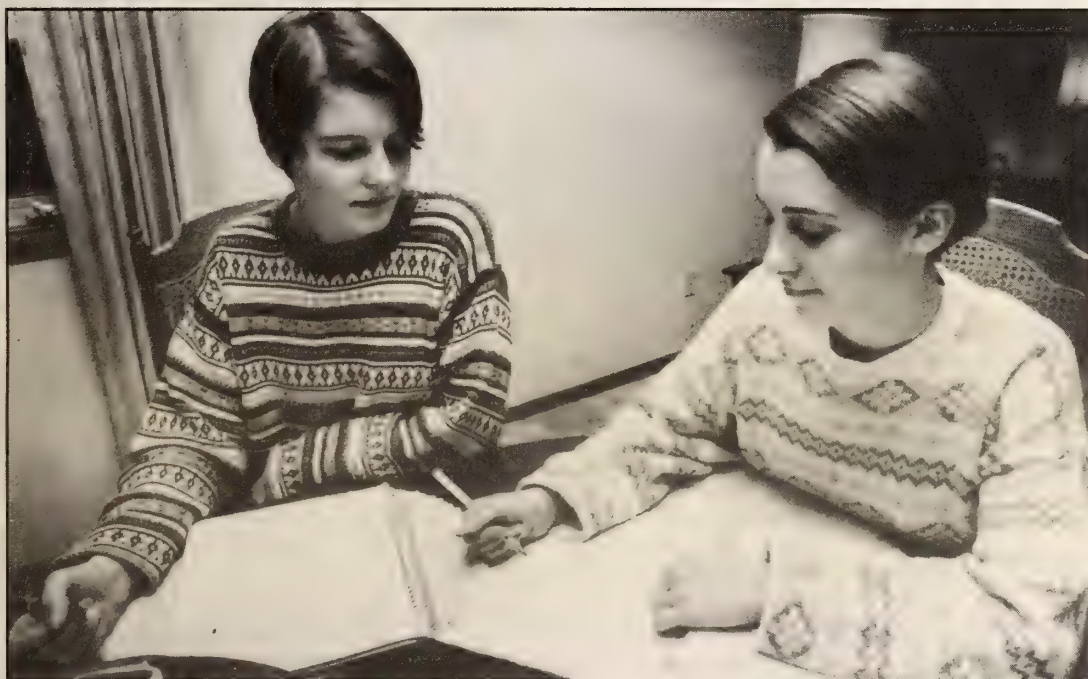
States. They were raised in upper-middle-class families where both of their parents have careers.

"It's a rare opportunity for anyone to be able to come to another country and learn a different perspective," Karic said. "We just happen to be from Bosnia."

For Dubreta and Karic, the major problem with northwest Indiana is the lack of public transportation. They are used to having public transportation in Sarajevo and being able to go anywhere they want.

"In Sarajevo, everything is so close," Dubreta said. "In five minutes you can be anywhere."

Karic will be graduating this spring and Dubreta will be returning next year to complete her studies in the Diocese of Gary.



CNS photo by Karen Callaway, Northwest Indiana Catholic

Dzeni Dubreta, left, and Alisa Karic, students at Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond, Ind., work on their chemistry homework. Father Alfred Dettmer, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Dyer, Ind., is the U.S. legal guardian of the Bosnian teens, who are studying in the United States through the relief program "Bridge for Humanity."

## Pope Says Reading Scripture Can Help Discern Vocations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Reading Scripture and meditating on its meaning can help people discern their vocations and can move young people toward priesthood or religious life, Pope John Paul II said.

"Sacred Scripture narrates the history of salvation as a history of vocations, in which the Lord's initiative and people's response have become intertwined," the pope said.

In his annual message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the pope encouraged religious educators and vocations directors to make ample use of Bible reading in their work of helping people discover the particular way they are called to live the Christian life.

The text of the papal message for the 1997 World Day of Prayer, which will take place April 20 in most dioceses, was released Dec. 3 at the Vatican.

Because the Bible "reveals the deepest meaning of things and gives mankind security of discernment and orientation in the daily choices of life," the pope said, it is an essential part of Christian life.

By reading the Scripture stories of God's particular call to individuals to fulfill a particular mission, people can begin to understand how God has called men and women from every age, the pope said.

"Every vocation is born from the meeting of two freedoms: the divine and human," he said. "Having been personally invited by the Word of God, the one called places himself or herself at His service."

Reading the Bible with guidance and openness to the Holy Spirit leads to a maturation of faith, which is more and more evident in the way a person lives, the pope said.

Reading the Scriptures has an effect on the whole Christian community, as well, the pope said. It is from the community that vocations to the priesthood and religious life arise and it is the community which must support vocations.

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## Pro-Life Corner



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Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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**December 9**  
Mass for Knights of Malta  
Charlotte

**December 10**  
10 a.m.  
Triad School Meeting  
St. Leo Church,  
Winston-Salem

**December 11**  
7:30 p.m.  
Penance Service  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Church, Charlotte

**December 13**  
Catholic Campus Ministry  
Meeting  
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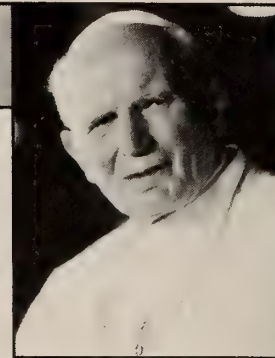
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Pope Says Mythology May Have Facilitated Use Of 'Mother Of God'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Nov. 27.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this week's catechesis we consider the title "Mother of God" by which the Church invokes the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Council of Ephesus, in the early fifth century, confirmed the use of this ancient title. According to the council, Mary is truly the Mother of God, since she gave birth to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity who took flesh and became man for our sake. By proclaiming that Mary is the Mother of God, the Church affirms her sublime dignity as chosen by the Father to be the mother of his only-begotten son. Mary, who freely responded to God's call, reveals the nobility and lofty vocation of all women. Let us implore her to obtain for us from her divine Son freedom from sin and the grace of eternal salvation.

I am pleased to greet all the English-speaking visitors present at today's audience, especially the pilgrim groups from the United States. Upon you and your

families I cordially invoke the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Says Science-Faith Dialogue Becomes More Urgent, Promising

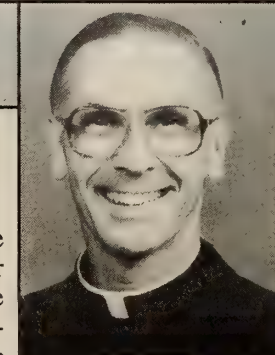
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said recent scientific investigation into the origins of the universe is touching upon theological and metaphysical questions.

"As a result, the need for dialogue and cooperation between science and faith has become ever more urgent and promising," the pope said Nov. 29 in a talk to a study group sponsored by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The study session was the last in a series of general conferences on the physical cosmos, sponsored by the Vatican in an effort to bridge the gap between science and religion.

## Guest Column

Rev. Francis T. Gignac



### Sunday Readings Tell Of Prophecies Fulfilled In Christ, Day Of Reckoning

The readings presented for the liturgy for the second Sunday of Advent continue the theme of our Lord's coming. In the first week, we distinguished three comings at different times and stages. This week's readings focus on two of them.

The gospel reading was from the beginning of the gospel we call according to Mark (1:1-8). The selection is this author's picture of the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. Early Christian tradition saw the significant moment in the role of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God in His baptism at the hands of John. There it was, they believed, that He was anointed with God's Spirit. And so the author of this earliest gospel sets the scene for this revelation by describing John the Baptist robed in the prophetic garb of Elijah and eating Elijah's desert fare; this is to tell the reader that John is fulfilling the same function in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom as Elijah is described in later Old Testament literature as performing for the advent of the day of the Lord, Yahweh.

The principal Old Testament reference is to the beginning of what we call Second Isaiah, that collection of writings of an unknown poet of the sixth century B.C. that constitutes chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah. The whole context is provided for us in Sunday's first reading (Is. 40:1-5, 9-11). The modulated cadences are familiar to us from the opening tenor recitative of Handel's *Messiah*: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God," where the plural pronoun refers to the members of Yahweh's heavenly council whom He is pictured as telling to comfort His people in exile because they have now received double for all their sins. This is a new prophetic message designed for changing historical circumstances. The message of the pre-exilic prophets had been doom and destruction, as they warned Jerusalem of its impending fate. But now with the change in political climate brought about by the victories of Cyrus, first king of Persia, whom this prophet calls Yahweh's Messiah, he speaks tenderly of comfort and forgiveness.

With a poet's eye he sees in the return of the captives from exile a new exodus. He dares to compare their crossing of the wasteland between Babylon and

Palestine with the greatest event in their salvation history as he pictures Yahweh Himself leading His people across the desert in this

new exodus when he says: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God!" Early Christians saw their experience of Jesus as another new exodus and they could integrate this experience into their theological perspective only by proclaiming how all of the Bible found its fulfillment in the person of Jesus.

The second reading is from the work we call the Second Letter of Peter (3:8-14). This is probably the last piece of writing that found its way into the New Testament, written perhaps in the early second century. We saw last week that the early Christians had expected the glorious return of Jesus in their lifetimes. "Come, Lord Jesus!" they declared in their worship. But years had passed and that hope began to fade. Like several other writers of the New Testament, the author of 2 Peter had to come to grips with this delay in Christ's coming. First, he explains that there is really no delay. He appeals to Psalm 90, where "a thousand years are a day" in the eyes of God. In other words, God is working on His schedule, not ours; and eternity cannot be measured by time or by any other human standard. The author next reaffirms the basic truth: "The Lord will come," and the day that He comes will be a day of reckoning. Christians are to devote themselves to be "at peace in His sight."

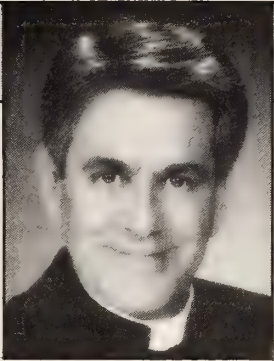
May these weeks of Advent give us time to prepare our hearts and minds in a suitable way for the coming of Christ at Christmas, so that we may experience in our personal encounter with Him that liberation, that freedom from selfishness and sin, that peace and joy which has been promised to all who believe in Him.

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Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



Staying Awake

Charles Lindbergh carried the nickname "Lucky Lindy" when he became the first to fly solo across the Atlantic. But much more than luck was involved in that spectacular flight.

His friend Frank Samuels recalled the period when Lindbergh was flying mail into St. Louis just before he soared into the history books. Lindbergh sometimes found time to hop out to San Diego where his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," was being built. Samuels would go along with him to inspect the work. After a long day, the two would stay in a small side-street hotel.

*One way to practice staying spiritually awake is to shut down the turmoil in your anxious hearts so full of worry about the past and the future. Allow the blessed silence to awaken you to the Lord's presence in your life.*

One night Samuels woke up shortly after midnight and noticed that Lindbergh's bed was unoccupied. Then he saw Lindbergh sitting by the window looking out at the stars. "For goodness sake," he asked, "why are you sitting there at this hour?" Lindbergh answered, "Just practicing." "Practicing what?" "Staying awake all night," Lindbergh replied.

For the remainder of Advent, we are going to be hearing a lot about staying awake. Lindbergh practiced staying awake because a successful flight across the Atlantic demanded alertness over a long period of time. The New Testament

cautions us to stay awake, spiritually, because a successful life demands alertness to the grace of fulfillment God is constantly offering us.

Staying awake, in this sense, is not easy. If we want to enrich our lives in a Christian way, it takes practice. But how does one practice staying spiritually awake?

There was a small iron-working town where the mills were kept running 24 hours a day. The great steam hammers, some of them weighing several tons, were going all the time, beating out high sheets of forged metal. All day and all night long the sound reverberated through the streets of the village. But the townspeople had become so accustomed to the noise that they could sleep soundly

through it. One night, the machinery broke down, the hammers suddenly stopped working, and nearly everyone in town immediately woke up. They had been awakened, unexpectedly, by the silence.

One way to practice staying spiritually awake is to shut down the turmoil in your anxious hearts so full of worry about the past and the future. Allow the blessed silence to awaken you to the Lord's presence in your life.

When was the last time you stopped by a church, just to go in and spend a few minutes with the Lord in the silence of God's house? If your life in any way seems flat or lifeless, I guarantee that being awake to the nearness of God on a regular basis will make your life rich and vibrant again.

But it takes training for the rigors of practice and rewards of simply looking,

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Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



Whose Wife Is She In Heaven?

*Q. Recently in the Sunday readings we had the weird story about the woman with six or seven husbands, and whose wife she would be in heaven. (Mt. 22:23-33)*

*I looked up the passage in my Bible. The reference, it said, was to a "levirate" marriage, but gave no further explanation.*

*What is a levirate marriage all about?*

A. Levirate marriage was a legal tradition, common in several ancient cultures, by which a man's brothers were required to marry his wife if he died without children. The name comes from the Latin word "levir," brother-in-law.

The Hebrew people were among

those who considered this a serious family obligation, imposed by God through Moses.

While certain basics remained, other elements differed through the centuries. In some instances the obligation to produce a child for the eldest son might fall even on his father.

A curious early tale, for example, in Genesis 38, involves Judah, one of the 12 sons of Jacob the patriarch. Judah's son Er died before his wife, Tamar, bore him children.

Judah then gave Tamar to son No. 2, Onan, who wasn't especially eager to continue his brother's family line. Onan "knew that the descendants would not be counted as his; so whenever he had relations with his brother's widow, he wasted his seed on the ground, to avoid

contributing offspring for his brother."

After the Lord struck Onan dead, Judah was understandably not anxious to pass Tamar on to the next son, Shela. He kept putting her off until she realized her father-in-law had no intention of following the law.

Disguising herself as a prostitute, she enticed Judah himself, had relations with him and conceived a child. When Judah learned she was pregnant and was preparing to punish her for her immorality, she produced sure evidence that he was

the father.

When informed of the truth, Judah calmed down and said, "She is more right than I am," since she wanted to observe the law, even when Judah was unwilling.

Much later, when women could inherit from their father, the levirate custom applied only when there were no children (Nm. 27:8; 36:6-7).

All this sounds bizarre to us, of course. What could have been the source of such customs?

Several possible explanations, one way or another, involve the compelling need among ancient peoples and tribes to protect their inheritance of posses-

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Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



Deceived By "The Good Life"

There is a popular furniture store that promotes "the good life" in its television ad. Elegant scenes of home decor with expensive tables, lamps, sofas and china cabinets flash before you, punctuated by the repeated phrase, "The Good Life!" This is a blatant example of the kind of lies we are told by our culture of materialism and conspicuous consumption.

And what about the commercials that try to convince us that the good life comes in cold six-packs? Then there's the ad that tells us about "safe sex" through the use of latex condoms, while never telling us about committed love and the promises made by sexual intercourse — promises only a marriage can keep. The peddlers of deception don't just try to get us to buy a product; they're pushing a philosophy about happiness: That the Kingdom can be bought, con-

sumed and worn.

Think about all those who buy into this consumer's trap. They accumulate these things and find that "The Good Life" still eludes them. Or worse they have found love and contentment through family, friends and community and attribute their good fortune to the things they have accumulated. Think about those who suffer alcohol and drug addiction, lured by a culture that would have us seek happiness through intoxicants.

The vast majority of us will never afford such luxuries as the elegant furniture in the television ad. Most will never afford one of those sleek, sexy driving machines. Their families will never experience that vacation in Florida that "everyone must go on." Our culture sells them the despair that they will never have "The Good Life." To feel safe in

such despair, we fall into cynicism, cutting ourselves off from the feeling of despair, but also distancing ourselves from hope.

As followers of Christ, we know that our Kingdom is not bought or consumed. If we pay attention to the Sermon on the Mount, (Matt. 5:1-12) we get a glimpse at the Kingdom of God. Our happiness — the good life — is our willingness to open ourselves to God's love. However, in the language of the world the Beatitudes don't make sense; to make sense of them, we need to learn the language of God.

As parents we teach this language

of God through actions that reveal our values before our children. When we buy into the culture of conspicuous consumption, we are teaching our children the language of the world. When we show compassion, forgiveness and social responsibility, we are teaching our children the language of God.

Though they may be influenced by the materialistic culture of our consumeristic world, our children will have experienced a fundamental truth. Happiness — the Kingdom of God — can't be bought; it is lived through the Jesus-like compassion we show one another. And though we can't afford that "essential" trip to Florida, our capacity to have great family moments is not diminished. Our goal is to live in the language of God and show our kids The Good Life that can't be bought.



# Bishop Michael J. Begley Remembers

## An Open Mind, A Kind Heart, A Creative Spirit, A New Diocese

*The following is the first of three installments covering the priestly career of retired Bishop Michael J. Begley, first bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte. On Jan. 12, 1997, the diocese will celebrate Bishop Begley's 25th anniversary and the Silver Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte.*

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

CHARLOTTE — It was June 1926 and a young Michael Begley was getting ready for graduation from Cathedral High School in Massachusetts. While his classmates may have still been pondering their future, he was sure of his. Come fall he would enter the seminary and study to be a priest.

"I spoke to a priest at my high school about my vocation and the first thing he asked me was what kind of priest I wanted to be," the bishop recalled. "I hadn't given it much thought. He asked if I would be interested in being a mission priest right here in the United States, particularly in North Carolina."

Before entering the seminary, Michael met with Bishop William Joseph Hafey of the Diocese of Raleigh. "He had courage enough to accept me even though I had eight years before I finished the seminary," the bishop said.

Although his parents supported his decision, they were unable to pay for his education. In stepped the Knights of Columbus, who granted him a full four-year scholarship. And then a family from New York, the Cogans, would provide funds for his latter years in the seminary. "This was truly a blessing," he said.

In 1934, fresh from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, In., Father Begley began service to the Diocese of Raleigh. Among his earliest assignments was to begin a parish in Carolina Beach.

"The bishop sent me down there to buy some property that included a house and a double-car garage," he said. "The bishop said I could have Mass in the garage until a church could be built. The problem was I got down there and the man who was supposed to be selling the property flatly refused. I had no place to live or to begin a parish. Eventually we held Mass at the city hall until we bought property from another family for the church."

The art of improvisation in those early years came easily to the young priest. Never certain what his bishop would ask of him or where his assignments would take him, Father Begley maintained an open attitude toward everyone and everything.

After several years in parishes and missions, Father Begley was approached by then-Bishop Vincent Waters about a new path in his career. He was given the choice of being the new chancellor for the diocese or director of Catholic Charities and head of the diocesan orphanage in Raleigh.

"I told him (Bishop Waters) I was perfectly happy being a parish priest at St. Leo's (in Winston-Salem). But a few weeks later he came to me and asked if I could take over as the director of Catholic Charities," he recalled. "I asked him how soon and he said that coming Friday! I wasn't sure I could do this. He said, 'Just put your mind at ease. It is,

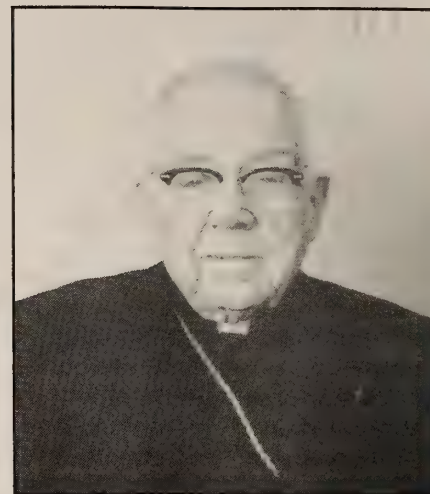
after all, the bishop who makes the decisions.'"

In order to serve as director, Father Begley was sent to Catholic University in Washington to study for a master's degree in social work. While there, a priest advised him to go back to North Carolina and enroll in the social work program at Chapel Hill. In 1947 he finished his studies and began a 10-year career as director of the Nazareth Home for Orphaned Children. In its peak years, Nazareth was home to some 160 children. Father Begley, kind, compassionate and fair-minded, had a smile for each child and place in his heart for them all. "Those were among the most satisfying years as priest for me," he said.

It was there that Father Begley learned the importance of people helping people. Certain that caring for so many children was not a one-man job, he depended greatly on the wisdom and hard work of his staff and others in the diocese to help.

"I would say it takes US and Company to get the job done," the bishop said. Following his years at the orphanage, Father Begley went back to parish work which took him to Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro. He loved the role as parish priest and looked forward to the years of ministry ahead. But that would all change when in 1971 Bishop Waters made another visit to then-Msgr. Begley, who was pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro.

"I thought he was coming to see me to talk about my parish and the building plans," Bishop Begley said. "So I began to show him around the grounds. As we



were walking Bishop Waters told me that the diocese was growing and plans were being made to start a new diocese. He told me I had been suggested as bishop. He said, 'Do you accept?' I told him I would need some time to think it over. Bishop Waters replied, 'You don't need time if you are interested in allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through you in guiding your people. Are you interested in letting the Holy Spirit speak through you?' I accepted."

Within days, Msgr. Begley began meeting with Bishop Waters and other diocesan leaders to build the new Diocese of Charlotte. It would prove to be a challenging and hectic time in his priestly career. But he welcomed the challenge, knowing he had the Holy Spirit and many dedicated men and women to work with him in beginning a new chapter of the Catholic Church in North Carolina.

Mary Coyne Wessling served under Bishop Begley for six years as assistant editor of The North Carolina Catholic.



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# Entertainment



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**'101 DALMATIANS'** — Dalmatians Perdy, left, and Pongo are occupied with their new litter of puppies in "101 Dalmatians," which the U.S. Catholic Conference calls "old-fashioned fun to watch as a family." The USCC classification is A-I — general patronage, and the Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

## The Crucible

### Screen Version Of Classic Play Is Cautionary Tale For Today

NEW YORK (CNS) — Playwright Arthur Miller turns screenwriter in the screen adaptation of his 1953 stage play, "The Crucible" (20th Century Fox).

Written during the era of anti-Red scares and blacklisted entertainers, Miller turned the 17th-century story of the Salem witchcraft trials into a cautionary tale for the times.

Contemporary viewers, however, are more likely to see Salem's historical relevance in terms of recent child abuse trials based on the testimony of young children.

Certainly the movie focuses on the false accusations of a band of girls too young to realize the terrible consequences of their lies.

Caught by the local minister dancing around a fire in the forest and mumbling strange incantations, the girls are so afraid of being punished that two of them fall into a sleep from which they cannot be wakened.

This frightens the entire village and stirs rumors of witchcraft which the girls foment by confessing to having seen some of their neighbors consorting with the devil.

Soon Judge Danforth (Paul Scofield) arrives from Boston, the number of those accused by the girls grows and the trials begin.

For the girls, it's all a game of playacting, but their teen-age ring-leader, Abigail Williams (Winona Ryder), is deadly earnest when she denounces Elizabeth (Joan Allen), the wife of local farmer John Proctor (Daniel Day-Lewis).

John had been intimate with Abigail when she was a servant in their household and has regretted it ever since.

Abigail, however, is convinced John loves her and sees Elizabeth as the only impediment to their marriage.

John almost persuades Danforth of Abigail's deceit but in the end is himself convicted of witchcraft.

As the villagers begin to tire of the hangings, John is offered the chance to save his life by confessing his guilt.

Wanting to live for his wife and unborn child, John is willing to lie about his own guilt but is too honest to name others as the price for saving his life.

As the story of an individual standing against the wrongs of his day, the drama is strong stuff yet doesn't quite jell on the personal level.

Director Nicholas Hytner succeeds admirably with the historical context of puritan Salem, a community planted in a heathen wilderness where the devil was feared to lurk.

The religious fears of Salem erupted into a social hysteria blinding people to the implausibility of the children's feigned testimony.

Those who questioned the truth of the matter were themselves suspect of being on the side of the unrighteous in a cycle of guilt by association.

John Proctor becomes the unwilling hero by trying to protect his wife.

Though Day-Lewis gives an intense performance, especially the poignant scenes with his condemned wife, there is no great depth to the role.

The real force of the story, however, is not on the personal level but in its portrayal of a dysfunctional society's persecution of the innocent for the common good.

"The Crucible" remains a cautionary tale for our own time.

Because of period violence, brief nudity and a few coarse words, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "The Cable Guy" (1996)

One-note comedy stemming from the unstable character of a manic cable installer (Jim Carrey) who becomes a dangerous pest when he tries to make a friend out of a customer (Matthew Broderick). Directed by Ben Stiller, the thin concept is dragged out in weak skits yielding few laughs until finally ending with the title character going completely over the edge. Unfunny life-threatening predicaments, sexual situations and language, coarse expressions and occasional profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Celluloid Closet" (1995)

Documentary from Vito Russo's book on the portrayal of homosexuality in mainstream American movies from the comic sissy of the silents through the Production Code's ban on homosexual references to the present mix of movies ranging from gay bashing to positive depictions. Produced and directed by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman, the work uses clips from over 100 Hollywood movies and interviews with filmmakers in presenting a sympathetic account of how homosexuals have emerged from a shadowy, furtive existence on the screen to a new visibility still to be defined in terms of mainstream attitudes. Excerpted scenes of violence, sexual encounters with nudity and rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Dragonheart" (1996)

Medieval fantasy in which an honorable knight (Dennis Quaid), disillusioned after the prince he trained becomes a tyrannical king, joins forces with a mammoth talking dragon (voice of Sean Connery) to lead a peasant revolt. Director Rob Cohen's noble-minded story is remarkable for its magnificent, computer-generated beast, but is otherwise a flat-footed spectacle hampered by terribly corny dialogue. Stylized battlefield violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Flower of My Secret" (1996)

Bittersweet romance from Spain in which a middle-aged woman (Marisa Paredes) attempts suicide after learning her husband has left her, then recovers with her mother's help and begins life

anew with the aid of a would-be beau (Juan Echove). Directed by Pedro Almodovar, the story is basically a 1940s tearjerker, though enlivened by zesty characters and surreal comic moments. Subtitles. Sexual situations and occasional rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "John Paul Jones" (1959)

Stilted biography of the Scottish sea captain (1747-92) who became an American naval hero during the Revolutionary War and his subsequent service in the Russian navy. Except for the desperate sea battle with Britain's "Serapis," writer-director John Farrow offers a stiff, wordy portrait of Jones (Robert Stack) as high-minded but misunderstood patriot seeking support from such famous contemporaries as Ben Franklin (Charles Coburn) and Catherine the Great (Bette Davis). Stodgy patriotic exercise with colorful historical backgrounds. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Return of Martin Guerre" (1983)

Engrossing, fact-based story of a 16th-century peasant who abandons his wife and disappears from his native village, only to reappear some eight years later, much improved in every way. Accepted by his wife and most of the villagers, a squabble over property a few years later provokes the accusation that he's an imposter, and a trial with tragic results ensues. Director Daniel Vigne's French production is partly a mystery but most of all a love story that most adults will find intriguing entertainment. Subtitles. Brief nudity and sexual references. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Riverdance: The Show" (1995)

Lilting, exuberant celebration of Irish step dancing as conceived by Moya Doherty in a dramatic spectacle combining traditional music with modern footwork showing the influence of other cultures, notably Spanish and Russian dance traditions as well as African-American tap dancing and gospel music. Produced by RTE and Tyrone Productions, the performance was taped before a spirited audience in a Dublin theater, with music composed for pipes, flutes and drums by Bill Whelan and a dance company headed by Jean Butler and Michael Flatley. Grand family entertainment.



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*The tabernacle depicts both God's closeness to us and awesomeness for us with a painting of Jesus washing the feet of 12 embarrassed teen-age apostles, wood carvings of a dove for the Holy Spirit, a butterfly for the risen Son, and a squirrel as the good householder to represent the Father.*

By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
Catholic News Service

There is a little wood and stone, medieval-looking church in the high mountain town of McCall, Idaho, whose tabernacle for the Eucharist is shaped like an old reliquary, with enamel paintings and large wooden doors. The tabernacle of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church has as its major symbol of the Eucharist a picture that crosses over its doors: Jesus washing the feet of 12 embarrassed teen-age apostles.

This tabernacle painting actually depicts both God's closeness to us and God's awesomeness for us. These sometimes go by the more solemn names of "immanence" and "transcendence."

—In the Eucharist, we give thanks and praise to the creator of the universe, the all-knowing, immutable, omniscient God. This accents God's transcendence.

—But in the Eucharist we also encounter a warm, loving Father who gives us his Son, a Son who kneels in front of us and washes our feet. Here the accent is on God's immanence.

There are days I need a foot-washing God. These are the days when I need to know that I am held securely, loved and valued by a God who knows me completely and loves me anyway. These may be times when I am lonely or sad or depressed; times when it seems that the world and everything in it is so big, so cold, so terrifying that I am just not quite able to find my place.

Then I want to feel close to God.

But other times I need to feel the awesomeness of God, to know that my God created the "big bang," drew the rings around Saturn and actually knows the number of the stars in the heavens. These are the times

when I need to see things as they are, to take in the whole picture, to understand my place in a universe that is not only big but is God-centered.

saints as intercessors for us before God.

At Mass we speak of the enormity of God's creation and gifts to us. But we also recognize God's warmth and

nence — into focus.

A healthy relationship with God constantly moves back and forth in its focus from God's immanence to God's transcendence, from closeness to awesomeness. Each dimension is essential.

It is good to emphasize God's closeness to me personally. The risk of overemphasizing this is that I will develop a "Jesus and me" faith.

It is good to emphasize God's awesomeness. The risk of overemphasis here is that we may begin to feel overwhelmed by God and lost.

In order for our spiritual lives to be healthy we need to be aware of the roles that immanence and transcendence play in our relationship with God, and work to build up our ability to see and feel God in both ways.

It is possible for any one of us to feel an extremely strong need for the "warm fuzzy" spirituality of divine closeness and therefore neglect transcendence. But then spiritual life begins to get out of kilter. This happens often in people who leave Catholicism for fundamentalist groups.

But spiritual health is also in danger if we neglect closeness and begin to see God only as remote, awesome or far away. An overemphasis on divine transcendence is a first step in letting God become irrelevant by virtue of being so remote.

The beautiful tabernacle in the mountain village also has wood carvings on it: A dove represents the Holy Spirit; a butterfly represents the risen Son; a squirrel represents God the Father —taken from a reasonably obscure medieval tradition that sees the squirrel as the good householder, providing for and protecting his family.

All three were ancient Christian symbols of the closeness as well as the awesomeness of God.

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CNS photo by Father W. Thomas Faucher



## The transcendent God who is a friend

Catholicism masterfully emphasizes both the closeness and awesomeness of God. On the one hand, we talk to God directly. On the other hand, we emphasize the role of the

intimacy as bread and wine become the body and blood of the same God who became human.

The Gospels blend God's immanence and transcendence together in an ongoing narrative, now emphasizing one, now emphasizing the other. A good homily does the same.

The great cathedrals and magnificent churches of Europe or North America are monuments to God's power and might — God's transcendence. They are made to raise our hearts and minds to God's magnificence.

But even within those buildings there are little chapels, corners and places where God's warmth and closeness are equally evident. Many of our newer parish churches were designed to draw God's closeness and availability — God's imma-

### FAITH IN ACTION

Ancient Israel struggled to reconcile God's transcendence and immanence, Thomas Marsh indicates in *The Triune God, A Biblical, Historical and Theological Study* (Twenty-Third Publications, 185 Willow St., Box 180, Mystic, Conn. 06355. 1994. Paperback, \$14.95). It was important in Israel, the author suggests, that God not be identified "with any part ... of the world." Yet this wholly Other God "is also present in the world and active in history." A problem for the biblical authors was how to speak of a transcendent God's immanence. Thus, Israel "spoke of God walking in the garden in the cool of evening; of God coming down from God's abode on high to see the city and tower of Babel." Especially, Israel "spoke of the word ('dabar') of God and the breath/spirit ('ruah') of God."

Reflection. My way of praying is influenced by my image(s) of God. Do I think of God as distant, powerful, close and caring, harsh judge? How does this affect my prayer?

# FAITH alive!



# How sacraments bridge the distance to God

By Father Robert L. Kinast  
Catholic News Service

The bishop came to my parents' home the night before I was ordained a priest. They had not met previously because my parents lived in Pittsburgh, and I was being ordained for the Atlanta archdiocese.

My father was moved, almost awed, that he was hosting a bishop. But the bishop was informal, sitting on our piano bench and chatting casually.

Finally my father said, "Your Excellency, I've never been this close to a bishop before, yet I feel so comfortable with you. I don't know how to address you."

The bishop replied, "What do your friends call you?"

"Elmer," my dad answered.

"Then what if I call you Elmer and you call me Joe?"

The bishop's full name was Joseph L. Bernardin, who later became cardinal archbishop of Chicago, but at that time was auxiliary bishop of Atlanta. To my father he might as well have been pope. The bishop represented everything sacred, mysterious and transcendent about the church and faith. Yet he was close at hand, familiar, on a first-name basis.

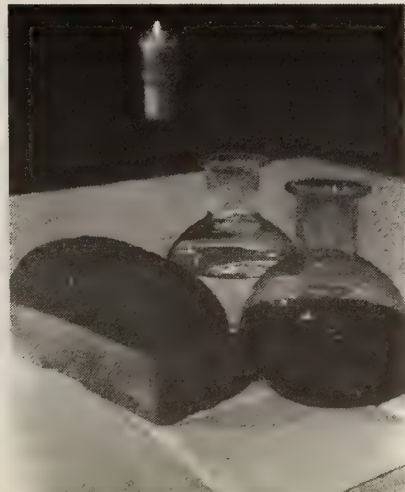
In a similar way God, whose perfection surpasses us in every way, is also with us, close at hand. Nowhere is this expressed more richly than in the sacraments which use the familiar, tangible things of human experience to put us in touch with God.

On the day of my ordination the bishop and other priests placed their hands on my head while invoking the Holy Spirit's power. In this simple gesture they drew me into a special relationship with the transcendent God, who wants to be called Emmanuel,

God-with-us.

In the years since ordination I have often:

—Placed my hands on a penitent's head, re-establishing with that person the bonds of divine friendship which



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were weakened through sin.

—Rubbed blessed oil on seriously ill people, asking with the church that God's strength fill the person in order to resist sickness and bear witness to God's healing power.

—Placed my hand on the hands of spouses at weddings and confirmed the sacramental union they have created as a sign of their life with God in the church.

These sacramental actions put us in touch with our transcendent God. They do not make God less; they make us more. These actions help us to climb over — transcend — limited, superficial experiences of life and enter the surpassing experience of God.

The great mystery of the sacraments

is that they do this without making us leave our human home. In fact, they require us to do the opposite — to enter it more profoundly. This is evident in the two fundamental sacraments of baptism and Eucharist.

Water is water until it is used for sacred purposes in baptism. Then the water tells a great story stretching from creation to the end of time. When people are baptized, they are engulfed by the God whom neither creation nor human history can ever measure.

Bread is bread, until it becomes the body of Christ in the Eucharist. When people share eucharistic communion, they are embodied into the Lord of heaven and earth.

This kind of sacramental intimacy might trouble people who think God's transcendence has nothing to do with created, human experience. For most people, God's transcendence becomes believable when it can be experienced humanly. The sacraments are the primary way this happens.

My dad spoke for such faithful Christians when he leaned over to my mother just after my ordination and said, "Now I believe it."

(Father Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.)

**"Bread is bread, until it becomes the body of Christ in the Eucharist.... God's transcendence become believable when it can be experienced humanly."**

## So removed, yet so close

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

*"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).*

The Creator is portrayed in Genesis as a gardener, an impresario, a surgeon, someone who strolls and chats familiarly with his creatures. This strikes many people as naive and childish.

Did the author really think that the transcendent, "totally other" creator of the universe did all these earthly things? Hardly!

The author did, however, have a serious purpose in depicting God in such human terms. He was telling us that, for all God's "otherness," this was not an uninvolved, impersonal divine force, coldly unconcerned about human life.

God is warmly personal, not transcendent only. God is intimately immanent, closer to people than they are to themselves. That's what the biblical author meant.

In fact, and strangely, it was precisely because of being so removed that God could be so close.

This is evident in the case of the risen Christ. The resurrection meant that he had risen to new life, but not that he would be restricted by time and space in ways that he was during his public ministry.

Remember that Jesus was born as a helpless baby dependent on his parents for love, for food and shelter. He could be in one place at one time, in contact with just so many, or so few, people, subject to time and space constraints.

### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**When "God" is mentioned, what first comes to mind for you?**

"Something good, something holy." — Rita Pearl, Beckley, W. Va.

"Creation. God's creation of human beings and nature." — Jeanne Michel, Cleveland, Ohio

"Goodness, glory, a lot of love." — Ray Trevino, Reno, Nev.

"I think of a higher being, a typical masculine type of being, intelligent, perceptive, influential. A sense of comfort knowing that he's always there for me." — Linda Stoffel, Hastings, Minn.

"A personal relationship with him. A faith relationship with him." — Mary Lou Hoss, Manhattan, Kan.

"A loving father. Our creator, who made us and the world out of love and is looking for a response from us." — Deacon Alex Maggitti, Whitehall, Pa.

An upcoming edition asks: How did someone else — a pastor, a spiritual counselor, a friend — help you to grow as a Christian? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*If you find it difficult to keep a balanced view of God's magnificence and wonder, on the one hand, and God's closeness and intimacy on the other, join the crowd! Nonetheless, the Advent season invites us to try again.*

*But don't be surprised to find that if meditating on God's transcendence helps keep you humble, meditating on God's immanence helps you to take yourself more seriously! Sound confusing?*

*Meditating on God's transcendence expands our horizons. Here is a challenge to think bigger and not to imagine that we have everything important about life all figured out.*

*God is not confined by my current expectations or wishes. The range of my concern does not inhibit the range of God's concern. Nor is God pinned down by my perspective, which can be transformed.*

*Reflecting on this during Advent will summon us beyond ourselves.*

*However, meditating on God's immanence — God's closeness — challenges us not to overlook what is before our very eyes.*

*If you've ever thought God couldn't possibly take your situation in life seriously enough to address you through it, this is the theme for you. Meditating on God's immanence should make us "suspicious" of God — always on the lookout in and around ourselves for evidence of divine activity.*

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)





## People In The News

### Mother Teresa Stable, But Not Out Of Danger

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Doctors treating Mother Teresa of Calcutta said she was in stable condition but not out of danger three days after an angioplasty to remove blockages in two of her major coronary arteries.

U.S. Dr. Patricia Aubanel, a member of Mother Teresa's medical team, said the afternoon of Dec. 2 her patient was "stable and we are very optimistic about her recovery."

However, Dr. Apurba Chatterjee, general administrator of Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research

Center, told reporters that the 86-year-old nun's "long-standing lung and renal diseases, a major concern, could complicate her recovery."

Sources at the Birla center, where Mother Teresa underwent her third heart operation in five years Nov. 29, said her initial "remarkable recovery" suffered a setback Dec. 1, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency in Thailand.

Mother Teresa had tea the morning of Nov. 30, sat with assistance in a chair, was active and "seemed her own fiery self arguing with doctors," Chatterjee said. The Nobel laureate told him that she was "absolutely fine, ready to go home," he said.

Aubanel, who assisted at Mother Teresa's heart surgery in 1991 and 1993, said: "This time the risks were extremely high, and Mother could not have lived without the angioplasty that was done immediately after the (angiogram) test."

Aubanel said Mother Teresa was given new medicines specially approved for her symptoms, released in late November after trials in the United States.

The angiogram, a procedure to determine the position and intensity of blockages, revealed two blockages — one in the left descending artery, which was previously operated on, and another in the circumflex artery.

Aubanel said Mother Teresa woke up after the operation with no chest pain and said, "I can take care of myself; I'll get up. Thank you; God bless you."

Although the angioplasty cleared the arteries, lung and renal setbacks have forced the hospital to postpone treatment to correct Mother Teresa's irregular heartbeat, or arrhythmia.

Aubanel said the problem can cause strokes unless corrected and that prompt treatment has a 90 percent recovery rate.

"But Mother Teresa has had it for two months now and has only a 50 percent chance of correcting the irregular heartbeat," she added.

Mother Teresa was fitted with a



Two Missionaries of Charity bring flowers as they arrive to visit Mother Teresa at the Woodlands Nursing Home in Calcutta Nov. 23.

CNS photo from Reuters

pacemaker in 1989.

Angioplasty, in which a small balloon is used to press the material blocking a blood vessel against the vessel walls, was conducted on Mother Teresa at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in California in 1991. It was repeated in 1993 at the Birla center.

The recurrence of blockage is 15-40 percent, Aubanel said, noting that Mother Teresa has a history of heart disease and that she developed the recent blockage about three years after the last operation.

"In 1993 she was very sick but recovered and left in three days. Now she is three years older and we have to wait a week or two to see," Aubanel added.

Mother Teresa was admitted to Woodlands Nursing Home Nov. 22 with breathing problems, and heart failure was diagnosed. She was transferred to the heart center Nov. 26.

Earlier in her hospitalization, the Missionaries of Charity founder refused to undergo any new tests or treatment, saying that she wanted to die "like the poor," who have no means for high quality medical treatment.

She later gave in to doctors who reasoned that an angiogram and angioplasty, if necessary, would give her better energy to serve the poor.

Before the operation, Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta blessed Mother Teresa.

Anesthetist Sunjukta Bagchi, also a team member in 1993, said: "Mother doesn't like my needle. But like last time, when she woke up she said thanks to me."

Dr. Debi Shetty, the Birla heart center cardiologist who headed the surgery, said his hospital "has the most experience in the world and has the best to tackle what Mother Teresa has."

"We have done 20,000 heart operations, (including) 13,000 angioplasties and 6,000 open heart surgeries," Shetty said.

### 'Wonderful Life' Child Actor Still Accentuates The Positive

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jimmy Hawkins has spent almost as much of his Hollywood career behind the camera as in front of it.

But, regardless of what side he's been on, he still likes to be associated with "uplifting, positive" material, he says.

Hawkins, a Catholic who played young Tommy Bailey in the 1946 movie "It's a Wonderful Life," became a producer midway through his career. His projects include a 1980 ABC telefilm on the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

But the past beckons once more, as "It's a Wonderful Life" celebrates its golden anniversary with a one-time-only airing on NBC, 8-11 p.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 21.

Hawkins has written "The 'It's a Wonderful Life' 50th Anniversary Scrapbook," filled with interviews with and reminiscences of people associated with the now-classic holiday film, from stars James Stewart and Donna Reed to the actors who played the other Bailey children, from director Frank Capra to the writer, set designer, cinematographer, and the fellow who made the snow fall.

"I've gotten a lot of questions about the movie," Hawkins told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from his Hollywood home.

An unexpected but welcome source of questions is the studio chieftains he must meet in order to sell them on his next feature film idea.

"It's nice to talk about it with all these young executives. They'll tell you things like, 'That's my favorite movie! I can't imagine that I'm talking to one of the cast members.' All while I'm sitting in the office of the president of some major studio," he said.

Just in case anybody hasn't seen it, Hawkins sums up the film's message this way: "Each man's life touches so many other lives. If they weren't there, it would leave an awful hole. What we were all put on earth to do, we've got to do."

Hawkins — a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Los Angeles who as a Catholic school student sold subscriptions to the *Tidings*, the archdiocesan newspaper — had a considerable string of credits on TV after "It's a Wonderful Life."

"I was everybody's boyfriend," he said, including eight seasons as Shelley Fabares' boyfriend on "The Donna Reed Show." Hawkins also had boyfriend guest roles on "Gidget," "Bachelor Father," plus four years as Ricky Nelson's sidekick on "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," and two years on "Petticoat Junction."

As for the Seton movie, "A Time for Miracles," Hawkins said, "I think the man upstairs taps you on the shoulder and gives you the instincts."

He thought it was time for a TV movie on the life of a saint, "but not one of a thousand years ago. Instead, one that people can relate to," he said.

He wanted to tell the story of "someone from their own experience" who overcame the same kind of struggles facing people in this era, he said.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton converted to Catholicism in New York at a time when the city looked less than kindly on Catholics. A widow, she managed to raise her family alone, he noted.

Hawkins has also produced the life story of motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel; "Don't Look Back," the life story of baseball pitcher Satchel Paige; "Love Leads the Way," the true story of the blind man who gains acceptance for the first seeing-eye dog in the United States; and "Scouts Honor," a drama marking the 50th anniversary of the Cub Scouts.

His "Wonderful Life" pedigree doesn't necessarily win Hawkins any extra entree into the networks' doors. The selling jobs for projects are "all hard," he said. "Why is this one good? I do these positive, uplifting things. And the networks want all these other things."

Hawkins said he hopes the climate will change with the ratings success of the CBS series "Touched by an Angel," which he called "my favorite show on the air right now."

#### Sister Prejean Receives Award From Catholic Medical School

CHICAGO (CNS) — In accepting an award from Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Sister Helen Prejean vowed to continue her fight for life in her ministry to death-row inmates. In an interview after her remarks, which drew a standing ovation, she reacted to the possibility the state of Delaware would seek the death penalty in the case of two teens accused of murdering their newborn. "It just means that another person will die and another family buries a loved one. We can do better than that," she said. Sister Prejean, a Sister of St. Joseph who is the author of the best-selling book "Dead Man Walking," was in Chicago Nov. 22 to accept the 1996 Sword of Loyola at the medical school's 45th annual benefit dinner.

#### Archbishop Weakland Undergoes Prostate Surgery

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland underwent surgery Nov. 26 at St. Joseph Hospital for an enlarged prostate gland. His surgeon, Dr. John F. Pope, performed routine prostate surgery to relieve a blockage. The one-hour procedure was successful and a complete recovery was anticipated, according to an announcement from the archdiocese.



# Vatican Officials Unveil Logo, Release Attendance Projections For Jubilee

By LYNNE WEIL  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In preparation for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, officials in Rome and Vatican City announced expected attendance figures and plans for marking the millennium, and unveiled the logo for the Jubilee.

The officials made their announcements in separate press conferences Nov. 12.

The Jubilee logo, designed by a 22-year-old former art student from the Italian region of Umbria, features five doves closely circling one another so that their wings resemble the petals of a flower. From the center of the circle emanates a burst of white to symbolize salvation.

Each dove is a different color, and a cross in matching colors forms the backdrop along with a blue ring representing

the universe. The designer, Emanuela Rocchi, said the logo was inspired by her faith and the colorful, open countryside in which she was raised.

The logo is to be used on Vatican public communications concerning the Jubilee from now until the year 2000, when it also is expected to grace T-shirts, books, banners, post cards and any number of souvenirs.

Pilgrims and tourists to Rome are expected to double in number during Jubilee celebrations, officials said.

Rome government officials estimated that 46 million people, among them 26 million pilgrims, will visit during the year 2000. This means, they said, that excluding the times when special festivities will attract larger groups of people, there will be a daily average of 118,200 visitors, twice the present number.

"Of course, that is only a prediction," said Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, secretary-general of the Vatican Jubilee committee. "It is based on estimated interest and our experience from previous Holy Years. But we have never had a Year 2000 before, so we do not know

exactly how many to expect."

But the Vatican Jubilee planners were taking steps to ensure where possible that all the other details are accounted for.

The Jubilee committee's president, Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, noted that the committee was about to end its "pre-planning phase," which has lasted two years, and to enter its "phase of immediate preparation," which is to go on another two years.

The second phase was inaugurated, the cardinal said, when Pope John Paul II conducted a special Advent liturgy Nov. 30, celebrated in tandem with other local churches.

This event provided a segue into the liturgical year 1996-97, which the pope has dedicated to Jesus.

Vatican documents planned for release during the new liturgical year include a letter on ecumenical activities expected to take place during the Jubilee, and a statement concerning interfaith dialogue with Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and other religions.

Cardinal Etchegaray noted that Pope John Paul has called for a meeting be-



The Vatican released this logo to mark the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. The words in Latin read, "Jubilee Year 2000, Christ Yesterday, Today and Forever."

tween leaders of the monotheist religions to take place in 1999, and that Jerusalem, and not Rome, has been suggested as its location.

Amid all the planning and designing for the Jubilee, organizers still have left at least one major question unanswered: when the celebrations actually will start.

"The pope will decide that," Cardinal Etchegaray said. "It is not a matter for our committee, it is a matter for the pope. And he will tell us when it is time."

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## Fish Story: Angling For Vatican City's Smoked Salmon Consumers

By JOHN THAVIS  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The story smelled a little fishy from the start. According to a British newspaper, a Scottish seafood company cut off Pope John Paul II's supply of smoked salmon in November because the Vatican didn't pay its bill.

The president of Hebridean Seafoods, John McKenzie, told the *Sunday Telegraph* that it took a miracle to get money out of the Vatican — it was easier to multiply loaves and fishes, he said.

Not true, said the Vatican in a rebuttal statement. The Holy See, it said, had canceled the contract with Hebridean after seven months because the quality of the fish wasn't up to par.

During that period, the Vatican said, it paid its bill in full: \$24,000 for "McKenzie's Smokehouse" brand salmon.

All of which left just one question: Who's eating all the smoked salmon in Vatican City?

This wasn't fishsticks, after all, but the vacuum-packed gourmet item that's usually found at cocktail parties. Vatican City boasts a population of 471; any way you slice it, that's a lot of salmon canapes per capita.

It wasn't the pope. "The Holy Father and his household have nothing to do with this story," the Vatican statement said. Anyway, the Polish-born pontiff reportedly prefers Baltic herring as a piscatorial treat.

The salmon trail, as most insiders

guessed immediately, eventually led to a nondescript building a few hundred feet inside Vatican City gates, across from the Vatican pharmacy and kitty-corner to the post office.

There's no sign on the door. But the hundreds of bargain-seeking shoppers who pack its aisles don't need one: To get to the Vatican Supermarket, just follow the multitude.

Technically known as the "Spaccio Annonario," the supermarket, perhaps after the Sistine Chapel, is one of the most crowded spots on the Vatican City map. It's open to current or retired Vatican employees, but appointed delegates can purchase here, too, and so can diplomats accredited to the Holy See and religious orders.

All in all, that puts the Vatican shopping population well into the thousands. They enter under the watchful eyes of police, with magnetic pass cards needed to open the doors.

Most people bring their cars, because they need it to haul away the volume of discounted goods. It's not unusual to see a mother superior carting off several hundred dollars worth of meat, or an elderly couple with a case of Austrian butter.

What's attractive here are the low prices on items ranging from coffee to shoe polish to — yes — smoked salmon. It's considered a built-in benefit for Vatican City workers, who theoretically are paid somewhat less than their Italian counterparts.

No Italian taxes or tariffs are paid

on goods sold here, so some departments offer particular bargains. On the liquor shelf, for example, a good bottle of bourbon can be had for about \$7.

The dairy section sells milk and yogurt from the cows at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo outside Rome, and fresh eggs from the papal farm are available. In a nearby aisle, "Villa Pontificia" brand extra-virgin olive oil sells for about \$10 a liter.

The supermarket implemented bar codes and other modernities only last year, when it remodeled and expanded. An adjunct now sells kitchen utensils and appliances.

The supermarket has some satellites throughout the 108-acre city-state. At one nearby outlet, tobacco products are also sold tax-free, on a strictly rationed basis to prevent profiteering.

And at a separate location farther up the Vatican hillside, clothing and electronic shops offer additional bargains. A shoe department was added last year, and when it ordered 100 pairs of world-famous Doc Martens boots, the pope's name was again mistakenly dragged into the consumer limelight.

Pope John Paul has never personally visited the supermarket, unlike some of his predecessors. When Pope Pius XI inaugurated the complex in 1931, he rode a forklift down the aisles.

Back in those days, smoked salmon was not so prominent in the Vatican City diet.



Archbishop Of  
Seattle Hospitalized

SEATTLE (CNS) — Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy of Seattle has been hospitalized with leukemia and reduced kidney function, but he remains in good spirits, according to an archdiocesan announcement Dec. 3.

The announcement confirmed an earlier, preliminary diagnosis of leukemia for the 64-year-old archbishop, who was admitted to Providence Seattle Medical Center Dec. 1 for tests.

"Archbishop Murphy's spirits are good and he is resting comfortably," said archdiocesan spokesman Jim Britt in a statement. "He is focused and has kept his sense of humor."

"Some members of the archbishop's family from Chicago have visited him in the hospital, and he has met with key members of his staff and remains involved in the day-to-day activities of the archdiocese," Britt added.

To treat his acute myelogenous leukemia and the related kidney complications, Archbishop Murphy will undergo kidney dialysis and apheresis, which Britt described as "a process to lower the level of leukemia cells in the archbishop's blood stream." In addition, a decision was expected Dec. 4 on when to begin chemotherapy.

"Archbishop Murphy is preparing to take on this new challenge in his life, and is deeply grateful for the prayers and messages of support he is receiving from the people of western Washington," Britt said in the statement.

A Chicago native, Archbishop Murphy was ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese on April 12, 1958.

He was one of the last bishops to be appointed by Pope Paul VI, who died a month after naming him bishop of Great Falls, Mont., on July 5, 1978.

Archbishop Murphy took over as head of the Seattle Archdiocese in 1991.

Telling God's Story Through  
Musical Draws Parish Together

By  
PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent  
ARDEN — Dress rehearsal for the Nov. 23 performance of Marty Haugan's musical *Tales of Wonder* at St. Barnabas Church could be characterized as creative chaos. It would be easier to identify who in the parish was "not" involved in this extravaganza.

"This is the first time we've done anything on this scale and it's exciting," said Maria Horton, a member of St. Barnabas for the past 22 years. A member of the adult choir, Horton is fascinated by the way all the parts which had been practiced separately were finally coming together.

The principal cast of the musical was made up of the 15 teen-age members of the St. Barnabas Youth Music Group. The adult choir (23 strong) provided choral backup, and 15 St. Barnabas Minstrels — under the leadership of Paul Braese — added their talents as well.

Calling this a production of the parish was appropriate as the Knights of Columbus handled the spotlights and the fog machine; a four-piece band provided the accompaniment; 15 children, singing and miming, tried to steal the show; and the Ladies Guild provided a reception after the last bows were taken. In all, nearly 100 people contributed time, energy and talent to this intergenerational effort which was enter-



Members of the cast perform the musical *Tales of Wonder* at St. Barnabas parish.

taining, inspiring and educational.

Suzanne Burlone, 16, a junior at Enka High School and one of the principal soloists, said, "It was a very moving experience for me seeing everyone join in with candles and streamers for *Send Down the Fire*." Burlone felt that one surprising benefit of all the long practices was the way they drew the cast of teens together. "Telling the story," says Burlone, "became a real goal for the whole group."

The performance of the musical resulted because of typical questions heard in Catholic homes. The dilemma, known to have paralyzed countless otherwise intrepid and diligent parents, surfaced this way. "Why is it," producer/director Rita Pisano's children asked, "that we say the same things over and over again all the time in church?" She found herself at a loss for a convincing answer until a copy of Haugan's *Tales of Wonder* unexpectedly fell into her lap.

There in the libretto was the perfect response. The contemporary style musical celebrates God as the "storyteller" who tells his story to people, who in turn continue to pass it on.

Despite more than 20 years musical experience, Pisano never anticipated undertaking such an unusual project. At first the very possibility seemed incredible to her. It wasn't until out of the blue, a friend mailed her a completely unsolicited videotape of their parish's production of this same musical that she discerned a "divine directive at hand."

Rita approached St. Barnabas pastor Father John Schneider and found him not only supportive but enthused at the prospect of an activity that would involve the parish in a cooperative effort.

Father Schneider, also a participant in the musical, thought *Tales of Wonder* was "a wonderful community-building experience for the whole parish." He also expressed his personal relief that the teens' initial fears that "he would ruin the number" proved groundless. His performance, like theirs, was a wonder to behold!

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sions, and most of all of land.

Intermarriage with another clan, or failure to keep their land intact through the eldest son who, as our Hebrew Scriptures mention often, inherited everything, ate away at the lifeblood of the family. Arab nomads in some areas continue that levirate tradition even today.

For the Jews, however, the predominant reason was simply to assure that the deceased father would have an heir who could continue his family.

By the time of Jesus, the levirate law very possibly was only past history, at least among his people.

This fact would not have prevented religious leaders of that day from debating at length such questions as we find in Matthew's story, which Mark and Luke thought worth passing on as well.

Other passages dealing directly or indirectly with levirate marriage are in Deuteronomy 25:5-10; and Ruth 4.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the Holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 804 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Questions should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

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listening and loving to make a lasting change.

A beach can be just a beach, a dinner just a dinner, a family just a family. Or a beach can be a glorious meeting of sea, sun and sand that only God could create. A dinner can be another opportunity to remember the one, true Source of all our Blessings. A family can be a fellowship in which each member is reverently and lovingly regarded as one of God's unique masterpieces.

This Advent, stay awake to the unexpected ways in which God silently and lovingly comes to you.

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**Bishops Lead Congregation In Prayer On World AIDS Day, from page 1**

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Ultimately, the bishops led a prayer not only for a healing of the body, but also of the spirit and heart. The Rev. Randy Votsch, pastor of the Metropoli-

tan Community Church in Charlotte, called the event an inclusive, consoling one.

Echoing a sentiment that was communicated throughout the world on Dec. 1 — that AIDS does not discriminate against race, creed or sex — the Rev. Votsch said he felt a true sense of ecumenical spirit.

"To feel embraced by four of the most powerful mainline denominations in existence ... that really was powerful and healing," he added.

**Belmont Abbey To Host Organ Concert**

BELMONT — Belmont Abbey College will host an organ concert by Father John Palmer, C.S.V., professor of Benedictine University, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Abbey Church.


Father Palmer will perform a program of organ music including the works of Jean Langlais; Johann Sebastian Bach, D. Buxtehude, Max Reger, Jeanne Demessieux and Alexandre Guilmant.

A member of the Clerics of St. Viator, Father Palmer is a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and has performed throughout Canada, the United

States and Europe, notably at St. Paul's Cathedral, London; St. James Cathedral, Toronto; St. Patrick's Cathedral and Columbia University in New York City. He has also played on the Organists' series on C.B.C. Radio in Canada.

Father Palmer holds degrees from Acadia University, Nova Scotia; the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto; Northwestern University and Trinity College of Music in London. He also studied in Paris with Jean Langlais.

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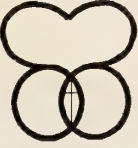
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### Catholic Singles Christmas Party

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### 50+ Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — The monthly meeting of the St. John Neumann 50+ group is Dec. 11. The Christmas party is Dec. 18 at Idlewild Country Club. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

### Living Nativity

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence High School Youth Group 2nd Annual Live Nativity is 6 p.m. Dec. 15 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Basilica. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

### Canonical Celebration

ASHEVILLE — A canonical celebration by Franciscan Father Richard Bello is Dec. 21. Mass is at 10 a.m. followed by brunch.

### Eucharistic Adoration

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

### Advent Mission

HENDERSONVILLE — Immaculate Conception parish and Good News International presents the Advent mission "Dare to be Holy" Dec. 8-11 at the church. Call (704) 697-7420 for times and details.

### Survivors Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — Survivors, a support group for widows and widowers, meets Dec. 15 at 1:15 p.m. at the Catholic Center for brunch at Providence Cafe. There is no regular meeting that day. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

ARDEN — Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas meets 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at St. Eugene Church.

### Garden Of Eden

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church, located at 507 S. Tryon St., two blocks east of Ericsson Stadium, offers hot dog

and barbecue lunches before Carolina Panthers' home games, Dec. 15 and 22, starting two-and-one-half hours before kickoff. No parking. Visitors are welcomed to tour the church and fresco. Proceeds are given to feed the city's hungry. For information, call (704) 332-2901.

### Feast Day Celebration

BELMONT — A liturgical and social celebration to commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Americas, is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Belmont Abbey Church. Benedictine Father Lawrence Willis celebrates Mass and delivers the homily in Spanish. A social follows in Maurus Hall. For information, call Benedictine Brother Paul Shanley, (704) 825-6696.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother Mondays at 8:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For information, call Eva at (704) 542-1614.

### Caroling Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo Church caroling party for parish shut-ins is Dec. 19. Meet at the activity center at 5 p.m. for a picnic supper. Call Elizabeth, (910) 774-1046, for information.

### Media Library Offers Resources

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### Healing Mass

ASHEVILLE — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is celebrated the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday at St. Leo the Great Church.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2, 1997. Tickets available for \$125 per couple before Dec. 31 (\$150 per couple Jan. 1 on). Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand

Ivan Prskalo, the mayor of Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina, attended Mass at St. Benedict the Moor Church during a recent four-day visit to Winston-Salem. Prskalo was in North Carolina learning about economic development in a city whose population size is similar to Mostar's. The mayor offered a message at the end of Mass indicating hope that Croats and Muslims will work together to strengthen peace in his city.



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### MACS Band Concert

CHARLOTTE — The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Elementary School Instrumental Music Program concert is Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick School auditorium. The concert will feature 120 performers in grades 4-5 from All Saints, St. Ann, St. Gabriel, St. Patrick and Our Lady of Assumption elementary schools who will combine their talents for an evening of music.

Dr. Stan Michalski, coordinator of Instrumental Music, will serve as master of ceremonies. Music instructors Alan Kaufman and Harry Booth will conduct various selections. The program will feature individual soloists, ensembles from each school and selections by the cadet and concert bands.

Concerts by the individual school bands will be presented at their respective schools following the Dec. 11 performance.

There is no admission charge. The public is invited to attend.

### Thomasville Parish Mission

THOMASVILLE — Oblates of St. Frances de Sales Father Richard DeLillio directs a parish retreat based on discipleship through eucharistic prayer, Dec. 13-15 at Our Lady of the Highways Church. For details, call Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Murphy, (910) 475-2732.

### Religious Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — The adult education series at Our Lady of Grace Church continues Dec. 17 from 7:30-9 p.m. with "The Church in Poland under Communism," directed by Marian Father Waldek Ziolkowski. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

### Holiday Craft Fair

CHARLOTTE — Dozens of ven-

dors present homemade, hand-crafted items at the St. Gabriel PTO Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the parish center. St. Gabriel's Men's Club begins its annual Christmas tree sale at the fair as well. Proceeds from the fair and tree sale benefit St. Gabriel school and community.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Louisiana Bishop Voices 'Grave Concerns' Over Welfare Reform

LAFAYETTE, La. (CNS) — Bishop Edward J. O'Donnell of Lafayette voiced "grave concerns" over federal welfare reform that took effect Oct. 1 and its impact on Louisiana's poor. "Time limits and lectures are no substitute for jobs and wages that can support a family," he said in a statement read by Una Hargrave, director of the diocesan Office for Justice and Peace, at a welfare forum held in Lafayette during November. Bishop O'Donnell said his diocese would work with state officials, but reminded participants that diocesan offices "cannot solve all the needs of the poor."

### Stop Balancing Budget On Backs Of Poor, Priest Says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The poor have already paid a disproportionate price in efforts to balance the federal budget, and must not suffer more, a Catholic Charities official said at a Nov. 26 press conference. "In the name of the 30 million Americans living in

poverty, we must insist: Enough is enough! There cannot and must not be more budget cuts to programs that serve poor people," said Father John White, associate director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. "We have no quarrel with the effort to cut the deficit and reduce the debt. We support that effort," Father White said. "But we cannot remain silent as poor families become the soft underbelly of deficit reduction."

### Federal Court Allows Richmond Churches To Conduct Meal Ministry

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) — A federal judge has given temporary permission for a group of six Richmond churches to continue a Sunday afternoon meal ministry to the homeless that ran afoul of a city zoning ordinance and brought complaints from neighbors. U.S. District Judge Robert E. Payne Nov. 22 issued a temporary restraining order against a zoning board ruling to allow the ecumenical group, called the Stuart Circle Parish, to continue its feeding program in a Lutheran church. The order was good for 10 days and could be extended once the church group filed suit in federal district court to overturn the city's restriction of its meal ministry.

### Vatican Conferences To Examine Delicate Church History Subjects

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Anti-Semitism, the Inquisitions and other delicate subjects pertaining to church history are to be examined at length in Vatican-sponsored initiatives leading up to the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Vatican officials said. "These are of course very difficult topics," papal theologian Father Georges Cottier told Catholic News Service Nov. 27. "Especially where the Inquisitions are concerned, because there are so many slogans and fixed ideas involved. So naturally they have to be treated in a deliberate, conscientious way." Father Cottier, a member of the committee coordinating Jubilee events, said the Vatican would release a study on anti-Semitism next year and hold a seminar on the Inquisitions sometime in 1998.

### Vatican Affirms Indian Bishops' Role As Guardians Of Faith

ROME (CNS) — While pointing out the danger of some trends in Catholic theology in India, Vatican officials also affirmed that Indian bishops have the major responsibility for ensuring adherence to church teaching, one of the bishops said. "If any problem arises, it will be the local bishop, the bishops' conference and the bishops' doctrinal commission who must work it out," said Bishop Gali Bali of Guntur, India. "There will be no rush for the (Vatican) doctrinal congregation to come in, unless the problem becomes more serious," Bishop Bali, president of the Indian bishops' doctrinal commission, told Catholic News Service in Rome.

### Survey: Birth Of Jesus Not Christians' First Thought At Christmas

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — When asked what makes Christmas an important day, fewer than half of all Christians surveyed said it is the birth of Jesus. Only 29 percent of the Catholics in the group said the birth of Christ is the most significant aspect of the season, according to a study conducted by Lutheran Hour Ministries and released Nov. 28 in St. Louis. It said 37 percent of all Christians, and 33 percent of all adults — Christian and non-Christian — identified the birth of Jesus as the most significant factor. The most likely answer in the survey was family time, mentioned by 45 percent of the 1,006 adults in the survey, conducted by the Barna Research Group. Taken together, the birth of Christ and family time accounted for about eight of every 10 responses about what makes Christmas important.

### Cardinal Law Prays For Salvi Following Apparent Suicide In Prison

BOSTON (CNS) — Boston Cardinal Bernard F. Law responded to news of the apparent suicide of convicted murderer John C. Salvi III by praying for him and for his parents, said John Walsh, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Boston. Salvi, a 24-year-old Catholic hairdresser from New Hampshire, killed two people and wounded five others during a 1994 shooting spree at two abortion clinics in suburban Boston. He was found dead in his cell at Walpole State Prison Nov. 29. Prison officials found Salvi under his bunk with a plastic garbage bag around his head.

## Priest's Murder Stuns Chicago Shortly After Cardinal's Death

By BILL BRITT

CHICAGO (CNS) — Holy Angels parishioners in Chicago were still recovering from the death and funeral of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin when they learned of the murder of Father Paul B. Smith, principal of their elementary school for 24 years.

"It was a double whammy," said Father John W. Calicott, Holy Angels' pastor. "This parish is a strong parish. We have God, the Holy Spirit and the ability to endure. That is exactly what Paul would want us to do."

From 1970 until 1994, when an automobile accident left him partially paralyzed, Father Smith headed Holy Angels School in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Chicago's South Side. With nearly 1,300 students, it has long been the largest black Catholic elementary school in the country and one of the most successful.

Father Smith, 64, was found dead in his apartment the morning of Nov. 23. His hands and feet were bound and his nose and mouth were covered with duct tape. He died of suffocation.

Burrell Gerald Jr., 36, who started working three months ago as Father Smith's night caretaker, turned himself in to police Nov. 24. Police said he confessed to robbing, tying and gagging the priest with the help of two friends, Fred and Freeman Carter.

Police said Nov. 26 that they had arrested Gerald and the Carters, 32-year-old twins, and charged them with robbery and murder.

According to Officer Patrick Camden of the Chicago Police Department's news affairs division, after Father Smith retired for the night about 10 p.m. Nov. 22, Gerald stole his money and car keys, took the car and purchased crack cocaine. After smoking the crack, Gerald and the Carters allegedly returned to the priest's home to get more money.

When Father Smith woke up and

confronted them, they bound him with telephone wire and duct tape, police said. They covered his eyes, nose and mouth with duct tape and left. When his day nurse arrived the following morning, she found him dead on the floor next to his bed.

Franciscan Sister Helen Strueder, who has been at Holy Angels School since 1960 and is now its principal, said that as a black priest Father Smith provided the students with an important role model of an adult male who resolved things without violence.

"We really complemented each other," she said. "He was warm and outgoing, and I was the one running things behind the show."

"It was very important for our boys to see a male being warm and gentle, and yet smart and fair," she said. "He will be remembered for a long time."

"It is a tragedy. Quite simply a tragedy," said Father Robert Miller, Holy Angels' associate pastor, who visited Father Smith the morning of Nov. 22 to give him Communion and some tips on the use of e-mail and Windows 95 on Father Smith's new computer.

He said Father Smith was excited about the new communications possibilities the computer offered, since his 1994 accident had impaired his speech and forced him to rely on a wheelchair to get around.

"He pushed the children at this school to be the best they could be," Father Miller said. "Father Smith knew that it is the urban child, the black urban child, that needs a good education most. He needs it as a weapon against racism."

Chicago Auxiliary Bishop George Murry was to be principal celebrant of the funeral Mass Nov. 30 at Holy Angels Church.

Father Smith was to be buried in Alexandria, La., where he was ordained a priest in 1962 and served for eight years before taking the Holy Angels School post. He was a native of Baltimore.

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The local Catholics proved to be an industrious lot during the 1960s, with Masses being celebrated at the Sparta Community Center, the Veterans of

Foreign Wars Hall and the cafeteria of a shoe factory.

Though small in number, the Catholic population was determined to spiritually reinforce its presence by building a church. In 1965, Mary Ann Robinson — a New York Catholic whose nephew, Ed Darr, was one of the original parishioners of the congregation — paved the way for construction to begin. With a grant from the Catholic Church Extension Society, building was underway.

Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh dedicated the church in May 1966 in memory of Frances Payne Darr, Ed Darr's mother.

The church continued to be staffed by priests from North Wilkesboro until 1976. During that year, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Jefferson assumed pastoral care of the Sparta congregation. Priests of the Glenmary Home

Missioners also arrived to serve at the churches in Alleghany and Ashe counties. In addition to shepherding the faithful in the area, the Glenmary Fathers established a religious education program during their early presence as well.

In the mid-1980s, the St. Frances of Rome family began a fund-raising drive with the intention of building a multi-purpose education building. After again turning to the Catholic Church Extension Society for assistance, the congregation oversaw the building's construction. Bishop John Donoghue of Charlotte blessed and dedicated the structure in October 1986 at a Mass attended by more than 200 church members, friends and clergy.

With Bishop Donoghue presiding, Glenmary Father John Otterbacher — then pastor — celebrated the Mass of Dedication. Members of the congregation, who had called the fund drive a

"journey in faith," could now enjoy a stronger sense of home with the addition. The building includes not only classrooms, but a reception hall and kitchen as well.

Church membership in Sparta has increased from the three families who originally came together in worship. Participation of families living in the Carolina mountains during summer months has enhanced the Catholic population as well, and currently some 45 families make up the dedicated, caring congregation.

The Very Reverend Roland Hautz, a Glenmary, arrived in Jefferson in 1988 to begin serving St. Francis of Assisi Church and its mission in Sparta. Through his active service — and that of lay missioners and a brother also representing the order — the Glenmary presence is still felt in Alleghany and Ashe Counties.



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## Eight Weeks After Appendectomy, Pope Visits Rome Parishes

ROME (CNS) — Eight weeks after an appendectomy, Pope John Paul II was on the road again — at least in his own diocese of Rome.

The pope, resuming a series of parish visits interrupted earlier in the year by illness and surgery, traveled Dec. 1 to one of Rome's newest churches on the eastern outskirts of the city.

Some 8,000 parishioners braved an icy wind to welcome the 76-year-old pontiff, who spent more than two hours celebrating Mass, meeting with groups and shaking people's hands.

It was the pope's 250th parish visit since his election in 1978, when he announced that he wanted to get to know his diocese better. He clearly enjoys the chance to see local churches close-up, and

the latest visit was no exception.

When a 9-year-old named Sara asked him what he did when he was young, the pope responded that he tried to grow up — by learning school subjects and by trying to gain some wisdom along the way.

Basically, he said, he tried to be more like Christ every day.

In a sermon, the pope said he was counting on parishes in Rome to lead a spiritual renewal for the year 2000. He praised a plan to send some 10,000 men and women into people's homes and workplaces over the next three years to spread the Gospel.

Before leaving, he was cheered by a group of Scouts, who waved their neckerchiefs in the air.





Two Hmong women enjoy the outdoor activities at their New Year celebration. Photo by BETTY MATTHEWS

## Annual Christmas Dinner Spreads Holiday Cheer

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — An important component of the Church's ministry is helping the needy, says Sharon Davis of the Charlotte Office of Catholic Social Services. Assisting in a Charlotte Yuletide tradition dating back more than 20 years, the social worker joins scores of people to present the annual St. Patrick Christmas Dinner Dec. 25 in the St. Patrick School cafeteria.

For nearly a quarter-century, the dinner has provided thousands of meals and countless hours of holiday friendship.

"There are persons who, for whatever reason, are hurting at Christmas time," says Davis. Catholic Social Services is one of the more than 20 agencies helping a group of volunteers make Christmas merry and bright for hundreds of Charlotte area folks.

Like Davis, representatives from those agencies — church, civic and private organizations — refer clients and other area citizens who may otherwise spend the holiday season alone. The tradition found its beginnings in the homes of St. Patrick parishioners, who "adopted" needy families at Christmas by cooking meals for and spending time with them.

"It has grown by leaps and bounds every year," says Jerry Jones. He has been a key organizer of the dinner since the early 1980s, when the outreach moved out of people's homes and into the school cafeteria.

The event has become an ecumenical and collaborative effort, with an estimated 300 to 400 volunteers representing a variety of faiths — both Christian and non-Christian — participating each year.

Jones says that some 2,500 meals were served in 1995, either at the cafeteria or via deliveries across the city. Buses from the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools system provide transportation, local musicians entertain, professional chefs coordinate the cooking, and area businesses, hotels and citizens donate time, supplies, and, yes, some elbow grease to the venture. The absence of any of the ingredients, says Jones, would render the project impossible.

Organizers emphasize that the gathering is intended for anyone desiring to spend a few hours on Christmas Day in

the fellowship of other Charlotteans. With the help of the agency contacts, however, they say that those who may experience particular needs — be they financial, spiritual or social — have the chance to share the holiday with extended family.

Jones says that the scene at St. Patrick and throughout the city has yielded touching memories that both volunteers and those who are served carry with them through the years.

"We've had folks who don't want to get back on the bus," Jones adds with a chuckle. "They want to stay with us all afternoon." The volunteers try to reach out as many people as possible; quite a few deliveries have been made to people spending their Christmas Day under city bridges or around makeshift fireplaces in the streets.

"They really do a marvelous job," says Linda McGuire, director of the Salvation Army's residential program, about the volunteers. Last Christmas, she helped bring more than 100 people assisted by the organization to the dinner, and notes that they look forward to the event this year.

Working with people who need both emergency and longer-term housing, McGuire — like her clients — appreciates the dedication of the dinner volunteers. "It really helps a lot," she adds.

The feast is funded entirely through donations and is prepared and served thanks to the Christmas spirit of volunteers. While the volunteer corps is well-established, it constantly needs financial contributions to ensure that the dinners will continue. Gifts for the needy are purchased with remaining moneys (Santa Claus usually makes a visit) and leftover food is given to local shelters.

From start to finish, volunteers and guests alike partake in the essence of sharing. As Sharon Davis puts it, the holiday dinner allows everyone involved "to share in the joys of Christmas."

*If you or someone you know is interested in attending or receiving the Christmas dinner, or if you would like to make a financial contribution or to donate a gift to ensure its continuation, call St. Patrick's parish office, (704) 334-2283. The cafeteria of St. Patrick School is at 1125 Buchanan Street.*

## Mother Teresa Stabilized With Mild Electric Shock Treatment

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Doctors have successfully stabilized Mother Teresa's heartbeat by administering a mild electric shock treatment, said one of her doctors at the B.M. Birla Heart Research Center in Calcutta.

"At this point she is stable and it is hoped that the sinus (regular) rhythm will remain," said Dr. Patricia Abunel, a member of the eight-member team treating Mother Teresa.

The cardioversion, in which a shock pad attached to a machine was placed on Mother Teresa's chest, was performed on the morning of Dec. 11.

"It was mild electric shock and it lasted for a few seconds," said Dr. Tarun Praharaj. "She was under sedation and the entire procedure was over within an hour, and we have to observe her for a minimum of 48 hours now."

Abunel said that immediately after

the procedure was finished, Mother Teresa asked, "Is it over? Did it work?" When doctors informed her that it was successful she said, "Wonderful. Let us go home now."

The 86-year-old Nobel laureate had asked doctors to let her go home Dec. 9, and two days earlier she met with nuns from her Missionaries of Charity order at the hospital.

Her nuns reported that Mother Teresa looked well and added, "She is very alert. She is issuing detailed instructions to her nuns, and she is very much in control of the show."

Mother Teresa last underwent cardioversion in August. Doctors at the Birla center performed angioplasty on Mother Teresa's heart Nov. 29 to remove blockages in two of her major coronary arteries.

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# Bishop Begley Remembers

## Bringing People Together To Build A Church

The following is the second of three installments covering the priestly career of retired Bishop Michael J. Begley, first bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte. On Jan. 12, 1997, the diocese will celebrate Bishop Begley's 25th anniversary and the Silver Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte.

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

CHARLOTTE — It didn't take Monsignor Michael J. Begley long to accept the office of bishop for the newly formed Diocese of Charlotte. He would have liked to have given it more prayerful thought but his boss, Bishop Vincent Waters, asked for an immediate answer.

Almost as quickly, Msgr. Begley was given the task of building a diocese that would cover 21,000 square miles, including some 40 parishes and missions, two Catholic colleges, two Catholic high schools, several parochial schools, a network of social services, and a summer camp.

The first thing he did, with the guidance of Bishop Waters, was appoint 10 fellow priests as his consultants. "They were a tremendous help in getting things started," recalled Bishop Begley. "I also got a lot of help and support from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters. They were invaluable in helping chart a course for the new diocese."

Msgr. Begley spent the latter part of 1971 in meeting after meeting getting things in order. His ordination as bishop would take place the following January at St. Patrick Church, the designated cathedral parish for the new prelate.

The Rite of Ordination, written up in numerous secular papers as well as the statewide Catholic paper, heralded the new diocese of the Piedmont and Western North Carolina. The press made much ado about the new bishop who was considered a friend to many, a good priest and faithful servant who had already given 38 years of service to the Church in the Tarheel State.

But the new bishop spent little time basking in the glow of compliments, for there was much work to do.

"I was, I suppose, nervous about leading a diocese, but I drew on past experiences as a priest and reflected on what I had learned from the bishops I served under. I always kept in mind that I needed other good people to help me guide the growth of the diocese," he said.

Always the diplomat, Bishop Begley chose to take things slowly, changing as little as he could at first, in deference to the good work Bishop Waters had done over the years. Nonetheless, the challenges of a growing Catholic population were evident in the early '70s.

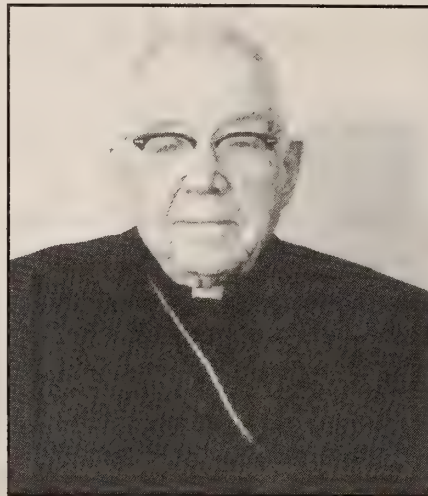
It was a welcomed challenge. During his tenure, Bishop Begley would oversee the establishment of new parishes and construction projects on numerous parish properties. He would travel thousands of miles every year to visit his parishes and his people. Already a friend to many through his years in parish work, he would never tire of making new ties with fellow Catholics.

In his years as the bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, Michael Begley continued to nurture his love of the poor, the young and those who sought a richer spiritual life. Among his proudest achievements was his contributions to ministry in Appalachia. Along with the other bishops of the region, Bishop Begley drew up the pastoral letter, *This Land is Home to Me*, which detailed the struggles of the poor in that region and called for a stronger commitment from the Church to minister to their needs.

"While most of the poor in that region were not members of the Catholic Church, they were still our neighbors — our brothers and sisters. We had a commitment to help them in any way we could, using whatever resources we had available. Some good Sisters and the Maryknoll Fathers were key in carrying out our mission there," Bishop Begley said.

In 1979, Bishop Begley found himself in the midst of a labor dispute involving the powerful J.P. Stevens Company. Along with Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of the Diocese of Raleigh, he issued a statement calling for the textile company to allow a union election to take place. Citing several Catholic documents, Bishops Begley and Gossman supported the right of workers to organize, despite strong criticism from the company and a few prominent Catholics in the diocese. Eventually the election was held and the union voted down by a slim margin. In subsequent interviews, Bishop Begley was asked if the effort was worth it. He replied that if given the chance again, he would take it.

Throughout his years as the active bishop, Michael Begley developed a fondness for programs which promoted spirituality. An enthusiastic celebrant, he felt right at home at diocesan Charismatic gatherings and Cursillo weekends.



"I believe the people who participated in these groups shared a great responsibility in expressing the Lord's love. I encouraged and nurtured these groups. I believe that bringing people together in this way was an important part of building our Church," he said.

In 12 years, Bishop Begley experienced his share of obstacles in building a strong diocese. Any success he enjoyed, he said, was due in large part to the dedication of his priests, women religious and the laity who served him.

When asked how he would describe himself as a leader, Bishop Begley replied, "I always played it straight with my priests. I allowed a certain amount of difference of opinion. We agreed to disagree. I thought that was healthy," he said. "Even if we could not agree on everything, I knew they were good men who had the potential of reaching people I may never have reached on my own and bringing them into the Church."

"It takes a lot of patience and prayer to be a good bishop. Lots of prayer. Trying to be helpful is the key to being a good Catholic as well as a good bishop," he added.

Mary Coyne Wessling served under Bishop Begley for six years as assistant editor of The North Carolina Catholic.

## Bishops' President Urges Clinton To Boost Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Generous foreign aid is not an extravagance for the United States "but a moral responsibility," said the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in a letter to President Clinton.

"A leadership position among nations demands, as Pope John Paul II consistently reminds us, that developed nations respond with generosity to the needs of the world's poor," wrote Cleveland Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, president of the NCCB.

The letter was written at the request of the U.S. bishops in a vote during their mid-November meeting in Washington. Dated Nov. 15, the letter was released by the NCCB Dec. 5.

It notes that through its charitable programs such as Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Church is attuned to the needs, suffering and early death of millions of people in the poorest parts of the world.

"We also know what U.S. commitment and leadership can mean in preventing these deaths and avoiding terrible human tragedies," it said.

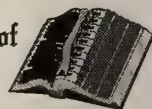
"As one of the wealthiest of industrial nations, our country should be in the forefront of international development assistance," Bishop Pilla's letter said. "Unhappily, we stand at the bottom of the industrial nations in the proportion of GNP devoted to aid for the poorest countries."

Bishop Pilla asked Clinton to lead the nation in honoring its obligations of justice and charity toward "the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters in the world."

He encouraged "the highest feasible level of increase" in aid that promotes grass-roots development and emergency relief and for programs that meet basic human needs.

## Scripture

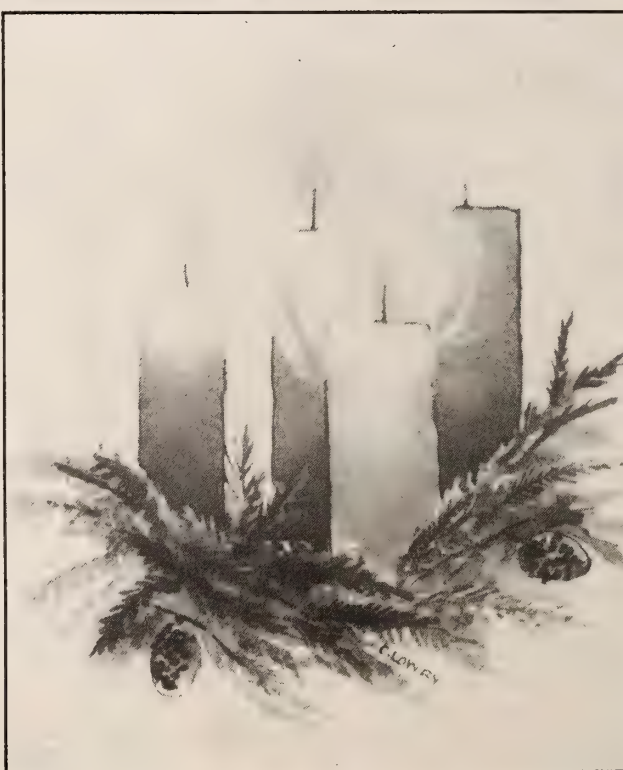
Readings for the week of  
December 15 - 21



Sunday:	Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21: 23-27
Tuesday:	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10 Matthew 1: 1-17
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 23: 5-8 Matthew 1: 18-24
Thursday:	Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25 Luke 1: 5-25
Friday:	Isaiah 7: 10-14 Luke 1: 26-38
Saturday:	Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Luke 1: 39-45

### The Third Sunday of Advent.

To mark each of the four weeks before Christmas, a candle is lit on the traditional Advent wreath to symbolize the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ.



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# Hmong New Year Celebrated In Lenoir

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

LENOIR — On the weekend of Nov. 29-30 at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds, Hmong from all over the U.S. gathered for their annual New Year's celebration. For the immigrants and refugees from Southeast Asia, it was a time to keep their rich traditions and culture alive.

With the weather cooperating on Friday, many outdoor activities were enjoyed by young and old. Soccer tournaments and volleyball games continued throughout the day. More traditional games were also played such as "ball tossing" (a common courtship ritual with singing), top spinning and "kato" (ancient games similar to volleyball and hackey sac). Games continued on Saturday despite the unrelenting rain as spectators, many in full traditional dress, watched with umbrellas in hand.

Traditional Hmong cuisine was prepared, including many rice dishes, stir-fry, and desserts. Handmade crafts like "Paj ntaub" or "flower cloth," with bright-colored applique could also be purchased. The flower cloth, dating back 2,000 years, has particular significance because symbols and stories are embroidered in the cloth as a way to transmit the Hmong culture.

Music also filled the fairground, with a mix of traditional chanting and singing called "Kwv Txiaj" and modern Hmong music popular with the youth. The second day's activities included a large dance with many captivating performances. A variety of traditional clothing was worn, colors and styles depending on the clan's region in South Asia.

The event came to a close with a special Mass on Dec. 1 for the Catholic Hmong, their families and friends at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Morganton. Father Bill Tanguay, director of East Coast Ministry to the Hmong, concelebrated with Father Ken Whittington, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, and Father Jerry Orsino, Southeast Asian Consultant for Pasto-

ral Care for Migrants and Refugees in Washington, D.C. Father Tanguay recently returned to the Hickory area for eight months.

In his homily, Father Orsino praised Father Tanguay's ministry work in Laos, China and the U.S. "He (Father Tanguay) is every inch an apostle of Christ," Father Orsino said.

Father Orsino also spoke of his encounters with the Hmong people, describing them as heroic, hospitable people of faith. He passionately gave accounts of Hmong martyrs and encouraged their stories to be told. "Because of the strong faith you have brought to America, you are now the missionaries in this country," he added.

Hmong families brought baskets of eggs and new rice (a symbol of prosperity or having enough to eat) to the Mass. These items, along with water, were blessed by the priests. The ancient custom of eating the eggs for the New Year as a means of "good luck and new life" was combined with the blessing of God so the New Year could be filled with new life in Him.

Below: Hmongs from all over the U.S. gathered in Lenoir for the New Year celebration.



The celebration concluded with a Mass and "blessing of the eggs" at St. Charles Church in Morganton.

Photos by Betty Matthews



## Natural Family Planning Frees Women, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II defended natural family planning as an effective method of spacing births and said it frees women from "unjust" programs of birth control.

He called on parishes and other organizations involved in counseling married couples to make sure an expert in natural family planning is available.

"The scientific validity of these methods and their educational value make them increasingly appreciated," the pope said Dec. 7. He was addressing a group of Italian Catholics taking a natural family planning course in Rome.

The Church teaches that contraceptive birth control is morally wrong, but it accepts methods that rely on periodic abstinence for the spacing of births.

Pope John Paul said the Church-approved methods were proper because they require husband and wife to cooperate in a responsible way. Unlike contraceptives, he said, they also promote a type of "human ecology," a balance between respect for nature and human behavior.

"On a worldwide level, this choice supports the process of freedom and emancipation of women and of populations from unjust programs of family planning," he said.

He said these international programs have brought along with them a "sad parade of various forms of contraception, abortion and sterilization."

The pope said the Church should make sure its own agencies know how to give instruction in natural methods of family planning.

"The moment has come when every parish and every organization for counseling and assisting families and the defense of life should have personnel available who are capable of educating couples in the use of the natural methods," he said.

He urged bishops, pastors and Catholic lay leaders to welcome this development.

**St. Patrick Cathedral**



### Holiday Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve*

Children's Masses — 4, 6 pm.

Midnight Mass Celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin

*Christmas Day* — 8:00, 9:30 a.m.

11 a. m. Celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin

*New Year's Eve* — 5:30 p.m.

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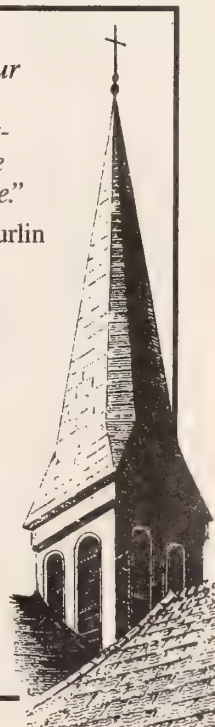
*"A valid Will stands as a continuing expression of our concern for loved ones, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Church and the community in which we live."*

Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



For the gift of repentance from indifference to life:

That God might straighten the winding roads of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin:

**We pray to the Lord.**

*The Respect Life Office Diocese of Charlotte*  
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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

### December 15

1 p.m.  
Hispanic  
Community  
Mass  
St. Joseph Church  
Asheboro

### December 16

7 p.m.  
Penance Service  
Our Lady of the  
Assumption  
Church  
Charlotte

### December 17

7:30 p.m.  
Penance Service  
St. John Neumann  
Church, Charlotte

### December 18

7:30 p.m.  
Penance Service  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### December 19

7:30 p.m.  
Penance Service  
St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

### December 20

10 a.m.  
Mass  
Holy Trinity Catholic  
Middle School,  
Catholic

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says Christian Parents Should Use Mary And Joseph As Models

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Dec. 4.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our catechesis today speaks of the veneration of Mary as the Mother of God. Like that of other women, Mary's motherhood was not limited to giving birth. It also included raising her child and helping him grow to adulthood. In the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus found in Mary a model of perfect love for God and for others. It was by Mary and Joseph that Jesus was first introduced to the religion and traditions of the people of Israel and was prepared for his earthly mission. Amid the many challenges of raising children today, parents can look to Mary and Joseph as they strive to help their children to live a life worthy of the dignity and vocation which God has given them.

### Pope Marks Feast Of Immaculate Conception

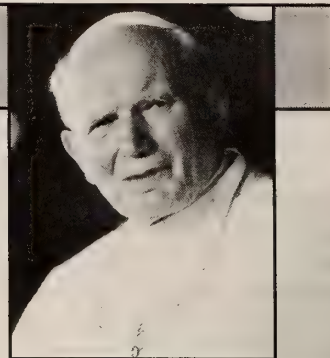
ROME (CNS) —

Pope John Paul II

kicked off pre-Christmas ceremonies in Rome with a traditional visit to a statue of Mary in downtown Rome and a torchlight parade at the Vatican.

Marking the feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8, the pope laid flowers and knelt in prayer at the statue near the Spanish Steps. In a brief talk, he urged Romans to take inspiration from Mary's spiritual beauty, even as they enjoy the harmony of their own city and its art.

Visitors to Rome should find not only architectural splendors, but also a renewed Christian spirit among its people, he said.



## Guest Column

Father Francis T. Gignac

### Advent Gospel Presents Story Of John The Baptist's Testimony To Jesus

The gospel passage (John 1:6-8, 19-28) for the third Sunday of Advent is the story of John the Baptist's testimony to Jesus. The fourth gospel, as we know it today, begins with a magnificent poetic prologue, starting, "In the beginning was the word." The prologue was an early Christian hymn prefixed to the gospel, which probably began originally with John the Baptist, as does the reading according to Mark. The first three verses of this Sunday's reading, in which John is introduced, have been inserted into the prologue; the rest of the reading constitutes the beginning of the gospel proper.

John the Baptist is introduced to the reader with the same terminology used of Jesus throughout this gospel: "He was sent from God." And that is the end of the similarity between the two. From here on, the author of this gospel takes great pains to subordinate the role of John to Jesus. Why? Because in early Christian times there were disciples of John the Baptist around (they are actually mentioned in Acts 18), who could have claimed that their master was superior to Jesus because Jesus had come to him to be baptized. So, after mentioning the common element between Jesus and John (namely, that they were both sent from God), the author goes on to emphasize the difference between them: John "came for testimony, to testify to the light (that is, to Jesus), so that all might believe (in Jesus) through him."

Then, after the prologue, comes the rest of the reading. According to the story, two groups come to John to ask him who he is. First, the religious authorities from Jerusalem send priests and Levites, who ask him whether he is the Messiah, or Elijah, or the prophet expected to come at the end of time. In this gospel alone the author repeatedly pictures Jesus saying, "I am." To underscore John's subordinate role to that of Jesus, the author cleverly pictures John here as saying, "I am not the Messiah." All that the author pictures John saying positively is applying to himself the opening strophe of Second Isaiah, which constituted our first reading last Sunday, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'"

Then a second group is sent, some Pharisees, who inquire about John's right to baptize. To them he replies, "I baptize with water." But then he is pictured

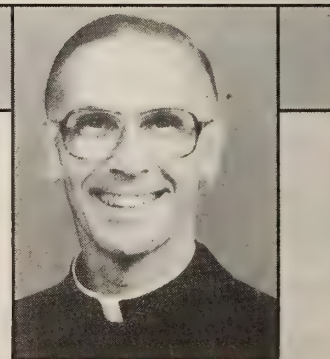
adding, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize." In this gospel, John's baptism is simply preparatory; his role is to give testimony to Jesus, to reveal Jesus to Israel.

Our first reading, from the book of Isaiah (61:1-2, 10-11), is that which the author of the gospel according to Luke has Jesus read in the synagogue of Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord (Yahweh) has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners...and a jubilee year," when persons returned to their homes, all debts were canceled, and slaves were set free. This text is to emphasize the role of Jesus as the permanent bearer of God's Spirit and the inauguration in Jesus of a new age of restoration, a new beginning.

And finally, our second reading comes from the end of the earliest work in the New Testament, the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24). "Rejoice always," he begins, "pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances," he continues in staccato fashion. He concludes with a beautiful prayer for the wholeness and integrity of the natural and supernatural aspects of a person's service of God: "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and sanctify your spirit fully, and may both soul and body be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

When Paul wrote this in the spring of A.D. 51, he was thinking of the second coming of Jesus, which he expected a few years from then. But since Jesus did not come back, we may think of it as the coming of Christ into our hearts spiritually at Christmas. May the God of peace make us holy through our Advent prayers, and sanctify our spirit fully, so that our whole being might be prepared and ready to receive the revelation that God has given us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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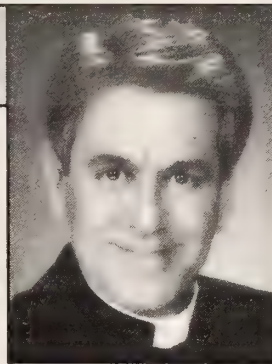
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### In Our Joys And Our Sorrows

As we move deeper into the Advent season, the Biblical account of the coming of Jesus speaks to each one of us about the joys and, yes, the sorrows surrounding Christmas.

The great Italian artist, Raphael, understood this well. In his beautiful "Alba Madonna," which hangs in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., the Christ Child holds a little stick in the form of a cross. Raphael understood that the shadow of the cross is present in the Christ story from the beginning.

Surely it is easier to focus on the joyful aspects of the Nativity, but we cheat ourselves if we ignore the painful parts of the story. We do not like to suffer. We do not like to see others suffer. Consequently, we tend to gloss over this aspect of the story.

The joys are obvious. We can feel the joy of the shepherds who left their fields to adore the new born Babe and savior, and the joy of the faithful prophets, Simeon and Anna, when they encounter Jesus in the Temple and recog-

nize that their lifelong dreams of the Messiah's coming have been realized.

But we can also feel the sorrow touching us from 2,000 years ago. The baby Jesus' life is in danger, while innocent children are slaughtered by Herod's soldiers. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are forced to flee their homeland and become refugees.

And we all know pain and sorrow in our own lives. In the past year, some of us have experienced the pain of loss in the death of a loved one. Some have experienced the pain of watching a young son or daughter leave home in rebellion and anger. Some people this Christmas season experience the pain of financial insecurity because of debt or unemployment.

So, during the coming weeks when the story of Jesus' birth is told and retold, you may feel unable to identify with it as in happier times. If you are hurting in this way, try to understand that in your sorrow there is much to identify with in the Christmas story.

In the person of Mary especially,

both joy and sorrow meet.

She knew the joy of learning she would be the mother of the Messiah and feeling the Child grow within her. She also knew the painful uncertainties of the reaction of Joseph, her family and neighbors to her pregnancy as well as the physical strains of her journey and delivery.

When Mary and Joseph left their home in Nazareth to go to Bethlehem for a census, they expected to return in a few days. But they could not go back home. Because of Herod, they had to leave the country. Suddenly they were in a strange land without possessions. They had to find a place to live. Joseph had to look for work. A new baby had to be cared for. They had to endure hard times.

And what the Gospel writers are trying to tell us is that God is present to us

in our experience of sorrow just as He was present to the Holy Family in their. God was at the cribs of those children slaughtered by Herod's soldiers. God was in the hearts of their mothers and fathers. We must understand that He is here in our sorrows. And He keeps coming to offer us life.

During Advent, let Him into the very center of your life. Deliverance is near at hand, the burden will be lifted, the healing will come — if you let God come into your life, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Both in our joys and in our sorrows we can welcome our Messiah.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Let Go, Let God In Your Life," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Promises In Interfaith Marriages

Q. Seven years ago I married a Lutheran man in the Catholic Church. We had a beautiful ceremony in which my husband and his family were allowed to receive Communion.

Before we were married my husband was required to sign a statement that he would raise our children Catholic. In our vows we both promised to bring them up according to the laws of the Church.

A few days ago my brother married a Methodist. His wife and her family could not receive Communion. During the ceremony they did not promise to raise their children in the Church. Nor was his wife required to promise to raise their children Catholic.

Does each church make up its own rules? No wonder people say the Catholic Church contradicts itself.

A. Formerly, both the Catholic and non-Catholic partners signed promises to raise their children Catholic. This practice was changed by Pope Paul VI in a 1970 document ("Matrimonia Mixta") on interfaith marriages.

Since then, the basic procedure for the Catholic Church everywhere in the world is the following. The Catholic partner signs a statement affirming two points:

1. "I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and intend to continue living that faith

in the Catholic Church."

2. "I promise to do all in my power to share my faith with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics."

Obviously, these "promises" add nothing to what a knowledgeable and committed Catholic already believes and intends.

The non-Catholic partner signs nothing. The priest or other minister helping the couple before the marriage signs that the partner is aware of the belief and intent of the Catholic.

The Church then leaves it to the couple to work out before God any differences their personal faith and conscience require.

Every diocese or province in the United States has forms for couples to complete in this part of marriage preparation. If the procedure you describe for your marriage is accurate, and you should know, I cannot explain it. The official policy of the Church is otherwise.

You may be confused about one part of the vows in the marriage liturgy of the United States and most other English-speaking nations.

One question asks the bride or groom, in these or similar words, "Will you accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?" The obvious expected answer is yes.

This question and response are clearly understood, however, in light of the promises and commitments previously made by the couple, which I indicate above.

As for the difference about receiving Communion, the guidelines of the Catholic Church for sharing worship and the sacraments permit people not of our faith to receive Communion with us under certain conditions.

We cannot discuss details of those

conditions here, but depending on the circumstances the priest could have acted properly and in accord with Catholic regulations at both your and your brother's marriages. (See 1993 Vatican Directory on Ecumenism, Nos. 129-131.)

A free brochure, in English or Spanish, outlining marriage regulations in the Catholic Church and explaining the promises in an interfaith marriage, is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

## Letters

### Loving Others Includes Concern For Their Salvation

Father John Catoir, in his recent response to a woman who was concerned about her lesbian daughter's lifestyle, quoted from St. Luke's Gospel: "...Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned...."

But our Lord also counseled us regarding fraternal correction: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you...but if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community (the Church); and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector."

(Matthew 18:15-17)

Surely most people today are familiar with the phrase "tough love," which requires great courage to put into practice in order to save someone you love from destroying themselves physically. We seem to have grown fainthearted, however, in practicing a spiritual "tough love" in order to, as St. Jude puts it, save those we love "from the fire."

In supporting his views, Father Catoir says the supreme law of love must never be violated. But that law is predicated on loving others as we love ourselves. Surely my self-love leads me to desire my eternal salvation. Can I truly love others as myself if I am not as concerned about their salvation as I am about my own?

Estelle Wisneski  
Charlotte

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# Adoption Services Reach Out To Many

In just five months, Catholic Social Services has assisted in 16 domestic adoptions and eight international adoptions, with 20 waiting in the wings.

By JOANN KEANE and  
KATHY SCHMUGGE

CHARLOTTE — It's a joyous mix: Catholic Social Services and adoption.

As champions of life, the Catholic Church has long stood in the forefront of pro-life issues, and the adoption program administered by CSS is a natural extension of the mission of the Church. And this November's National Adoption Month provided an opportunity to recognize the continued interest in the adoption services offered by CSS.

Though not an agency to rest on its laurels, CSS has much to celebrate. In just five months, the agency has assisted in 16 domestic adoptions and eight international adoptions, with 20 waiting in the wings.

Though the network of CSS services reaches many facets of life, it is perhaps adoption that most often springs to mind when the social services ministry is mentioned. Motherless children are given to CSS for reasons stemming from the compassion that exudes from the agency. Childless parents come to the agency for its meticulous attention to detail. Each and every adoption is carefully scrutinized and legalities are continually reviewed.

But it's not the caution with paperwork that brings families together. Unlike independent processes, CSS does not terminate the relationship with their clients once the child is in the arms of his or her new parents. CSS staff diligently follow up with the birth mother and adoptive parents according to sound therapeutic practices and legal requirements. In addition to regular sessions, there are semi-annual get-togethers for all adoptive parents and children, where staff and parents have an opportunity to share their experiences, joys and concerns. Birth mothers, too, stay in touch with the agency for counseling as long as both parties feel it necessary. CSS also facilitates monthly group sessions for birth mothers. If requested, the birth mother can receive updates on their child

if they so desire.

Selecting suitable parents is an in-depth process. First comes a home study — joint interviews between the social worker and prospective family. Additionally, there are six weeks of classes dealing with issues of adoptions, such as attitudes about adoption, parenting education and birth-parent issues. During one session, soon-to-be parents meet with a panel composed of a birth-parent, an adoptive parent and an adoptee.

There is no perfect method for selecting parents, says Jeannie Beall, CSS coordinator of Adoption and Pregnancy Support Services. "We set up the selection case by case, carefully weighing all factors. CSS is committed to the mutual needs of the child and parents," points out the adoption coordinator. Yet, Beall is quick to call attention to one critical factor; the couple's readiness to be parents.

With these issues discerned, perhaps one of the key issues for adoptive parents is fortitude. With an average waiting time for placement of a child of two years, patience truly becomes a virtue for the expectant parents. "We are fully supportive of the couple's journey to parenting via adoption and understand the difficulties in waiting," said Beall, The

waiting also requires flexibility. While two years is the norm, if few restrictions — such as child's sex, age or race — are in place, a couple could be rocking their new tot sooner.

Adoption requires an investment of time, energy, money and commitment. Fees are based on income and type of adoption; international adoption often requires a trip to the child's homeland and stays of varying lengths of time.

Yet, the end result, as CSS hopes, is happy, healthy families: A child with a family, a family where there once was none.

For more information on adoption — domestic call Jeannie Beall, CSS (704) 343-3943, and Carol Meyerriecks in Asheville for international, (704) 255-0146.

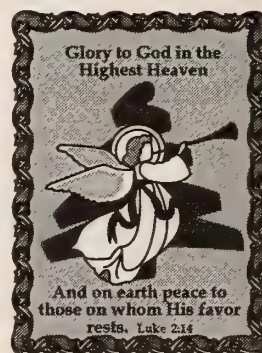
## Pope's New Book Reaches Stores In Time For Christmas

Catholic News Service

Pope John Paul II's latest book, "Gift and Mystery: On the 50th Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination," went on sale nationwide Dec. 11, according to Doubleday in New York, the book's U.S. publisher.

"What better time than Christmas to celebrate and share the special vocation and faith of the Holy Father through his spiritual testimony in 'Gift and Mystery,'" said Arlene Friedman, Doubleday president and publisher.

Sixteen pages of line drawings of significant places in the life of Pope John Paul are included in the 144-page hardcover text. The first printing of the U.S. edition will be 750,000 copies. Its suggested retail cover price is \$19.95.



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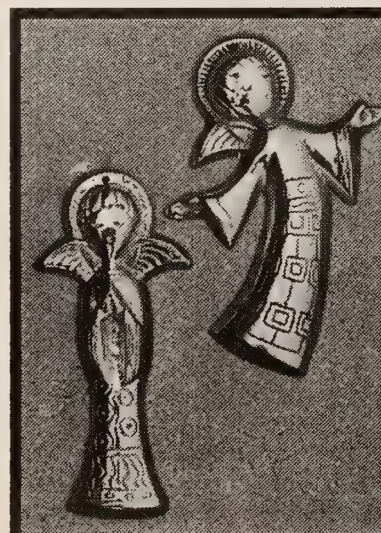
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## El sentido de la Navidad

Por MEDARDO VITIER

Nace un niño que va a ser fundador de la religión más influyente de la historia. Navidad, Natividad, Nacimiento. ¿Y qué es nacer? Biológicamente lo sabe la ciencia, pero el hombre no queda explicado con la Biología tan sólo. Su naturaleza requiere que otras disciplinas la estudien y aclaren. El Cristo nace y es en lo humano, un individuo de la especie. Morfológicamente, su anatomía no difiere de la de Tiberio o la de Pilatos, o la de cualquiera de los Magos que le adoraron. Era, en punto a raza, un semita que conoció las posturas religiosas de los saduceos, los esenios, los fariseos. Fue sin embargo, en la Historia, una nota nueva, un judío de excepción, iluminado por un temprano sentido de humanidad.

Nacer, en el caso de Jesús, fue innovar. La doctrina que enseñó, introdujo una fuerza en la Historia diferente de los cultos orientales y de la filosofía griega. El Cristianismo aparece, precisamente, cuando las escuelas del pensamiento helénico se agotaban.

En la Navidad conmemoramos la aparición de un Evangelio de amor porque en efecto, lo que iba a nacer, con Jesús, era un mensaje de fraternidad entre los hombres. Ese mensaje nació. Viene aquí una pregunta terrible:

—¿Creció?—

Si por "crecer" entendemos, en este caso, extenderse, difundirse una enseñanza, afirmamos que creció, a virtud del interés de los apóstoles y de las primitivas comunidades cristianas, aquéllas a quien San Pablo dirigió sus famosas Epístolas, es decir, las de Corinto, Galacia, Efeso... Pero si por "crecer" entendemos, tratándose del Cristianismo, su esencial aceptación por los hombres, la verdad es que no creció. Quedó, y ahí refulge como una sugestión al espíritu, como una esperanza que hasta hoy alientan los mejores. Porque ni la mayoría lo practicó ni las minorías (de la raza del Santo de Asís), han prevalecido. Si no queremos engañarnos, lo cierto en todo esto es que la fuerte innovación de una hermandad universal y de un amor a los enemigos está pendiente de aceptación. Ha habido casos individuales para indicar que la doctrina cabe en lo humano, pero ninguna sociedad, ninguna raza, ningún pueblo de la historia ha vivido el ideal ético del Maestro a quien Reyes de Oriente ofrecieron dones en el pesebre, mientras un astro, dicen que lucía señor de los espacios, guiador de los peregrinos.

Herodes mandó a los rabinos que consultaran sus textos reveladores. Herodes se sobrecogió. ¿Extrañeza? ¿Terror? ¿Presentimiento? Su actitud

es un símbolo. El mundo iba a cambiar. La esencia cristiana quedará virgen en cuanto a su acogida y práctica universal, pero la pugna, la voluntad de alteración que llevó al fluir de la Historia, cambiaron el rumbo de los acontecimientos. La cultura de Occidente se tiñe entera de voluntad cristiana. No digo de espíritu cristiano. No es la esencia del Cristianismo lo que da estructura y sentido a Europa sino la lucha por el triunfo de esa esencia. La doctrina, por otra parte, lucha ya, en algo desfigurada, medio rendida al adaptarse a realidades.

Por manera que "creció" agónicamente. Tal era su destino. Tal es la suerte de todo empeño mejorador. Así, que no ha fracasado. El fracaso está y grita en quienes no aceptan el programa de Cristo. No me refiero a su contenido sobrenatural, que es cosa de fe, sino a sus elementos humanos de ética fecunda, de amor coherente. Razonan mal los que sostienen que el Cristianismo ha fracasado. El fracaso es de quienes lo rechazan.

Apenas recuerdan el episodio de Belén los que festejan en días de Pascua. El motivo se desdibuja un poco. Nos quedamos no más con "la fiesta". Esa es también una desfiguración. No importa. La memoria humana procede así en muchos casos. Hay, no obstante, un signo de fecundidad en la Pascua, y proviene de la fecundidad del Cristianismo. Es cierto que en estos días no pensamos gran cosa en el Cristo y muchos ignoran que se divierten en fecha sagrada. Pero al juntarse la familia, al acercarse los hombres, al saludarse, al sonreír en estos días del año, disfrutan de un efecto cristiano. Si el mensaje tropezó y anda maltrecho, resuena todavía cuando junta a los hombres. Es la fecundidad del árbol que, en clima impropio, da frutos.

Razonan superficial, falsamente, quienes afirman perturbados por los horrores de la guerra, que fracasa el Cristianismo. Antes resalta su eficacia. Pero ésta no se da sino a condición de voluntad. Recuérdese que es también doctrina de libertad. Amor a los buenos y a los malos. Libertad de la conciencia. En eso consiste el lado humano del Evangelio. El divino, aparte de los misterios que no toco, ¿no radica ya en lograr esos postulados?

Muy actual es la misión de Juan el Bautista, precursor, que anunciaba a Jesús. Están por preparar "sus caminos". "Vox vociferantis in deserto. Parate viam Domini, complanate calles ejus".

Una Navidad espera el mundo. Esa no ha llegado nunca. Está en potencia. Hay quienes creen en su advenimiento, pero son pocos. La Navidad en que

estemos contentos de ser hombres; la Navidad en que hayamos vencido al Demonio interior que señorea; la Navidad en que gobierne lo mejor de nuestra naturaleza. Instintos, pasiones, gobiernan ahora buena parte del mundo. ¿Qué Navidad celebramos? ¿La de Cristo? Está bien. Desfigurado y todo, el espíritu, todavía tiene fuerza para

sugerirnos que el amor revela y engrandece, en tanto el odio confunde y achica.

La Navidad, alta, genuina, es una aspiración todavía.

*Medardo Vitier fue un escritor cubano [1886-1960]. Este escrito ganó el Premio "Justo de Lara" en 1940.*

## Misa en español en High Point

Por VICKY UTSMAN

HIGH POINT — El pasado 6 de octubre tuvo lugar la primera Misa en español en la iglesia Cristo Rey (Christ the King) de High Point. Celebró la Misa el Reverendo Padre Philip Kollithanath, párroco de la iglesia. Más de 100 personas asistieron a esta primera Misa, la que continuará celebrándose todos los domingos a las 12:30 de la tarde.

La comunidad católica hispana de High Point se siente muy contenta de poder oír la Santa Misa en su lengua nativa.

La Iglesia Cristo Rey se encuentra situada en el 1505 de East Kivett Drive, teléfono (910) 884-0244.



El Padre Philip Kollithanath, Párroco de Cristo Rey, repartiendo la Sagrada Eucaristía durante la primera Misa en español celebrada en su parroquia.



Algunos de los asistentes a la Misa el pasado 6 de octubre.



Grupo que participó en la Misa con la música, dirigidos por Luis Sánchez. De izquierda a derecha se encuentran Mónico Aguilar, Luis Sánchez y Anisteo Medina.





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**EL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO** — Jesús, María, José y los tres sabios del Oriente se destacan en la "Adoración de los Magos", obra del pintor italiano Andrea Mantegna. La pintura fue terminada a fines del siglo XV o principios del XVI. Es propiedad del Museo J. Paul Getty, de Malibú, California.

## Mensaje del Padre

Rev. VICENTE H. FINNERTY, C.M.

Navidad, 1996

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

**Un niño...** Muchas veces he observado de qué forma se le van los ojos, el corazón y las manos de la gente ante la presencia de un niño pequeño. ¡Quién hubiera podido tener en brazos unos minutos al Hijo de María!

Dios que nos conoce bien, que sabe de cuánta ternura es capaz nuestro corazón, quiso que su Hijo se presentara ante la humanidad en forma de niño. Sin más poder ni más riqueza que el amor de su madre. **Ojalá que no tuviéramos entre nosotros otra riqueza y poder que el amor mutuo.**

Vivimos en una sociedad en la que prácticamente se compra todo, menos el amor. Por eso, cuando Dios nos regala a su Hijo, **cuando nos regala lo que más ama, ¿no nos indica que Navidad es el gran acontecimiento capaz de transformar cualquier corazón de piedra en un corazón de carne?**

Casi todos tenemos la mala costumbre de compararnos con alguien que nos parece menos generoso o más egoísta que nosotros y esto nos hace creer que aportamos mucho más de lo que recibimos. Si de veras estamos convencidos de esta idea, pensemos en la Navidad. **¿Por qué no dejamos que nuestro corazón se sorprenda ante lo que Dios nos da y ante nuestra limitada respuesta? ¿Por qué no llenamos nuestro espíritu de la acogedora mirada de Jesús y olvidamos cualquier mirada que nos haya hecho sufrir?**

Quisiera ofrecerle a cada uno, como regalo de Navidad, algo que le ayudará a ser feliz si lo usa mucho tiempo.

- Ten más capacidad de amar, que la que tenga cualquier persona de hacerte sufrir.
- Ten más capacidad de creer, que la que otro tenga de hacerte dudar.
- Ten más capacidad de ser paciente, que la que otro tenga de ser caprichoso.
- Ten más capacidad de gozo, que la que otro tenga de lamentarse.
- Ten más capacidad de servir, que la que tenga cualquier persona de descansar.

Hermanos y hermanas, si cuidan este regalo les sobrarán palabras para explicar qué es Navidad.

Deseando que el Señor nazca más plenamente en sus corazones esta Navidad y Año Nuevo, me quedo,  
Su siervo,

Padre Vicente

Padre Vicente Finnerty, C.M.

## Millones se lamentan durante los funerales del Cardenal Bernardin

CHICAGO (CNS) —

Millones de residentes de Chicago se lamentaron durante los últimos ritos fúnebres por el Cardenal Joseph L. Bernardin el 20 de noviembre, quizás su más amado dirigente religioso de la historia.

El prelado de 68 años, descrito por algunos como la figura principal de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos durante el siglo XX, murió de cáncer al hígado seis días antes.

"El era un maestro. El nos enseñó las lecciones de la vida", dijo Monseñor Kenneth Velo, amigo próximo del Cardenal durante mucho tiempo y ahora presidente de la Sociedad de Extensión de la Iglesia Católica, en su homilía en la Misa de funerales.

Entre la congregación, reunida por invitación solamente, que congestionó la Catedral del Santo Nombre para asistir a la Misa de funerales, se hallaban más de 150 cardenales, arzobispos y obispos estadounidenses, incluyendo a los dos cardenales de los Estados Unidos en el Vaticano y los siete cardenales residentes activos del país. También asistió Monseñor Agostino Cacciavillan, Pro-Nuncio Apostólico en los Estados Unidos.

Encabezaban la delegación del gobierno el vice-presidente Al Gore y su esposa, Tipper. Entre los que acompañaban a los Gore en el funeral se hallaban el jefe de personal de la Casa Blanca, Leon Panetta; la secretaria de salud y servicios humanos, Donna Shalala; el secretario de viviendas y desarrollo urbano, Henry Cisneros; el embajador de los Estados Unidos ante el Vaticano, Raymond Flynn, y el presidente de la AFL-CIO, John Sweeney.

La Misa de funerales, que duró más de dos horas, destacó a más de media docena de idiomas distintos, como reconocimiento de la diversidad étnica de la Arquidiócesis. Las oraciones de los fieles fueron leídas en vietnamita, inglés, español y polaco, y el "Cordero de Dios" fué cantado en inglés, latín, lituano y español.



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**FUNERALES DEL CARDENAL BERNARDIN** — El féretro del Cardenal Bernardin sale de la Catedral del Santo Nombre en Chicago después de su Misa de funerales el 20 de noviembre. El Cardenal Bernardin murió de cáncer el 14 de noviembre.



**KERNERSVILLE** — La niña Verónica Tapia, de 3 años, ayudando a su mamá, Celia Tapia, a guardar los recipientes sagrados después de la Misa en español que se celebra semanalmente a las 12:30 p.m. en la Iglesia Holy Cross.

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# Papa y Castro se reúnen para tratar del papel de la Iglesia

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Abriendo un nuevo capítulo en las relaciones entre el Vaticano y Cuba, el Papa Juan Pablo II y el presidente Fidel Castro se reunieron para tratar de un papel mayor para la Iglesia en Cuba y una posible visita del Papa en 1997.

"Su Santidad, éste es un gran honor para mí", dijo Castro con una ligera inclinación mientras entraba al Vaticano por primera vez el 19 de noviembre. El Pontífice le dio la bienvenida con un apretón de manos y lo llevó a su oficina, donde hablaron en español sin intérpretes durante 35 minutos.

El portavoz del Vaticano, Joaquín Navarro-Valls, dijo que Castro renovó su invitación al Papa a fin de que visite a la nación isleña, que es el hogar de 4.5 millones de católicos. El Papa aceptó, y ambos hombres acordaron que tratarían de hacer que suceda en 1997, aunque no se fijó fecha alguna.

Castro dijo más tarde a los reporteros que el Papa estaría libre de ir a donde quisiera y decir lo que le gustara durante la visita.

"No le puse condiciones al Papa, y él tampoco me puso condiciones a mí", dijo él.

"Se le tratará con respeto cuando vaya", dijo el dirigente cubano. Cuba es el único país de habla hispana de la América Latina que el Papa no ha visitado.

Castro dijo también a los reporteros que él esperaba que su reunión con el Papa ayudaría a edificar un clima de confianza entre la Iglesia y el estado en Cuba.

"Queremos trabajar con la Iglesia Católica. Estamos dispuestos a hacer que estas relaciones mejoren y a satisfacer las aspiraciones de la Iglesia. Pero eso no se logra de un día a otro. Se necesita tiempo", dijo él.

La reunión inusitada juntó a dos protagonistas del siglo XX de extremos opuestos del espectro ideológico. Castro dirige uno de los últimos gobiernos comunistas del mundo, que persiguió duramente a la Iglesia cuando llegó al poder en 1959, y al Papa Juan Pablo II se le da amplio crédito por haber apresurado la caída del comunismo europeo.

Navarro-Valls dijo que los dos dirigentes hablaron en un clima de "diálogo abierto" y que sus charlas se enfocaron sobre la "normalización de la vida eclesial en Cuba y del papel de los creyentes en la sociedad cubana".

Una declaración del Vaticano cuidadosamente redactada que resumía la reunión no mencionó explícitamente a los derechos humanos, pero Navarro-Valls dijo que era seguro que se trató del asunto en las charlas.

Anteriormente, el Papa ha insistido enérgicamente sobre el respeto a la libertad de religión como el primero de todos los derechos humanos, y el gobierno comunista de Castro ha mostrado recientemente señales de moderar sus limitaciones sobre las actividades de la Iglesia.

El presidente de Cuba, que asistió a

una escuela jesuita, manifestó al Papa su admiración y agradecimiento por el trabajo de la Iglesia en su país, especialmente por sus programas de enseñanza y bienestar social.

Navarro-Valls subrayó la naturaleza histórica del encuentro.

"Lo más importante que sucedió fue que el Presidente Castro estuvo aquí tratando de estos puntos importantísimos con el Santo Padre. El resultado está abierto para los acontecimientos futuros", dijo él.

Navarro-Valls se hizo eco de otros funcionarios del Vaticano, quienes dijeron privadamente que el diálogo con Castro y su gobierno estaba en verdad más abierto que anteriormente, pero que no era fácil por ningún medio. La Iglesia está apremiando allá todavía por un mayor espacio para que funcionen sus actividades misioneras, sociales, de enseñanza y de información colectiva.

La sesión de trabajo separada de Castro con el Cardenal Angelo Sodano, secretario de estado del Vaticano, duró 45 minutos. También asistieron a la reunión el ministro del exterior de Cuba, Roberto Robaina, y Monseñor Jean-Louis Tauran, sub-secretario



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CASTRO CON EL PAPA — El presidente cubano Fidel Castro saluda al Papa Juan Pablo II en una audiencia privada el 19 de noviembre en el Vaticano. La reunión histórica puede allanar el camino para un viaje

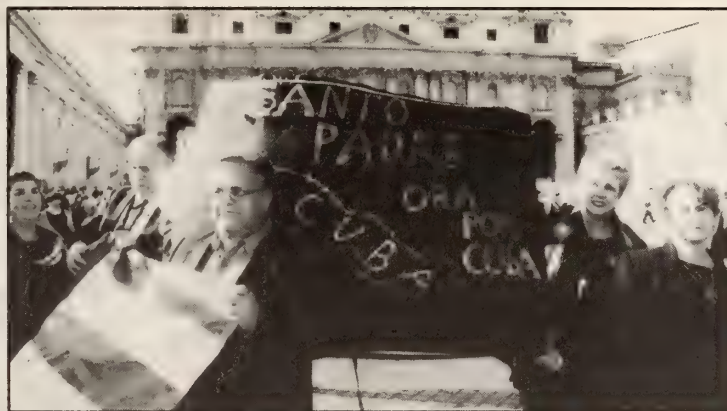


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CUBANOS EN EL VATICANO — Exiliados cubanos se manifiestan en la Plaza de San Pedro el 13 de noviembre, llevando su campaña anti-comunista al Vaticano. La protesta tuvo lugar días antes de la reunión entre el Papa Juan Pablo II y el dirigente comunista Fidel Castro.

## Tiempo de Esperanza

**A**cabamos de iniciar el Adviento, el tiempo en que esperamos el retorno del Señor. En el camino de nuestra historia, el Señor se hizo y se hace presente. El Adviento nos invita a mirar con confianza y esperanza hacia el Señor glorioso que viene y nos prepara para recordar el nacimiento en Belén de aquel que es el Mesías esperado. El Adviento es tiempo de velar activamente para preparar los caminos por los que ha de llegar el Señor hacia nosotros.

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# Sacerdote dice que unidad racial en Iglesia es 'posible'

SOUTH ORANGE, Nueva Jersey (CNS) — El Padre Virgilio Elizondo, sacerdote de San Antonio, dijo que dentro de la Iglesia Católica no sólo es posible la "unidad racial, cultural y religiosa, sino también emocionante".

Los católicos son llamados a aceptar la diversidad entre ellos, "no como una amenaza a la unidad, sino con un sentido de enriquecimiento", dijo el sacerdote el 13 de noviembre en una charla en la Universidad Seton Hall, en South Orange.

El sacerdote pronunció la charla de otoño "Arzobispo Gerety" de la universidad sobre el tema "Pablo VI y la Evangelización de los Latinos".

El Padre Elizondo, fundador del Centro Cultural Mexicano- Americano en San Antonio, delineó el efecto de los escritos del Papa Pablo VI sobre el crecimiento y desarrollo de la comunidad católica de habla hispana dentro de los Estados Unidos.

El dijo que la Iglesia latina de los Estados Unidos incluye a personas cuyas familias han vivido en esta tierra durante siglos — incluyendo a los mexicano-americanos y al pueblo de Puerto Rico — así como a los que han llegado desde otros países.

Los que inmigran tienen por lo menos dos cosas en común. "Nunca tuvieron su clero propio" como lo hicieron otras olas de inmigrantes, y la mayoría de las personas de habla hispana en los Estados Unidos se hallan "todavía entre los pobres", dijo él.

La migración colectiva de los latinos refleja una gran diversidad en la población de habla hispana, dijo él, agregando que, por primera vez, personas de distintas naciones de la América Latina están "llegando a conocerse mutuamente" y casándose unas con otras.

La Arquidiócesis de Anchorage, Alaska, "es ahora hispana en un 56 por ciento", hizo notar él. "Y hay más personas de habla hispana en Chicago que en San Antonio".

El Papa Pablo VI quería que la Iglesia estuviera involucrada en un "diálogo verdadero" con la cultura popular, y el manifestó estos conceptos en varias cartas, como lo hizo el documento del Vaticano II titulado "Lumen Gentium" (La Luz de los Pueblos), que hizo énfasis no solamente en el uso de los idiomas locales, sino en el respeto hacia la cultura y la historia, así como las cosas que hacen singulares a las personas.

El Papa Pablo VI señaló también que la Iglesia local creció desde una respuesta al Evangelio, según dijo el Padre Elizondo.

"Los misioneros fueron a otros lugares, no como individuos sino desde una comunidad para llevar el Evangelio; y la Iglesia local se formó por su respuesta al Evangelio", dijo él.

Los europeos trajeron al catolicismo a las costas de las Américas en 1492, "pero el natalicio de la Iglesia latina se

produce el 12 de diciembre de 1531, con la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe — y de una imagen que se convierte en la expresión de las Américas .... Esta es una hazaña importante para nuestra cultura", dijo él.

"El día de la festividad señala el comienzo de una comunidad cristiana singular, que es una síntesis de lo europeo y lo local", dijo él.

Esa Iglesia local es diversa, continuó diciendo, pero comparte varios elementos: Su amor por el Jesús humano; una relación personal con Jesús; una devoción a la Virgen María; y la devoción en el hogar — "una piedra angular de la fe" — provocada por la carencia de clero indígena.

Puede haber problemas y dificultades adelante para la Iglesia, "pero me siento extremadamente esperanzado y no tengo dudas de que recorreremos ese camino de bienvenida y unidad hasta su conclusión gloriosa para nuestra Iglesia", agregó el Padre Elizondo.

## Dice sacerdote que pobreza, narcóticos, empeoran derechos humanos

NUEVA YORK (CNS) — Un sacerdote mexicano homenajeado por su trabajo en materia de derechos humanos dijo que una combinación de pobreza, narcóticos y una estructura política autoritaria está empeorando la situación de los derechos humanos en México.

"La situación está empeorando, y el futuro luce desalentador", dijo el Padre David Fernández S.J. en una entrevista en Nueva York el 18 de noviembre. "Espero que tendremos algunos años difíciles".

Pero el sacerdote, que ha sido objeto de amenazas de muerte por su trabajo, dijo que él estaba mirando más allá del desaliento a corto plazo y tiene esperanza "a largo plazo".

El Padre Fernández dirige el Centro de los Derechos Humanos "Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez" en Ciudad México.

El es uno de siete trabajadores de los derechos humanos de todo el mundo — y el único de la América Latina — que fueron homenajeados en una cena el 19 de noviembre por la organización Human Rights Watch, que tiene sus oficinas principales en Nueva York.

Al hablar mayormente en inglés y con alguna ayuda de un intérprete, él dijo que todo lo que él y sus colegas del centro han hecho "ha sido un acto de fe y un acto de amor".

La situación actual de México, dijo él, se caracteriza por tortura continua, desapariciones y ejecuciones extrajudiciales. Las últimas ocurren periódicamente a la tasa de dos o tres veces por semana, agregó él.

"La policía dice que son el resultado de luchas con el consorcio de los narcóticos, pero yo creo que es un problema mucho más profundo que eso", dijo él. "La policía que está dentro de las pandillas que distribuyen narcóticos empieza a actuar fuera de la ley y a matar".

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St. Francis of Assisi, 1025 College Ave. SW  
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Sacred Heart, 128 N. Fulton St.  
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### SPARTA

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1er. y 3er. domingo del mes 1:30 pm

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St. Phillip the Apostle, 525 Camden Dr  
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1er. domingo del mes 2 pm

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Christ the King, U.S. 601 y Hoots Rd.  
(910) 463-5533

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# Catholic Convert Scott Hahn Brings His Message of Faith To Charlotte Diocese

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — As the millennium approaches, a former Presbyterian minister and theologian will visit Charlotte conveying a conversion process which led to his becoming a staunch proponent of Roman Catholicism.

The Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte, a group promoting spiritual reinforcement, recently announced that Scott Hahn will present "A Faith Journey with Jesus" Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church.

Hahn, whose spiritual growth has been documented in various media and told to hundreds of parishes nationwide, was welcomed into the Catholic Church in 1986.

Today—when he's not serving as associate professor of theology and Scripture at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio—he travels the country with a conversion story that serves as a passionate defense for the Catholic faith.

"Scott Hahn has acquired a reputation for being a zealous and balanced communicator of contemporary orthodox Catholicism," said Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization and supporter of the convert's visit.

Father Vilkauskas' statement echoes worldwide Catholic advocacy of evangelical efforts which remind the faithful to recommit themselves to Christ. The director of evangelization and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Monroe coordinated Catholic participation in the Billy Graham Carolinas Crusade in September. After the Crusade, more than 1,000 people indicated a desire to continue—or to begin—their lives of faith with guidance from the Catholic Church.

Catholic follow-up efforts continue after that ecumenical gathering. Indeed, the Catholic Evangelization Commission's invitation to Hahn expresses a hope to bolster the decision made by those persons, as well as to extend a reaffirmation of faith to all Catholics.

"The overall theme is that everyone has a conversion story to tell," said Gary Mauney, chairperson of the commission and parishioner of St. Gabriel Church in Charlotte. "Our expression of that conversion is centered around the Eucharist. Scott Hahn will discuss what we can do as Christians who are now faith-filled."

While Hahn's message urges Catholics to embrace their faith, a faith he calls beautiful, it also includes a personal history peppered with long-lasting miscon-

ceptions about Catholicism. He became known as a conservative Presbyterian who saw profound faults in Catholic teaching. For several years, he proceeded along the course of Presbyterianism as a seminarian, pastor, teacher and scholar.

Over time, he was troubled at finding in his studies example after example of revelations that seemed inherently Catholic. He began to question tenets of his own faith concerning salvation and Scripture. Although still convinced that Catholicism was wrong, he continually found fewer reasons to think so. Finally, he dove into intense studies of the Catholic faith and later attended

Mass for the first time.

It was at that celebration that Hahn saw a profound devotion to Christ. At that point, a sharp curve developed along the road of his faith journey: He converted to Catholicism and was received

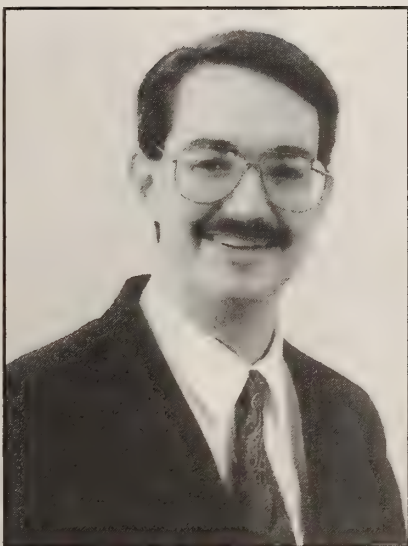
into the Church at Easter in 1986. (His wife, Kimberly, with whom he wrote a book about the conversion process, entered the Church in 1990.) In May 1995, he received his doctorate degree in theology from Marquette University.

Hahn's conversion story is one of three discussions he will offer during the program; others include examination of the Eucharist and a call to Christian action as the season of Lent approaches.

Though Hahn's visit, Mauney hopes that Catholics in every stage of faith will be touched.

Father Vilkauskas agrees. "The commission's desire to bring Mr. Hahn is an effort to have as many people as possible — committed Catholics, lukewarm Catholics, inactive Catholics and other Christians — to hear the testimony and witness of faith of this man," he said.

*"A Faith Journey with Jesus" is a free presentation sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte. Program times are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan 31, and 9 am-3:15 p.m. Feb. 1. Mass will be celebrated to begin the Feb. 1 session. Donations will be accepted. St. Matthew Church is located at 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy in Charlotte. For details call Andy Getz, (704) 364-5431, ext. 276.*



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Source: Catholic Book Publishers Assoc.

## Chinese Officials Rebuke Pope For Remarks On Religious Freedom In China



A building cleaner works on a facade next to a Catholic church in Beijing's main shopping center Dec. 6. Chinese officials rebuked Pope John Paul II following his remarks in early December urging China to allow Catholics to have official links to the Vatican.

BEIJING (CNS) — Chinese officials rebuked Pope John Paul II for his remarks on religious freedom in China in early December, demanding that the Vatican stop "interfering" in the country's domestic affairs.

News agencies in China reported that a Foreign Ministry spokesman said

the Vatican "must cease its interference in China's internal affairs, including ... by making use of religion."

The spokesman, who was not named in news reports, added that the Chinese government respects its citizens' religious freedom.

The Chinese Catholic Patriotic As-

sociation, which is sanctioned and supervised by the government, claims 3 million members. An additional 3 million to 10 million "unauthorized" Catholics remain loyal to the Vatican, and try to retain ties to it despite government suppression.

In a Mass for China broadcast on Vatican Radio Dec. 3, Pope John Paul urged China to let its Catholics have official links to the Vatican.

"Let the civil authorities of the People's Republic of China be reassured: A disciple of Christ can live his faith in any kind of political order as long as there is respect for his right to act according to the dictates of his conscience and faith," the pope said.

China severed ties with the Vatican after Pope Pius XII declared invalid government appointments of Chinese bishops in 1958. The Vatican went on to form diplomatic relations with Taiwan, further irritating the Communist Chinese government.

"China is willing to improve its relations with the Vatican" the unnamed Foreign Ministry official was quoted as saying Dec. 5. "However, the Vatican must sever its so-called diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and recognize the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China, and Taiwan as a part of Chinese territory."



## People In The News

### Bishop Ruiz Receives Pacem In Terris Award For Mediation

DAVENPORT, Iowa (CNS) — When Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of San Cristobal de las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico, received the 1996 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award in Davenport Dec. 1, he said his emotion could not be "expressed by words, only by tears." The bishop, a mediator in the military conflict between government and rebel forces in Chiapas, asked aloud how he could be happy "when it's at the cost of many people suffering." In his remarks at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 72-year-old Bishop Ruiz dedicated the prize to those working for peace in Mexico.

### Mother Teresa Improving, Will Not Be Able To Resume Travels

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa was improving days after undergoing angioplasty, but her doctors said she would no longer be able to travel the world in her service to the poor. "She will have to be taken care of for a long time," said Dr. Tauran Praharaj, a member of the medical team treating Mother Teresa. "At her age, with this problem, it will be difficult to go back to the active life she had."

### Spread Gospel, Don't Wait For Unity, Says Anglican Leader

ROME (CNS) — Christians cannot wait until they have overcome denominational divisions to bring the Gospel message to a hurting world, said Anglican Archbishop George L. Carey. "Jesus' prayer that 'they may be one' in order that 'the world may believe' has sadly been neglected too often," said the archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual leader of the 70-million member worldwide Anglican Communion.

## Parish Embraces The Giving Spirit

By STEVE UZZELL

MINT HILL — Nearly 250 parishioners and guests gathered at St. Luke Church on Nov. 22 to hear a priest from Nigeria and a nun from New York share their insights about the world's hungry.

The gathering was the largest yet to attend The Third World Dinner, an annual parish tradition sponsored by the St. Luke Parish Outreach Committee.

Father Joseph Nietlong, pastor of St. John parish in Agyaragu, Nigeria, shared a story of watching three women die on the way to the nearest medical clinic, some 20 miles away.

As pastor, he serves more than 5,000 families living in a 62-square mile area. He added that the Holy Child Mission at Duduguru has provided much assistance to families of his parish. Centrally located on the 37-mile road between the towns of Jos and Makurdi, the mission operates a girls' school and a women's center.

Nigerian women have recognized the center as a place where they can discover more about their own health and nutrition. But they have also learned more about how some customs and superstitions may have allowed starvation and sickness to continue for so long.

Sister Margaret Rogers has served in the Society of the Holy Child Jesus for 50 years, 22 of which she spent in Nigeria. She communicated her definition of the "faces of hunger," which she has seen through violence and militarism; drought and environmental degradation; powerlessness and discrimination; debt; and malnourishment.

Sister Margaret is director of the Dalton Center, an overseas mission fa-

cility in Manhattan.

After hearing the guest speakers' message, those in attendance were reminded of the theme of the event — and of the reality the people of Nigeria face daily.

Just 15 individuals (6 percent) dined in the luxurious manner that first-world citizens would be accustomed to. Seventy people (28 percent) were seated at tables to a modest meal of second-world proportions. And 165 guests (66 percent) scattered on the floor to a dinner of rice and water.

The dinner raised several hundred dollars for St. John parish and Holy Child Mission. The event was the outreach commission's latest effort to support St. Luke's sister parish in Duduguru. In addition to the financial contributions, the awareness level of those in attendance was raised as well.

Father Nietlong expressed his appreciation for the outreach efforts of the Mint Hill parish, and said he hopes that Americans will realize their power to effect improvements.

"I believe that if everyone in the U.S. really knew how much capacity they had to change the world, then they would do it," he said. "The differences that we have are not in our persons, but in what we have and don't have — the external, technological differences."

Conveying a belief that first-hand experience of an American citizen in his country could make a difference in saving lives, Father Nietlong invited those in attendance to visit Nigeria.

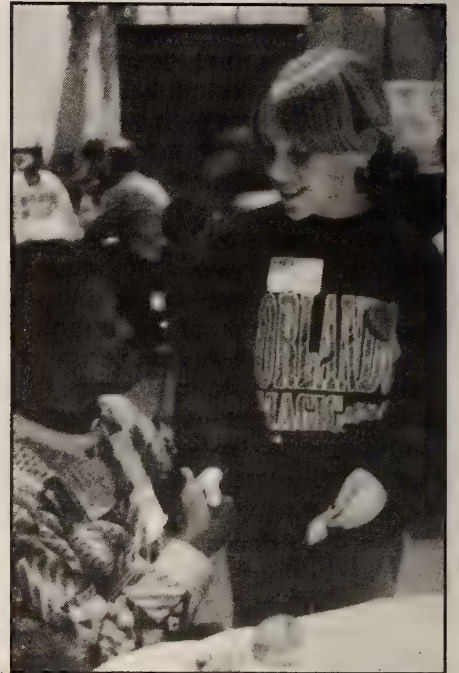


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Father Joseph Nietlong of Duduguru, Nigeria, speaks with a young parishioner at the annual Third World Dinner at St. Luke Church.

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## Pilgrims Flock To Bethlehem Church To See Painting That Weeps



Pilgrims pray on their knees before an ancient icon of Jesus in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity Nov. 28. A Palestinian Christian woman and longtime worshiper at the church claims the image of Jesus began to weep red tears a month ago.

By JUDITH SUDILOVSKY

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS)

— Pilgrims and tourists flocked to the Church of the Nativity to see a painting of Jesus that allegedly wept.

The *Jerusalem Post* quoted Sadika Hamida, 60, a cleaner at the church, as saying she had seen the tears.

"At first I couldn't believe my eyes," she was quoted as saying. "It was only when I got closer that I realized that the tears were real. This is the will of God."

On Nov. 28, newspapers and television broadcasts were full of the reports of the weeping painting, located on a marble column near the entrance to the grotto believed by many to be the exact spot where Jesus was born. The pictures showed a tear rolling down Jesus' left eye.

The next day people were saying they had seen the eyes on the painting blink as well.

"Something remarkable is happening in Bethlehem," a spokesman for Greek Orthodox Archbishop Diodoros was reported as saying.

A statement from the Latin-rite Patriarchate of Jerusalem said it would investigate the reports.

At the church, shared by Catholics and Orthodox, a group of about 20 local residents gathered around the painting, straining to catch a glimpse of the tears. One woman clasped her hands in prayer.

"Some people here believe it, some don't, but most people believe it," said Nabil Nazi, 34, of Bethlehem, as he looked up toward the dark 12th-century painting.

"I believe it could happen," he said.

"Some people have seen his eyes open and close. But sometimes if you stare at something for a long time you start to see things. I can't see anything different (from before). I can't tell."

If it is true, he added, it is a warning sign from Jesus that something dangerous will happen.

"It is probably a sign from God," agreed Jerusalem resident Ida Stephanian, 43, who had come with her husband and child to see the painting. She said it was too dark to see anything happening with the painting.

"Of course I believe as a Christian, but I need light to see better," she said.

Other Bethlehem residents dismissed the claims.

People see what they want to see, said Deputy Mayor Hana Nasser. Sometimes, he said, people are in a difficult situation and grasp at anything as a sign of hope.

One man who had come to see the painting said it was possible that because the painting is on a marble column, some chemical property of the stone had caused what looked like tears to form.

Certain chemical properties can cause condensation that will appear like a tear on a painting.

The man added that he had not seen the tears, but he did not want to rule out the possibility that it was happening.

Some people were cynical, saying they believed the reports were a ploy to boost tourism during the pre-Christmas season. Hotels have had a spate of cancellations since the gun battles between Palestinian police and the Israeli army in late September.

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## Pope Not Scheduled To Celebrate Public Mass On Christmas Morning

By CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For the first time in his pontificate, Pope John Paul II is not scheduled to celebrate a public Christmas morning Mass, according to the Vatican schedule of papal activities.

"It was too much," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

The centerpiece of the papal Christmas celebration is the midnight Mass seen by millions of television viewers around the world.

The Mass usually ends about 1:30 a.m., then the pope spends about half an hour greeting altar servers and others involved in the liturgy, Navarro-Valls said.

At about 2 a.m., the 76-year-old pope returns to his private apartment in the Vatican for a small, typically Polish Christmas ceremony, singing carols with the Polish nuns who care for his household, Navarro-Valls said.

Usually, Pope John Paul would go to bed after 3 a.m., sleep a few hours, then get up for private prayers before the morning Mass, the papal spokesman said.

Navarro-Valls said the morning Mass should have been removed from the papal schedule long ago to allow the pope to have a decent night's rest before giving his traditional Christmas blessing and speech at midday.

Last Christmas the pope was apparently suffering from the flu and for the first time had to cancel his participation

in the annual Christmas morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope John Paul's complete Christmas schedule, as published by the Vatican Dec. 10, said:

— He will meet Dec. 21 with Vatican officials, cardinals living in Rome, members of the papal household and representatives of the Rome clergy to give his Christmas greetings. His speech usually includes a review of the year for the church.

— Pope John Paul will celebrate midnight Mass Dec. 24 in St. Peter's Basilica.

— At noon Christmas Day, the pope will give his traditional blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) and a speech from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

— The evening of Dec. 31, Pope John Paul will mark the end of the year with an evening prayer service and prayers of thanksgiving at the Jesuits' Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Rome.

— The pope will celebrate Mass Jan. 1, the feast of Mary Mother of God and the World Day of Peace, in St. Peter's Basilica.

— As is his custom on the first Saturday of every month, Pope John Paul will lead the recitation of the rosary Jan. 4. The prayer will be broadcast on Vatican Radio from the Paul VI Audience Hall.

— On Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany, the pope will celebrate Mass in the basilica and ordain new bishops.

— The pope will mark the Jan. 12 feast of the Baptism of the Lord by celebrating Mass in the Sistine Chapel and baptizing a group of infants.

— Pope John Paul's Christmas season activities end Jan. 13 with his annual speech to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican.


### Cherubs Opens Dec. 14

BELMONT — Holy Angels' Cherubs Craft and Coffee shop at 23 North Main St. opens in downtown Belmont Dec. 14. The ribbon cutting is at 9:30 a.m., followed by light refreshments. Music is provided by the Magikal Minstrel & Gayla Green, harpist. Enjoy coffee and browse through the store filled with gift and craft selections.

The shop, open Monday-Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., is staffed by members of Holy Angels's Life Choices program, providing vocational training for individuals with mental retardation.

  
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## Diocesan News Briefs



Two seminarians studying at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., for the priesthood from the Diocese of Charlotte, Dean E. Cesa and Peter T.Q. Pham, were recently received as candidates for the priesthood at solemn vespers presided over by the Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery, Bishop of Tulsa, Okla. Shown are, front row, from left, Mr. Cesa; Seminary Academic Dean, Mercy Sister Cecilia Murphy; and Mr. Pham. Back row: Benedictine Father Justin Matro; Bishop Slattery; Seminary Rector, Benedictine Father Thomas Acklin; and Seminary Vice-Rector, Father William Fay.

### Catechumenate Forum Presents Conference

HICKORY — Spaces are still available for the "Ninety Days Institute" catechumenate conference, co-sponsored by the Charlotte Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$260, with special rates for parish teams of five or more. For information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, or to make reservations with a credit card, call (703) 534-8082, ext. 26.

### Community Christmas Dinner

NEWTON — St. Joseph Church and the Community Life Commission present a Community Dinner on Christmas Day from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Volunteers and donations are needed for the outreach project. For details, call Meg Smith, (704) 465-1076 or Barbara Nunziata, (704) 241-4143.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Women are from Venus" is a Jan. 10-12 retreat for women seeking to enrich their life journey directed by Mary Ann Massey. Cost is \$90.

"The Gift of Imperfection" is a Jan. 17-19 retreat, directed by Father David Hill, focusing on rest, reflection and listening to the gentle, loving voice of God. Cost is \$90.

"From the Ashes to the Fire" is a Feb. 7-9 retreat, directed by Father Eric Houseknecht, tracing the origins of Lenten practices. Cost is \$90.

To register for a retreat, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Christmas Cantata Performance

CONCORD — The children's and adult choirs of St. James Church perform "And We Beheld His Glory," a Christmas cantata, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Donations accepted, and proceeds go to purchasing playground equipment.

### Christian Appalachian Project

GREENSBORO — The Franciscan Family of Greensboro (3rd Order of Secular Franciscans) is collecting school supplies, books, toys, clothing, household goods and toiletries for the Christian Appalachian Project, benefiting needy people in eastern Kentucky. For information on how and where to donate, call Rhona Rosser, (910) 282-1218.

### Holy Innocents Mass and Rosary

CHARLOTTE — St. Vincent de Paul parish's Respect Life Committee hosts a Mass for the Holy Innocents Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. in the church. For details, call Ann Rowe, (704) 541-0746.

### Religious Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — The adult education series at Our Lady of Grace Church continues Dec. 17 from 7:30-9 p.m. with "The Church in Poland under Communism," directed by Marian Father Waldek Ziolkowski. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

### Catholic Singles Christmas Party

CHARLOTTE — The Annual Catholic Singles Christmas Party begins at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at Montclair Park apartments clubhouse located near The Arboretum. Dress is semi-formal. Bring an unwrapped baby's item to be donated to Room at the Inn. To participate in the grab bag gift exchange, bring a wrapped \$5 gift. For information, call Larry, (704)

643-8109 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Fine Arts Fest

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Fine Arts Festival is Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The Fine Arts Department presents artwork displays, dance and choral presentations.

### Basketball Tournament And Christmas Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Alumni Association annual Alumni Basketball Tournament and Christmas Party is Dec. 21. The games begins at 8 a.m. at the school with the championship game at 6:30 p.m. The party is at 7 p.m. Call (704) 543-9118 for information.

### New Years Party

CHARLOTTE — The Catholic Singles New Years Party is at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at Wildwood Apartments Clubhouse on Scaleybank Rd. Dress is semi-formal. Bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Metrolina Food Bank. For information, call Larry, (704) 643-8109 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Live Nativity

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence High School Youth Group 2nd annual Live Nativity is 6 p.m. Dec. 15 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Basilica. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

### Canonical Celebration

ASHEVILLE — A canonical celebration by Franciscan Father Richard Bello is Dec. 21. Mass is at 10 a.m. followed by brunch.

### Eucharistic Adoration

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets 7 p.m. the third Saturday each month at St. Ann Church. Leaders' School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

Ultreya meets 3 p.m. the fourth Saturday each month at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

The south Charlotte area Ultreya meets every fourth Sunday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthew parish Fellowship Hall. Potluck lunch, meeting and Leaders' School are included.

### Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother Mondays at 8:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For information, call Eva at (704) 542-1614.

### Caroling Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo Church caroling party for parish shut-ins is Dec. 19. Meet at the activity center at 5 p.m. for a picnic supper. Call Elizabeth, (910) 774-1046, for information.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For more information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday at St. Leo the Great Church.


### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2, 1997. Tickets available for \$125 per couple before Dec. 31 (\$150 per couple Jan. 1 on). Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

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## World And National News Briefs



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The windows of St. Joseph Old Cathedral in Oklahoma City were temporarily filled with clear glass earlier this year while new stained glass was being prepared. The church was rededicated in December following restoration from damage it suffered in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building.

### Oklahoma City Cathedral, Fixed After Bombing, Is Rededicated

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — The sanctuary candle inside St. Joseph Old Cathedral in downtown Oklahoma City still burned and the altar remained unscathed after the April 1995 explosion that brought down the nearby Alfred P. Murrah Building and killed 168 people.

But the red-brick cathedral itself was damaged extensively and had to be closed for repairs.

After months of renovation and remodeling, Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran celebrated a rededication Mass Dec. 1 to welcome Catholics back to the nearly 100-year-old landmark.

In his homily, he told how the cathedral began as a little church in 1889; it is the oldest parish church in Oklahoma City and one of the oldest in the state. He said a more impressive church building was dedicated in 1904.

Before proceeding with the rededication, Archbishop Beltran invited the congregation to pause for a moment of "silence and a prayer for the repose of the souls of the 168 people who died just a few feet away in the tragic bombing."

He also expressed his sentiments to the survivors of the bombing and the victims' families. Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a Catholic, was present to receive appreciation for his bravery and support during the crisis.

"We come together today in solemn but joyful and grateful assembly," the archbishop said. "The completion of the repairs and renovations to this old cathedral is a positive step in the healing of the wounds of the bombing."

After the homily the rededication rite continued with a litany of saints and a prayer. The archbishop anointed the altar with the sacred chrism while priests assisted in anointing the four walls where crosses hang.

The church was filled to capacity for the Mass. Latecomers could view it on closed-circuit television in the parish hall below the church. All three Oklahoma City TV stations and various radio stations covered the event.

"During Advent we prepare for the coming of our Lord, so Christ will be reborn in us and we'll be able to worship Him in our church," said Father Louis Lamb, St. Joseph's pastor.

"We feel very devout in the cathedral. It's very beautiful. My parishioners have patiently waited and really sacrificed. I'm very grateful for the financial and moral support we've received from the community and various churches of different Christian denominations."

During the renovation, Father Lamb celebrated Mass in the basement of the local Catholic Charities building.

The bomb blast, which caused approximately \$3 million in damages, had lifted the church's roof several inches off the cathedral structure and blew out windows, including seven double-panel, stained-glass windows depicting the saints.

### Sister McGeady Calls On Business To Do More For Youth

NEW YORK (CNS) — The president of Covenant House, the shelter for runaway and homeless youths, has called for more American businesses to get involved in programs of direct youth assistance. "At Covenant House, we have worked closely with companies and individuals to provide mentorships and job opportunities for our kids," said Sister Mary Rose McGeady, a Daughter of Charity. "One thousand corporations have assisted us by providing entry-level jobs for kids." "My challenge," she continued, "is for every company in America to provide similar opportunities for youth." Sister McGeady issued her appeal Dec. 4 as she addressed the sixth annual Covenant House "Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Kids."

### Two U.S. Parishes Send Christmas Gifts To Prisoners In Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Christmas will be a bit brighter for prison inmates in Ireland this year, thanks to two American parishes. On Dec. 4, Archbishop Desmond Connell of Dublin was among those who received the delivery of gifts — mainly shirts, baseball caps, candy, pens and stationery — sent to Ireland by parishioners of St. Mary's Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stamford, Conn. The Christmas gift collection was organized by two sisters, Shelagh Ryan of St. Mary's and Sally Sweeney, secretary of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

### Rabbi Calls For Vatican, Christian Involvement In Talks

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The Vatican and other Christian churches should be involved in the negotiations over Jerusalem, said Rabbi David Rosen, who was a member of the committee that drew up the Vatican-Israeli agreement three years ago. "They should be involved because (Jerusalem) is not exclusively a question of sovereignty but also a religious question in terms of different religious attachments," said Rosen, also the Anti-Defamation League's co-liaison to the Vatican.

### Priest Says Flap Over Pope On Evolution Was Media-Generated

EMMITSBURG, Md. (CNS) — The recent furor over Pope John Paul II's comments regarding evolution is largely created by the media, and specifically the Italian press, according to one of the chief architects of the papal stance. "The media is hungry for something. That is very clear in the Italian newspapers," said physicist Father Stanley L. Jaki, who helped draft the pope's Oct. 23 message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

In the message, Pope John Paul said that over the last 50 years, new knowledge has emerged that shows the theory of evolution to be "more than a hypothesis." His point was that evolution was now accepted by a wide range of scientific disciplines doing independent research.

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CHARLOTTE — Although St. Vincent de Paul began as a mission of nearby St. Ann parish in southwest Charlotte, the church family has experienced tremendous growth since its inception in the early 1960s.

In 1961, Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh purchased land on Old Reid Road with the intention of eventually establishing a new parish and school. A gymnasium was constructed on site to serve as a temporary chapel and was dedicated to St. Vincent in October. Msgr. Michael Begley, pastor of St. Ann's who later served as the Charlotte Diocese's founding bishop, offered Mass at St. Vincent's. Benedictines from Belmont Abbey also celebrated Mass at the mission church.

As Charlotte's Catholic population steadily increased, Bishop Waters in June 1965 proclaimed St. Vincent de Paul a parish, with Father James Noonan as its first resident pastor.

Parish-level development quickly ensued: The Women's Guild and choir were formed, a nearby house was purchased for use as a rectory and office, and an expansion project was planned.

In 1966, the parish constructed a social hall to provide more meeting space; a kitchen and cry room were included as well. The project added room for the parish kindergarten class, which was developed that year and would remain in operation until the summer of 1977. (The intent of establishing a parochial school was eventually dismissed, as the parish worked closely with St. Ann's and its school over the years.)

As the 1960s passed and the '70s were underway, parish life continued to be enhanced. By early 1972, when the Diocese of Charlotte was formed, some 2,000 Catholics called themselves St. Vincent de Paul parishioners.

Continuing needs for additional space were met in October 1975, when another wing was dedicated by Bishop Begley. The addition yielded worship and storage space, classrooms, a nursery, meeting rooms, and the CCD office.

### St. Vincent de Paul

6828 Old Reid Road  
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Vicariate: **Charlotte**

Pastor: **Msgr. William N. Pharr**

Permanent Deacons:  
**Rev. Mr. Gerald Hickey, Rev. Mr. Kurt Fohn**

Masses: **Sat.: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.**

Number of parishioners: **3148**

Number of households: **1137**

In March 1976, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an international ministry to the poor, was established at the church. Through personal counseling and assistance to those in need, St. Vincent parishioners added this form of outreach to an ever-expanding base of community involvement. The Society remains very much a vital presence in parish life today.

As the 1980s approached, St. Vincent de Paul had become one of the largest parishes in North Carolina. With more than 650 registered families, the parish began work to construct a rectory and office complex, completed in 1980. The church hosted the Charlotte Diocese's 10th anniversary celebration in January 1982, and ecumenical gatherings begun in the late 1970s continued there as well.

Carrying on its tradition of outreach, the parish in 1985 purchased Cherrycrest Haven, where people in crisis could find temporary housing in a compassionate atmosphere. The parish, through the work of the St. Vincent

de Paul Society, continued to operate Cherrycrest until the agency was dissolved in 1995.

Along with adding more projects, ministries and committees, the parish spent the latter half of the 1980s formulating plans for future expansion projects. One of the first such endeavors was the establishment of a building fund campaign, followed by another expansion of the social hall area and the addition of a trailer for use as office space.

Present pastor Msgr. William Pharr arrived at St. Vincent de Paul Church in June 1991. During his pastorate, a three-phase building plan has been developed. The plan has resulted in improvements in parking and landscaping, and the building of education and activity wings were completed in the Spring of 1995. Currently, the parish has set as its goal the expansion and rebuilding of its church facility. The fund drive is in its pledge stage and will run through December 1997.

Msgr. Pharr shepherds a dedicated community of the faithful, whose members devote themselves to Christian action in a variety of ways. The Women's Guild has long been an anchor of the parish family, while such ministries and groups as the Knights of Columbus, a pre-school program, ACES (Active Caring Energetic Seniors), and Boy and Girl Scout troops all strive to enrich the existence of the Charlotte parish.



## Cardinal Bernardin's Hat Headed To Cathedral Ceiling

By **HEIDI SCHLUMPF**

CHICAGO (CNS) — In church folklore, a cardinal's galero — the wide-brimmed, ceremonial red hat — falls from the cathedral ceiling when its late owner exits purgatory and enters heaven.

If the popular wisdom in Chicago is correct, the galero of the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin will have trouble even sticking to the ceiling of Holy Name Cathedral.

A solemn ceremony to hang the late cardinal's hat and add it to four other galeros hanging over the sacristy was to

occur during a Dec. 14 Mass at the cathedral. The others belonged to Chicago prelates who also served in this century: Cardinals George Mundelein, Samuel Stritch, Albert Meyer and John P. Cody.

There was some question about whether such a ceremony still is permissible. But Father Thomas Paprocki, archdiocesan chancellor, said Second Vatican Council documents he read do not prohibit the custom of hoisting a cardinal's galero to the cathedral rafters after his death.

"A 1969 Vatican document abol-

ished the galero as part of the official vesture of cardinals," Father Paprocki told *The New World* archdiocesan newspaper. In order to simplify the ceremonial garb of popes and cardinals, he said, Pope Paul VI replaced the galero with a square-cornered red biretta.

But the galero remains a symbol of the office, he added. An image of the hat tops many prelates' coats of arms, and the phrase "getting his red hat" still signifies entrance into the College of Cardinals.

Cardinal Bernardin did not own a

galero until 1993, when Father Paprocki and a group of priests gave him one as a gift. They ordered it from Gammarelli's, the official Roman purveyor of papal clothing.

It is unclear when the tradition of hanging a cardinal's hat from the rafters of a cathedral began, but the action "symbolizes that this is a cathedral presided over by a cardinal archbishop," Father Paprocki said.

Others have suggested that the hats were hung and left to decay as a reminder that cardinals, too, are mere mortals.





## A Christmas Message

from Bishop William G. Curlin

### A Remembrance Of Christmas Past

Everyone has their favorite Christmas Story; mine took place 26 years ago when asked by my Archbishop to accept a new pastoral assignment on the following day. When I reminded the Archbishop that "Tomorrow is Christmas Eve," he smiled and said: "Merry Christmas."

I confess that I began my first pastor's appointment with a reluctant heart. My new parish was actually an old church in the inner city of Washington, D.C., built in the 1800s. Time had taken its toll on both the church building and the neighborhood. The parish community consisted of a few subsidized apartments for senior citizens. I recall how cold and dreary the weather was that Christmas Day. Less than a hundred people had attended Mass during the day. Feeling somewhat discouraged, I went into the church late on Christmas evening. There were few Christmas decorations in the church and the lighting was primarily that of votive candles. Suddenly I heard an elderly voice cry out: "Who's there?" I turned in the direction of the voice and saw an elderly African-American lady seated in one of the church pews. When I asked her name, she replied, "I'm Miss Hattie Davis." She explained that she had become a Catholic when she was 70 years of age and was now past 90. She had outlived her family and had no place to go on Christmas Day. She decided to "spend Christmas with the Lord in the church."

When Miss Hattie asked where I had come from, I described the beautiful church in the suburb of Washington where I had lived until the day before. I also told Miss Hattie about the wonderful decorations in the church. Suddenly, Miss Hattie asked me: "Lord, Father, why did you come to a place like this?" I was immediately embarrassed. Her question taught me why I had been sent there. "I believe that God sent me here to find you, Miss Hattie." I invited her to have Christmas dinner with me in the rectory. Remembering there was no food in the rectory, I asked Miss Hattie to remain while I searched the neighborhood for a grocery store. Finally I found a small store that offered a limited supply of food; I recall buying hot dogs and some canned beans. Miss Hattie didn't seem to mind the "poverty" of our Christmas dinner. She explained that every day she shared a can of dog food with a neighbor so the food would not spoil. Apparently other senior citizens in my new parish family did the same.



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**Virgin and Child.** Mary offers grapes to the Christ child in this oil painting by Gerard David from 1510. The painting titled, "The Rest on the Flight into Egypt," is a holding of the National Gallery of Art, Andrew W. Mellon Collection, on display in Washington.

From that point on, I was determined that Miss Hattie and her friends would never eat dog food again.

With the help of generous friends, we obtained two gas stoves for our large rectory kitchen. My first culinary attempt was a "disaster," but in time my cooking skills improved. Others discovered what I was doing and came to offer their help. As the "cooks" increased in number so did the number of our guests; before long we were feeding hundreds. Many willing hearts and hands established a much-needed ministry in our community. In time our former school building became a center for senior citizens and our convent a shelter for home-

less women, one of the first in the Nation's Capitol. Miss Hattie died not long after we met on that Christmas Day, but she had taught me and many others the true meaning of Christmas: seeing and serving Christ in one another.

Perhaps you have a favorite Christmas story. This can be a Christmas for each of us to remember. A Christmas that remembers Christ; Christ hidden in the poor, the homeless, the neighbor or elderly friend living alone and unnoticed.

May God bless you for your charity and works of mercy during this holy season and throughout the year. Be assured of the remembrance in my Christmas Masses for you and all your loved ones.

**All are invited to attend  
a special Mass  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997 at  
3:00 p.m. at  
St. Matthew Church to  
commemorate  
Bishop Michael J. Begley's  
25th anniversary and the  
Silver Anniversary of the  
Diocese of Charlotte.**



# Bishop Begley Remembers

Through Challenges And Changes, "The Lord's Been Good"

The following is the last of three installments covering the priestly career of retired Bishop Michael J. Begley, first bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte. On Jan. 12, 1997, the diocese will celebrate Bishop Begley's 25th anniversary and the Silver Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte.

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

CHARLOTTE — On Oct. 18, 1984, Bishop Michael J. Begley officially handed the leadership of the diocese over to newly ordained Bishop John F. Donoghue. The hardworking first bishop had rightfully earned his retirement.

Long before that day Bishop Begley chose to stay in Charlotte, close to the Catholic Center and many of his friends. He would not be sad to hand on the job of spiritual leader for 70,000 Catholics, nor miss the hectic schedule of an active bishop whose job it is to cover 21,000 square miles of diocesan territory. In fact, Bishop Michael J. Begley delighted in telling his friends that he was ready to become a "gentleman of leisure."

However, in the 12 years since his retirement, Bishop Begley has continued to serve the diocese. Up until a few years ago, he maintained a fairly full Confirmation schedule. He also made frequent trips to Charismatic gatherings, special celebrations for older Catholics, and dedications of parishes and diocesan buildings.

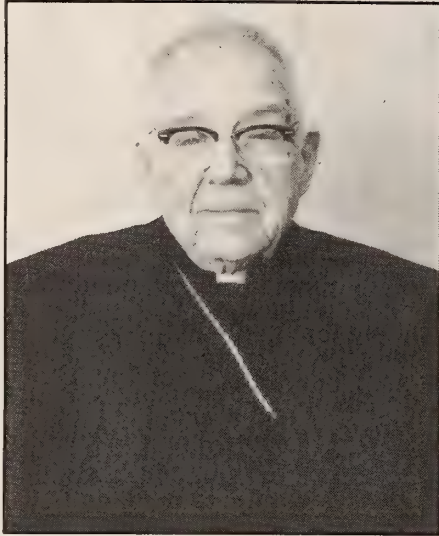
Wherever he goes, he still carries with him a broad smile and a healthy dose of enthusiasm. "It confounds me to use a walker which slows me down, but I still help. I am still afforded the opportunity to hear confessions. While it's annoying to battle my ailments, I enjoy helping out," Bishop Begley said.

Though his days are quiet and less stressful, Bishop Begley continues to keep a close eye on the development of his diocese. Asked what issues concern him most, the bishop offered several:

— "Race relations is one. When I was a young priest, black Catholics were banished to the back of the church. As bishop, I tried to bring blacks and whites together to talk and improve their relations. But now I am curious to see a new challenge of people wanting to go back to having their own churches. That's what I grew up with — ethnic parishes. I don't know if going back to that would be considered progress. I believe we need to continue talking to one another."

— "Evangelism remains an important ministry. It used to be that we told people to keep the faith. Today the motto is to share the faith. I think that's terrific."

— "Labor and unemployment are still major concerns in this diocese and in this country. I am especially concerned with the trend of making prod-



ucts abroad with cheaper labor and letting people go from their jobs here. We're squeezing people out of their jobs. Something needs to be done."

— Education is another important issue, Bishop Begley said. "When I came into the diocese most of our schools were staffed by Religious Sisters. Staffing and financing the schools today is more difficult."

"A particular challenge is educating our children about the Catholic faith in an effective way and in a way that is genuinely the teaching of the Church," he added.

— Bishop Begley admits that while he is still opposed to women being ordained priests, he is impressed with the very many leadership roles women have filled over the years since he was first ordained bishop. "We just couldn't get along without them today," he said.

— Bishop Begley agreed with the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin that dialog among Catholics is needed. Opposing views can be aired, he said. "I don't see why we can't reach more common ground, but it will take the effort of everyone. There are many things to consider and we must do our homework before coming to the table to discuss things," he added.

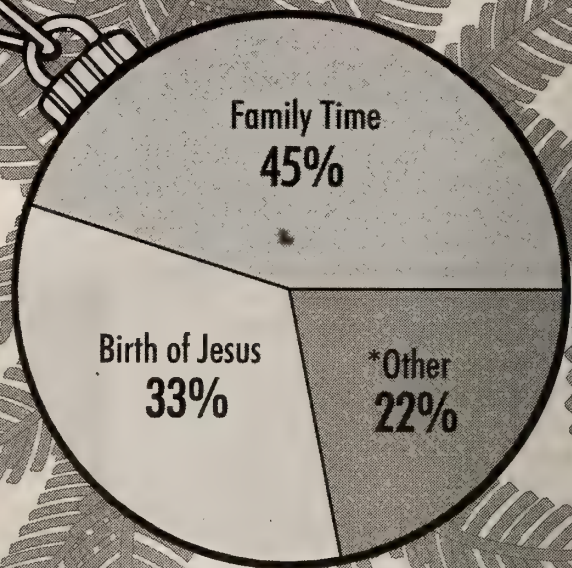
Despite the differences, Bishop Begley sees the Catholics of his beloved diocese as faithful servants and generous souls. He is grateful that he can still serve them in some capacity and thankful for the opportunity to build a faith community with them.

But ultimate credit goes to the one who called the high school senior to serve 70 years ago. "It is because I love God and with His help that I could get people to work with me to achieve great things," Bishop Begley said. "I must say, the Lord's been good."

Mary Coyne Wessling served under Bishop Begley for six years as assistant editor of The North Carolina Catholic.

## CHRISTMAS IMPORTANCE

When asked 'What makes Christmas an important day to you?' Americans responded...



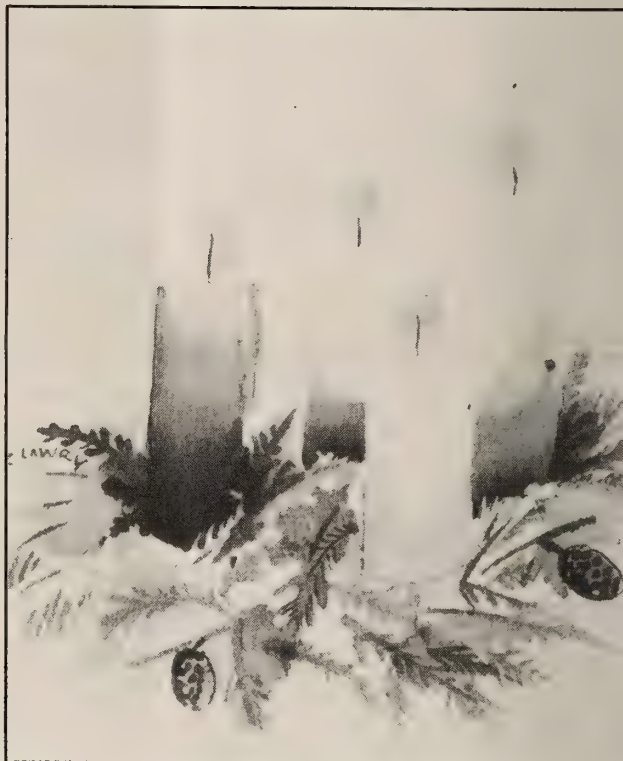
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Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah.

ROMAN MISSAL,  
FOURTH SUNDAY



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### Scripture Readings for the week of December 22-28

Sunday:	2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38
Monday:	Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 Luke 1: 57-66
Tuesday:	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1: 25 or 1: 18-25
Wednesday:	Christmas Day Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2: 11-14/Luke 2: 1-14 Dawn: Isaiah 62: 11-12, Titus 3: 4-7/Luke 2: 15-20 Day: Isaiah 52: 7-10/Hebrews 1: 1-6/ John 1: 1-18 or 1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 Matthew 10: 17-22
Friday:	1 John 1: 1-4 John 20: 2-8
Saturday:	1 John 1: 5 — 2: 2 Matthew 2: 13-18

### Readings for the week of December 29 — January 4

Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3: 12-17 or 12-21 Luke 2: 22-40 or 22, 39-40
1 John 2: 12-17 Luke 2: 36-40
1 John 2: 18-21 John 1: 1-18
Octave of Christmas Mary, Mother of God Numbers 6: 22-27 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21
1 John 2: 22-28 John 1: 19-28
1 John 2: 29 — 3: 6 John 1: 29-34
1 John 3: 7-10 John 1: 35-42



## Sacred Heart Mission Celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

By PAUL FREDETTE

BURNSVILLE — At dusk Dec. 8, passers-by witnessed the start of the first-ever public celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe in Yancey County.

As temperatures dropped and winds rose, the men, women, and children lost no time processing east along Main Street, led by a colorful banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe. They walked the half-mile to Sacred Heart Mission where recently-appointed pastor, Jesuit Father Edward Ifkovits joined with Capuchin Father Alphonso Pagliara from Hendersonville to celebrate the liturgy in Spanish for the nearly 100 Hispanics in attendance.

Father Ifkovits was quick to attribute the success of the fiesta to the efforts of a small group of dedicated area residents whose concern for the growing Hispanic community in Yancey and Mitchell counties goes back several years. "This ministry exists because of eight to 10 very active lay people from Sacred Heart and St. Andrew churches and the generosity of Father Alphonso," says Father Ifkovits of the specifically Catholic component in a wider ecumenical effort.

Joining in the festivities was the Rev. Robert Moore of the Presbyterian Church USA who, together with the Rev. David Lee, a United Methodist Church pastor, established *Nueva Esperanza* (New Hope), an ecumenical ministry directed toward the expanding community of resident seasonal workers, most of whom are Hispanics who speak little or no English.

As more seasonal workers from Latin American countries are employed by crop growers and others make their way into the building trades, a growing concern for their safety and well-being is being voiced by religious and social workers in the region. Helping the farm workers meet the challenges in a culture so new has been the focus of the Rev.



Father Alphonso Pagliara from Hendersonville celebrates Mass at the fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Moore's activity for more than four years now. He points out the experience of social isolation that pervades the Hispanic population. "The Hispanics here have no real community," he explains. "From one farm to another they don't even know each other."

At the peak of the growing seasons there are as many as 200 agricultural workers in the area, but to many in the Anglo community who seldom even see them, much less know them, the farm workers are still "labor without personality," says the Rev. Moore. "We cannot invite them here to work without also helping them...travel and (maintain) a minimum standard of living (housing with indoor plumbing and electricity)."

*Nueva Esperanza*, stresses the Rev. Moore, is intended to provide as many Hispanics as possible with "a means to form community with one another and with Christ." For all those ministering among the Hispanics, the desire to make people feel welcome and at home is evident. "To think of all these people here for so long without access to the sacraments," said Elizabeth Turner, "how can we not serve them?"

Like others who are convinced of the necessity for this ministry, Father Ifkovits believes that a crucial element is the availability of Spanish-speaking priests and other ministerial personnel in the Diocese of Charlotte.

## Crowd Gathers In Newton To Honor "Star Of Evangelization"

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

NEWTON — The Hispanic community in the North Carolina foothills came together Dec. 9 to celebrate not only the Feast of the Immaculate Conception but another significant religious event which occurred in 1531 — the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This apparition of Mary as a young, pregnant Aztec woman resulted in the immediate conversion of eight million Native Americans.

More than 400 people flocked to St. Joseph Church for the special Mass. Because of a 250 seating capacity, many Hispanics stood in the aisles and outside to catch a glimpse or hear an inspiring word in their native tongue. "We have had this service for several years," said Francisco Brenes, coordinator of the Hispanic community in the area. "Each year, we see greater participation."

Edward Acosta, treasurer for the area Hispanic community, gave a brief history of the apparition in Spanish and English. He explained how Juan Diego, a hard-working craftsman and farmer, was told by the Blessed Virgin to have a church built outside of Mexico City. She could have appeared to members of the Spanish clergy or individuals with great political power, but she chose instead a simple man of great faith and humility, Acosta said.

Juan Diego convinced the bishop of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe when he revealed her miraculous image on his *tilma* (a garment worn over the shirt). "She had been painted by brushes that were not of this world," described Pope Pius XII in 1945.

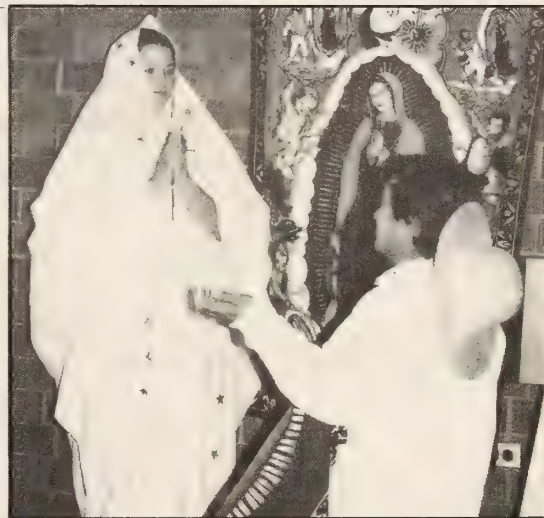
During the Mass, celebrated by St. Joseph pastor Father Richard Hokanson, the Hispanic youth group reenacted the apparition. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe were portrayed by Luis Del Cid and Maria Gomez. Parents lifted their children to see over the crowds. The spellbound youth

watched attentively, as if they were witnessing the actual apparition.

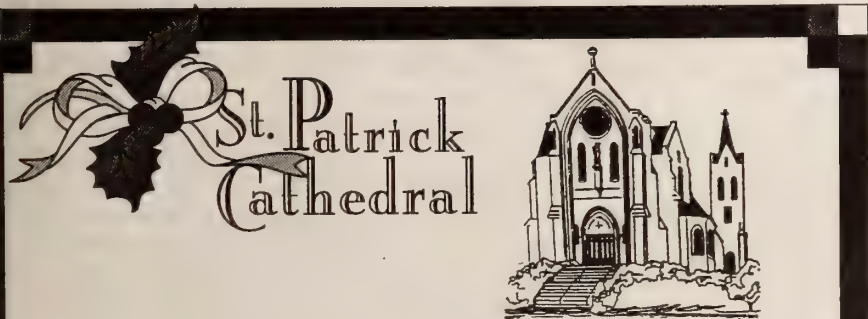
In his homily, Rev. Mr. Edward Rodriguez of the Hispanic Center in Charlotte said everyone is called to build a church just like the humble farmer, not from materials but from the heart and spirit. "The church must be alive — a place where everyone shares — where there is great love and everyone sees to the needs of others," he said. Rev. Mr. Rodriguez told those homesick for their native soil and families to seek consolation in Christ's Mother, Mary — their Mother, too.

Some see our Lady of Guadalupe as the bridge to Christ for all mankind. Her patronage has been expanded throughout the years by various popes, starting with Mexico (1737); "New Spain" (1754); Puerto Rico (1757), Latin America (1910); the Philippines (1935); the Americas (1946); and for all the unborn.

The enthusiastic turnout for this Hispanic tradition which brought so many to church provides credence to "Star of Evangelization," the title given Our Lady of Guadalupe by Pope John Paul II.



Maria Gomez and Luis Del Cid reenact the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



### St. Patrick Cathedral

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

*Christmas Eve*

Childrens' Masses — 4, 6 pm.

Midnight Mass Celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin

*Christmas Day* — 8:00, 9:30 a.m.

11 a. m. Celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin

*New Year's Eve* — 5:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass Celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

### December 24

*Midnight Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte (Carols  
begin at 11:30 p.m.)

### December 25

*11 a.m.*  
*Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

*2:30 p.m.*  
*Mass for Residents*  
Holy Angels  
Belmont

### December 28

*Seminarian Luncheon*  
Charlotte

### December 31

*Midnight Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### January 1

*11 a.m.*  
*Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Pope Joined By Armenian Orthodox Patriarch At General Audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, welcoming the spiritual leader of Armenian Orthodox to the Vatican, said he hoped the patriarch's visit would build on years of private correspondence and official theological dialogue.

Catholicos Karekin I of Etchmiadzin, supreme patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church, sat alongside Pope John Paul at his weekly general audience Dec. 11.

"Guided by the profound communion which already unites us, Catholicos Karekin and I nourish the hope that our meetings and exchanges in these days will promote further steps toward full unity," the pope told visitors at his audience.

The pope introduced the patriarch as his "venerable and dear brother in Christ, His Holiness Karekin I, the supreme catholicos of all Armenians."

While visiting bishops, archbishops and cardinals usually sit facing each other off to the left and right of the pope at the audience, the Armenian leader sat next to him.

The catholicos, who was elected head of the church

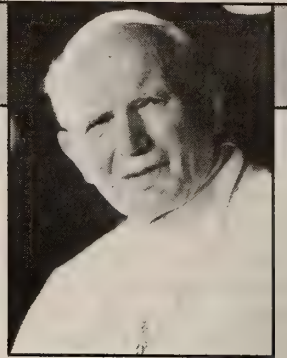
in April 1995, was making an official visit to Pope John Paul and the Vatican Dec. 10-14.

Pope John Paul invited Catholicos Karekin to speak at the end of the audience, to lead a prayer and to give his solemn blessing to those gathered in the hall.

"Here in this great hall, I hear many languages, but I do not feel as if I were in Babel because the Christian faith which unites us allows us to understand and live together in the peace and love our common Lord, Jesus Christ, gives to us," the catholicos said.

Catholicos Karekin also offered a prayer for Pope John Paul, "that the Lord would give you perfect and continued health for the well-being of all humanity and not only for the Roman Catholic Church."

In his main audience talk, Pope John Paul continued his catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, looking specifically at the Presentation in the temple.



## Guest Column

*Rev. Francis T. Gignac*

### Christmas Night

Great literature has a certain transcendent quality about it: It can be enjoyed by anyone at first reading, and yet the more deeply a person looks into it, the more it means and the richer it becomes. So it is with the literary collection we call the Bible. I invite you to examine with me the three selections presented for our consideration in the Christmas Midnight Mass.

One step in appreciating a literary work is to situate it in its historical context. In the first reading (Isaiah 9:1-6), the prophet Isaiah speaks of a darkness that has spread over Galilee, the northern part of Israel. The kingdom of Assyria had deported the people of this region and resettled it with foreigners, Gentiles, brought in from other parts of the empire. In this time of national disaster, the birth of a royal son inspires the prophet to express the hope that this future king might be an ideal successor to David of old and save those northern provinces by reconquering them from Israel, thus becoming a light to the Gentiles. The exalted names he gives the child are royal titles inherited by kings of Judah on the day of their coronation: wonderful counselor, mighty hero, everlasting father, prince of peace.

Another way to enhance our understanding of a piece of literature is to understand the literary form adopted by the author. In Christmas night's gospel message (Luke 2:1-14) we have a theological reflection on the birth of Jesus. Referring to a practice of his own day, this author speaks of a worldwide census during the reign of the Roman Emperor Augustus, who was acknowledged as "savior" and "god" and credited with establishing an era of universal peace. He does this to portray Jesus by contrast as the real savior and ultimate source of peace.

And then, to illustrate the early Christian belief that Jesus was the messianic king of Israel who would bring justice to all the earth, the ideal successor of King David, the author pictures Jesus being born in Bethlehem, David's town. The announcement of good news to the shepherds keeping their night watch in the fields is a proclamation that Jesus is Lord and savior of all people, and that the gospel would be received by those not considered important by the world's standards.

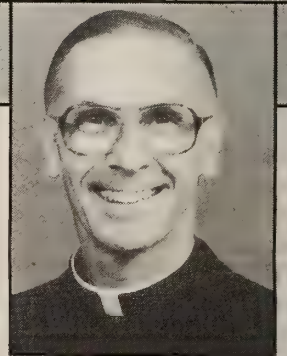
Now God's people, represented in this story by the shepherds, are sent to the manger to find the Lord. And the scene ends with a heavenly army intoning a rich chorus of praise. With a beautiful canticle, the author invites Christian readers to join in singing of God's glory too, because we too believe that in the birth of this child we have seen God's saving power.

Good literature also often accosts us, challenges us to reevaluate our ways of thinking, to improve our ways of acting. So our second reading, from the late first-century Pastoral Letter to Titus (2:11-14), tells us that the revelation of God's salvation in Christ demands nothing less of us than a total transformation of our lives. The author of this letter drew his ideas and inspiration from an ancient baptismal liturgy; he makes an urgent appeal to professed Christians to discover the demands of the Christ-life and to strive constantly for moral improvement.

Our consecration with Christ in baptism carries with it a corresponding deputation: As he puts it, we must engage in an interior battle for righteousness and honesty. We are called upon in his words to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly as we await our blessed hope.

On the feast of Christmas we celebrate in a special way the mystery of God's self-revelation to us in the person of Jesus. For us Christians, it is by following Jesus more closely along his way that we can find God and live out God's will. So let us open our minds and hearts in prayer this Christmas night, that the compassionate God whom we encounter in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus may transform us and deepen our commitment to his teachings, so that we may be more sensitive to their abiding values and be better able to realize these values in our society.

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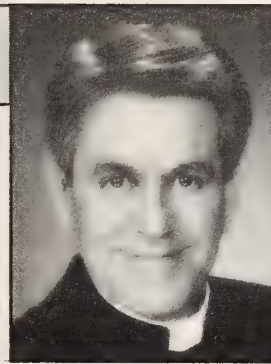
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### The Most Expensive Christmas Gift

With Christmas Day fast approaching, your wallet is surely feeling lighter with each passing day. So it probably isn't fair for me to draw your attention to the sky-rocketing price of food just before you do your supermarket shopping for your holiday celebration.

A television commentator recently remarked that it used to be that people cried when they *peeled* onions; now they cry when they *buy* them!

In these last few days of Advent, we would do well to look at the high price of food, and whether it is worth the high price. Not just any food, of course, but the food that is the Bread of Life, the food that was born in Bethlehem. Remember, Bethlehem means in Hebrew, "the house of bread." And it was there that God's priceless Christmas gift came into the world.

Jesus later underscored this point: "I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever." (John 6:51) In our Church — our House of Bread — we

offer this same gift in remembrance of Jesus. He gave Himself to us first, yet patiently waits for our return offering. This, too is part of the mystery of Christmas. If this Bread of Life is to be your Christmas offering to God, I urge you to walk carefully, more than if your were carrying the winning ticket to the ultimate lotto. For in this Bread we are offering nothing less than the world to God. Just as He offered eternity to us.

A young woman has been bedridden for months, in terrible pain. She is dying of AIDS. We offer up her pain — How costly is this food!

A mother watches with broken heart as her son whom she loves beyond all description loses himself in drugs and crime. We offer up her sorrow. — How costly is this food!

There will be no Christmas dinner for two-year old Nthamba, one of millions in Africa and around the world who are dying of malnutrition. We offer up their hunger — How costly is this food!

Javier is sixteen. His father left the

family for good last week. "I never even got to know him." Javier cries. We offer up his tears — How costly is this food!

Young men and young women, deeply in love by not loved in return. We offer up their loneliness — How costly is this food!

The people in the land of that first Bethlehem: like so many people in other places, living daily under the shadow of the gun and the fear of war. We offer up their terror — How costly is this food!

This Christmas we offer the whole world — its sorrows and hopes, the woundings and healings. The sadness of farewells, the delights of new discovery. Walk proudly, my friend, walk solemnly when you bear this Bread of Life within you — How costly is this food!

In offering the world, we offer our own lives. That is our Christmas gift to

God. But we can only give what He first gave us. If our offering to God costs us dearly, how much more expensive is God's offering to us? He was not just any life, but the life that is the Light of the World. He died and rose again so that our Bethlehem, our House of Bread, might sustain us with the food of eternal life — How costly is this food!

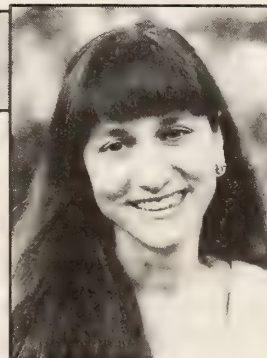
Was the price of His Christmas gift worth it? We answer that question every day in the way we live out, or refuse to live out, the life of Christ within us. Make every time and place a Bethlehem — a House of Bread — and find that only in breaking His bread with each other are we ever truly nourished.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "The Golden Rule," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

## Family Matters

Eileen Marx



### The Joy Of Homecomings

One of my earliest childhood memories took place on Christmas Eve when Santa Claus came to our house. I was about four years old at the time and I remember telling my mother that "Santa" looked a lot like our next-door neighbor, Mr. Howland. But whatever doubts I had about Santa that night quickly disappeared as he said good-bye at our front door. "Where are your reindeer, Santa?" I asked. Without hesitation Santa replied, "Well, they're right there on your front lawn. It's hard to see them in the snow. But if you look over by that tree..." As he opened the door and a gust of wind blew into our front hall, I stretched high on my tippy toes and for a fleeting moment, I spotted three reindeer standing near our birch tree.

If only we could hold on forever to the faith we had as children. It's a faith of openness, innocence and awe that we wish we could recapture as adults. In the eyes of children, the world is a place of wonder and marvel, where reindeer fly, where people are good and where there is a God who watches over us all. And then one day we discover that Santa doesn't exist and Christmas is never quite the same. Children also learn — some much too early in life — that the world isn't always a safe place. So much of the goodness and mystery of life that we believe in as children has disappeared before we've reached adulthood.

I wonder if one of the reasons that so many people stop going to church and believing in God is fear — fear that like so many other beliefs we've held over the years, this one too will be shattered. As one childhood belief after another is shot down, are we frightened that the belief we hold the dearest — the one that sustains us when all others fail — will

be destroyed as well? We need to know that the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord really did take place and that God's promise that he would send His Son to conquer sin and death is as real as it gets.

I think many of us have had times in our lives when we've "fallen away" from our Church and our faith in God. For a few years I didn't go to church, except at Christmas, Easter and when I was home for the holidays visiting my parents. I don't think I ever stopped believing in God; my faith was just slowly fading away. It was difficult to go to Christmas Mass at this time in my life. I felt awkward, sad and disingenuous. It reminded me of the first Christmas I learned from a friend that there wasn't a Santa Claus. Still I pretended to believe so that the magic and miracle of this day wouldn't be lost forever.

After a time, I realized that God would use whatever faith I had and help me to understand that even though I had let go of God, He would never let go of me. And this is the message of Christmas: That God became man to save us all, no matter how low we've sunk or how far we've run away from Him. God is a persistent and loving Father who wants us back. He knows the potential we have to touch the lives of others with His love and life and He wouldn't give up on us that easily.

On Christmas we're reminded that this may be the only day of the year when a friend, neighbor or family member comes back to Church. Those who have been away may feel uneasy stepping back into God's house. Let them know it's okay if they can't remember all the prayers. God knows what's in their hearts. Remember that Jesus didn't come to those who had it all figured out. Jesus

spent a lot of His ministry lifting up his friends and followers who often experienced doubt and denial. But these were the same people in whom Jesus entrusted the future of His Church once they "turned to Him with their whole hearts."

In this Christmas season we celebrate the joy of homecomings in our families and in our churches. We celebrate the finding of the lost sheep — those lost to indifference, addiction, depression and abuse but who were found by a steadfast and jubilant Shepherd. The words of Jesus are clear about how deeply He longs to have all His children back in His arms: Once arrived home,

he invites friends and neighbors in and says to them, "Rejoice with Me because I have found my lost sheep. I tell you, there will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people."

This Christmas, if you've been away from the Church, try to let your doubts disappear as you stand at your church's door. "But where are you Lord?" you'll ask. Without hesitation He'll reply, "I'm right here in front of you. Some days it's harder to see me. But if you look over here..." Then open the door of your heart and let a gust of the Spirit's cool air blow into your life. Stretch high and look for the Infant Jesus. You'll find Him whenever you reach out to the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the poor and powerless, the faithful and the fallen away. And He will be real.

## Letters

### Reason For The Season

As Christmas approaches:

Would everyone who is waiting in line in traffic, at the mall, or wherever just relax, take a deep breath, and try to remember the "Reason for the Season."

From Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, may we all recognize and respect the "seamless garment of life" from "womb to tomb." Perhaps those who promote assisted suicide should put as much effort into curing the afflictions that lead people to seek suicide. I don't presume to know what reckoning there might be for those that pursue this option but there are plenty of examples of the value of a life fully lived.

From Mother Teresa: "How can there be too many children? That is like

saying there are too many flowers." There do not have to be any unwanted children: there are plenty of families and places where children are wanted.

For those that support the death penalty, if we truly are to follow the forgiving example of Jesus Christ, we must admit that the death penalty for the sake of vengeance is wrong.

Finally, from the Bible, there are really only two basic rules to remember and all else will fall into place: *Love God with all your heart; Love your neighbor as yourself.* If you think your neighbor is only the person across the street, you might have missed the message.

John W. McLaughlin  
Charlotte



And there ahead of them, went the star...it stopped over the place where the child was...they were overwhelmed with joy. *Matthew 2:9, 10*

**May the Gift of  
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Christmas.**

**Season's Greetings**

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## Herbeck To Lead Men's Conference At St. Thomas Aquinas

CHARLOTTE — The St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group Conference, "What is the Spirit Saying to Men?" is Jan. 10-11. The conference features Peter Herbeck, director of missions for Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, Mich., a Catholic ministry dedicated to promoting evangelization and personal renewal through conferences, rallies, retreats, publications and TV programming.



Herbeck holds a B.A. in Philosophy and is currently working on his masters in Theology. He has traveled throughout central and eastern Europe and Africa to assist local churches in proclaiming the gospel. He is a frequent conference speaker

and has written numerous articles on evangelization and the exercise of spiritual gifts.

The conference provides men the opportunity to assess their many roles in the community and increase awareness of their responsibility to bring Christian values to those roles.

Music is provided by George Misulia and John Whitney.

The conference begins Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a two-hour session of presentations and music. Jan. 11 begins with 8 a.m. Mass and continues with sessions, allowing time for prayer and reflection. The day will conclude at 3:30 p.m. with opportunities for confession, personal prayer and counseling.

Participants are asked to bring a lunch for the Jan. 11 session. Drinks and snacks will be provided throughout the day. Those taking part are asked to make a \$10 donation for materials and expenses.

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St. Ann's Men's Club would like to thank everyone who supported their Habitat for Humanity project by purchasing a Lexus raffle ticket. The fund raiser was a big success due in large part to the sale of the raffle tickets.

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# Churches Assist Refugee Office In Spreading Holiday Cheer

CHARLOTTE — Area churches are doing their part to help the Catholic Social Services Refugee Office make the holidays brighter for others.

As part of their Christmas activities, St. Luke, St. Gabriel and Our Lady of Assumption Catholic churches and Resurrection Lutheran Church are collecting and delivering gifts and toys to all refugee families who arrived in Charlotte in 1996. St. Luke parishioners are also donating 50 food baskets. *Hope For Kids* is involved in the project as well.

Other church groups are assisting the Refugee Office. The Sheen Circle Woman's Club at St. Ann Church is donating Christmas gifts, and Knights of Columbus members at St. Vincent dePaul Church offered toys.

A few weeks earlier, three Catholic churches — St. Luke, St. Therese in Mooresville and St. Matthew in Charlotte — provided Thanksgiving food for 40 refugee families who otherwise would not have been able to participate in this American tradition. Harris Teeter donated coupons for turkeys to assist in the endeavor.

The Refugee Office has resettled more than 5,000 refugees into the Charlotte area since 1979. The refugees have come from different parts of the world to escape political and economic hardships in their countries. The office's mission is to provide quality services and a caring support system which will empower the refugee clients to become self-sufficient, self-reliant and productive members of society.

Sonia Hayden, coordinator of volunteer services, said churches have been extremely generous in helping the refugee office, not only during the holidays, but year-round as well. "St. Luke parishioners recently donated 300 blankets," she said.

The office volunteer program meets many needs: providing services such as English tutoring, reception and clerical help, transportation for refugees to and from appointments, and interpretation and translation. Volunteers also assist in fund raising and other special projects.

The Refugee Office always welcomes donations, including financial gifts which can be used for operations year-round. For more information, call the office at (704) 568-8806.

At Christmas Pope John Paul II surrounds himself and his guests with decoration, food and tradition from his native homeland Poland. In this past Christmas Eve midnight Mass, a young boy in Polish costume offers the eucharistic gifts to the pope.



CNS photo by Arturo Mari

## Sister Evelyn Mattern Joins Staff At N.C. Council Of Churches

RALEIGH — A Catholic sister with a Ph.D. in English Literature recently joined the staff of the North Carolina Council of Churches, an ecumenical organization comprising 25 denominations and six individual congregations.

Sister Evelyn Mattern will share the program associate position with the Rev. George Reed, a Baptist minister and attorney.

Sister Evelyn worked for the council in the late 1980s as lobbyist, publications editor, and organizer of various social action efforts. During that time she served as a strong advocate for criminal justice reform, programs for children, affordable housing and peace. She also had a special interest in farm workers.

She has been teaching English for the past several years within the N.C. community college system. She is a published author, having written a book, *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes and Our Survival*, and contributed to such publications as *America*, *Commonweal* and the *National Catholic Reporter*.

A popular speaker and retreat leader, Sister Evelyn gave a keynote address at the Charlotte Diocese's Office of Justice and Peace conference, Faith Doing Justice, in October.

She will work at her new job with several of the same committees and social concerns she had occupied herself with during the '80's, bringing a keen emphasis on spirituality.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, who holds degrees in law and divinity, has worked for the Baptist State Convention as the director of citizenship education and world hunger for the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs. He directed the convention's legislative actions, and focused his attention on such issues as hunger, health care, environmental stewardship and peacemaking.

The Rev. Mr. Reed, having served in previous years on a number of council program committees, will lead the council's legislative and political action ministry.

"This is a dream team," said Collins Kilburn, executive director of the council. "Both Sister Evelyn and George are very familiar with the council and are very well-regarded by all who have worked with them in years past."

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By Father W. Thomas  
Faucher  
Catholic News Service

Sitting on a stool at the edge of the crowd, his earthly belongings safely stored in the stolen shopping cart beside him, the old curmudgeon watched with jaundiced eye and listened with a skeptical ear to the speaker.

The words from the loudspeaker were clear: "And so again I tell you, dear friends, that I do indeed love each and every one of you, and I know you love me. Let us show that love by casting your vote for ..."

He looked at me and said, "Do you know what love feels like, young man? Love is the feeling of being wanted. That politician doesn't love me. He doesn't want me. I'm not welcome in his home."

I've never forgotten those words: "Love is the feeling of being wanted." Creating the feeling of being wanted is called hospitality. The old man could identify those who loved him by those who wanted him in their homes.

Hospitality is the virtue of letting others know they are welcome, that they are wanted. Hospitality is different from charity, which is giving something to another.

Hospitality is one of the most complicated, most difficult, most emotion-filled actions of human life. Not being wanted is arguably the worst thing that can happen to a human being.

We are more conscious of hospitality and charity during the Christmas season because it is the time for love. But unfortunately, Christmas hospitality is terribly difficult.

Christmas is about family, a time to be surrounded by the people we love. It is easy to want those we love to be with us.

But to really "want" those we find difficult, those who are "not really our kind of people," those who are undesirable, those who are poor: Isn't that asking a bit much? It is easier to open our wallets and give them our charity. Don't ask us to open our homes and give them our hospitality.

In light of the infancy story of Jesus, there is something fitting about the fact that Christmas is a time for us of great stress and strain on the virtue of hospitality. Joseph and Mary were not wanted, there was "no room for them in the inn."

We have romanticized that into the stable and the animals and the stars and the shepherds, but the bottom line is "there was no room." Joseph, Mary and Jesus were not wanted.

There are people not wanted in our culture. These people fulfill the role of the holy family in our everyday lives.

Of course, so often the reason these people are not wanted is their own



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## What is ... HOSPITALITY?

fault. But fault has nothing to do with hospitality. It is easy to be loving and hospitable to the faultless. As Jesus said, "even pagans do that."

What turns being nice into the virtue of hospitality is that we actually want, love and welcome those who are filled with faults. We welcome those who have fouled up their own lives, sinned themselves into sadness and sorrow, and made us victims of their actions.

Would we welcome into our homes the unwed mother if we didn't know she was Mary?

Hospitality is not easy because unlike charity, which can be done from a comfortable distance, hospitality demands our personal involvement. We can only lose money if charity goes awry, but we can be hurt when we practice hospitality.

If we actually open ourselves up to truly "want" — love — someone who is difficult, someone who is "unwanted," we don't know where it might lead. It might get sticky. Christmas hospitality is a great risk.

Because of the risk, we choose charity over hospitality, we give gifts rather than give ourselves, we reward people rather than want them, we make sure there is some kind of buffer between us and them.

Being wanted is basic to human

life. Not being wanted can kill. This is true of abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and other forms of killing. But it is also true when we are inhospitable, when we shut others out and do not want them.

We look for stories of hospitality at Christmastime because something deep within us, something planted there at baptism and nourished every time we receive the Eucharist says that hospitality is a life-giving virtue we need to know about, need to bring more and more into our lives.

The ultimate example of hospitality is, of course, God, who chose to "want" us, to love us, even though we are difficult. We are not really God's "kind of people." We are undesirable, we have faults, we have sinned ourselves into sadness and sorrow, and we constantly foul up our lives.

Hospitality is treating others like God treats us.

(Father Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Someone I know felt recently that she was failing in one area of her life, and the feeling was sickening for her — literally. It caused her to feel ill.

I think that this person was blowing her so-called failure way out of proportion in her own mind. But that's not the point here.

The point is that all around us are people who could benefit if we expressed our confidence in them — our belief in them. All around us are people who need to be reminded how great their worth is.

What does this have to do with Christmas?

Christmas isn't just a winter festival or an end-of-the year holiday celebration. Christmas is about something.

It's about the Son of God becoming one of us — reason enough to celebrate. But also, by becoming one of us Jesus punctuates the worth and meaning of our own, quite-incarnate lives. Actually, I'd say that the incarnation of God's Son heightens our worth.

It follows that it is Christlike to recognize the worth of those around us and to tell them so.

It may help others to recognize the truth about themselves. And, not incidentally, it may help them feel better.



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## The Roses' Christmas tribute

By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
Catholic News Service

(In this true story I've changed the people's names because they feel strongly about their privacy.)

It was a cold but clear day in 1953, about Dec. 14 or 15, when John Rose went to see Ed O'Connell.

Rose was a jeweler, an eastern European who had come to America after the war. He and his wife Naomi were among the few Jewish families in the area.

O'Connell was a Catholic, a former seminarian, who was one of a new breed of peace officer with some new ideas about how justice should be served.

Rose wasn't sure how Sheriff O'Connell would understand what he wanted. Rose had thought of having someone come with him who spoke better English. But his Jewish friends disagreed with him; even the rabbi who came to the area four times a year did not think he was right.

Rose explained to the sheriff that just 10 years before, at the height of the war, he and his family had escaped deportation to the death camps by being taken in by their Christian neighbors. His younger brother and sister were actually posing as the children of one family, Rose's older sister was with another

family, and Rose and his parents lived with yet another as distant cousins.

For almost a year, Rose's family had not been together. So plans were made for all the families to join together for Christmas dinner.

They felt the Germans would never

down and asked again.

Even after Rose died in 1979, Naomi and then her son Matt continued the tradition most years.

In the early days most who came were in jail for petty theft or drunken-



"Naomi Rose has a framed note on her kitchen wall.... It says: 'It was the only time in my life I had ever been invited anywhere. Thank you for dinner. You people are what God wants all of us to be.'"

expect Jews to be eating Christmas dinner with Christians.

For the Roses, all the Christmas rituals were new and strange. To help make them feel at home, their hosts used a few Jewish prayers and stressed that Mary, Joseph and Jesus were all homeless Jews, taken in by someone else that first Christmas.

Now 10 years later Rose had come up with an idea to return the kindness of that Christmas dinner. He wanted to invite five prisoners who would be in jail on Christmas Day to come to his home for dinner.

Sheriff O'Connell decided to allow it as long as a guard went along. Thus began a continuing tradition of having several prisoners come to Christmas dinner.

With each new sheriff, Rose went

ness. Over time the Roses noticed that the prisoners were gradually getting younger. Most of their offenses were drug related.

In the early years, too, all the men who came had experienced Christmas dinner when growing up. But later, most who came had never had any kind of Christmas dinner before.

Rose insisted from the beginning that the dinner never be publicized. His first Christmas dinner had to be secret, and he felt that if the prisoners' dinner became famous it would distract from their enjoyment of it.

Matt Rose's son did a little project on the dinner as part of a college assignment. He noted that none of the prisoners invited to dinner ever was arrested for a crime after his release.

Naomi Rose has a framed note on her kitchen wall from a man who had dinner with them about 1960. It says:

"It was the only time in my life I had ever been invited anywhere. Thank you for dinner. You people are what God wants all of us to be."

(Father Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)

### FAITH IN ACTION

"The Last Straw", by Paula Palangi McDonald, is a beautiful Christmas story about a quarreling family and what the mother did to restore a sense of caring among its members. Ellen McNeal challenges her four squabbling youngsters to begin a new tradition of filling a little crib with straw for baby Jesus. Each piece of straw would represent a good deed. Once a week they were to put all their names in a hat. "Whosever name we draw, we'll do kind things for that person for a whole week" in secrecy, she says. The story is one of several compiled and edited by author Joe Wheeler in *Christmas in My Heart, A Timeless Treasury of Heartwarming Stories* (Doubleday, 1540 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036. Hardback, \$14.95).

Reflection: We can extend hospitality to strangers — but not only to strangers. How could your own family members act more hospitably toward each other?

## A cardinal virtue for Christmas

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

There was desperation in our eyes and panic in our foreign voices. Pushing our baby in a cheap stroller that Roman cobblestones had shaken to pieces in a matter of days, we were wandering frantically through the crowded aisles of the Italian equivalent of K-Mart in search of disposable diapers.

Our desperation sprang partly from a shrinking supply of Huggies, and partly from the overwhelming stress of simply being unable to speak the language, making it impossible to ask for help or even read signs.

As graduate students with little savings and only the hope of jobs, our shaky financial status fueled our anxiety. Rome was much more expensive than we'd expected.

In the midst of our visible anguish, a woman walked up and asked, in the most lyrical New Jersey accent imaginable, if we were new to Rome. Taking us in hand with the kindly forcefulness of a veteran den mother, she drove us through the harrowing Roman traffic, down a narrow street a few blocks from our apartment to an obscure discount shop selling diapers at a much better price than the chain store.

She said simply that she remembered what it was like to be a foreigner and not know the way around. She left without even telling us her name.

This generous stranger had been a lifesaver — one of those blessings that God often drops into our laps when we least expect it.

I always will think of her kindness as a watershed of grace that helped us persevere.

She never invited us into her home for a meal. She offered no gift, promised no lodging. But she made us feel as welcome and cared for as any amount of traditional entertaining could.

Hospitality is a cardinal Christmas virtue.

Our vision of Christmas hospitality is in the familiar setting of home, of feasting, of lavish gifts. But underneath all that, hospitality is more an attitude of welcome.

Perhaps we don't have a big enough house for a party. Maybe we can't afford to have guests or are too shy or have family circumstances that don't permit us to ask people over.

But not being able to have company doesn't bar us from exercising hospitality of the heart. God knows there are people whose paths cross ours daily who are starving — starving for a human touch, a few minutes of conversation.

A kind word or a listening ear or a helping hand for someone lost or stranded or lonely might be the best Christmas gift you give.

(Luby is the director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.)

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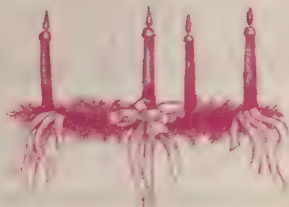
**Tell of a time when the spirit of welcome — someone's hospitality — transformed your Christmas.**

"The time I was invited to the home of someone I had just met for her annual Christmas party. She was 80 and I was about 35 — and I was touched she would reach out to someone my age." — Sally Steiner, Southold, N.Y.

"We were invited by our church to participate in a family Advent program. My husband, myself and our three kids met once a week at the church, doing crafts and talking about the Christ in Christmas, the fun in Christmas and how our families celebrate the holidays.... For the first time in many years, I enjoyed Christmas again — because of the hospitality of my own parish." — Robyn Melkerson, Chardon, Ohio

"One year the bishop gave me \$100 so I could buy gifts for my grandkids. Now I help distribute food and gifts to families who need help to have a good Christmas, and through that work I'm helped to be in the spirit of Christmas myself." — Marlene Worth, Sioux Falls, S.D.

An upcoming edition asks: In your own ever-new and changing "universe," what is the value of faith? Why? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.





## Diocesan News Briefs

### Christmas Cantata Performance

CONCORD — The St. James Church Christmas cantata, "And We Beheld His Glory," is Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center. Donations accepted.

### Renewal Ministries Conference

CHARLOTTE — Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries will lead the St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group conference "What is the Spirit Saying to Men?" focusing on the Holy Spirit's impact on the lives of men. The retreat begins Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and continues Jan. 11. For information, call the parish, (704) 549-1607.

### Christmas Concert

ASHEVILLE — The Mountain Madrigals perform a holiday concert at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., Dec. 29 at 3:30 p.m. No admission charged.

### Resource Group Meets

NEWTON — Cornerstone, a resource group assisting parishes establish HIV/AIDS ministries, meets Jan. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. For more information, call Sister Angela Case, (910) 725-7321.

### Catechumenate Conference

HICKORY — Spaces are still available for the "Ninety Days Institute" catechumenate conference, co-sponsored by the Charlotte Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$260, with special rates for parish teams of five or more. For information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, or to make reservations with a credit card, call (703) 534-8082, ext. 26.

### Community Christmas Dinner

NEWTON — St. Joseph Church and the Community Life Commission present a Community Dinner on Christmas Day from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Volunteers and donations are needed. For details, call Meg Smith, (704) 465-1076 or Barbara Nunziata, (704) 241-4143.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Women are from Venus" is a Jan. 10-12 retreat for women seeking to enrich their life journey directed by Mary Ann Massey. Cost is \$90.

"The Gift of Imperfection" is a Jan. 17-19 retreat, directed by Father David Hill, focusing on rest, reflection and listening to the gentle, loving voice of God. Cost is \$90.

To register for a retreat, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Holy Innocents Mass and Rosary

CHARLOTTE — St. Vincent de Paul parish's Respect Life Committee hosts a Mass for the Holy Innocents Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. in the church. For details, call Ann Rowe, (704) 541-0746.

### New Year's Party

CHARLOTTE — The Catholic Singles New Year's Party is 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at Wildwood Apartments Clubhouse on Scaleybark Rd. Dress is semi-formal. Bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Metrolina Food Bank. For information, call Larry, (704) 643-8109 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Joan of Arc's

chapel area the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, and hundreds of audio tapes and books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2, 1997. Tickets available for \$125 per couple before Dec. 31 (\$150 per couple Jan. 1 on). Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand

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### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

### First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

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## Knights Recognize Area Council Programs

FAYETTEVILLE — Members of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus recently recognized their fellow councils for a variety of programs they have participated in or directed.

The Top Three Program Awards, given three times annually, honor Knights' work with youth, church, community, family and council. The following councils were awarded for the third period:

For youth activity, Greenville Council 6600 was honored for its assistance in the Catholic Youth Organization's annual outreach work in Appalachian West Virginia; Pinehurst Council 11103, for the distribution of awards to acolytes based on length of service; and Kernersville Council 8509, for hosting a golf tournament that raised \$5,200 for a child represented by the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

For church activity, awards were given to Asheville Council 1695 for donating \$40,000 to the Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M. for the restoration of the church's bell tower; Greenville Council 6600, for its raising more than \$4,000 during a parish fund raiser; and to Roanoke Rapids Council 7232, who

helped the Sisters of Charity repair and move into their home.

For community activity, Garner Council 11266 was recognized for its fund raiser to help purchase a van equipped for people with disabilities; Morganton Council 9579 for helping unload food for union members and employees of Case Farms poultry processing plant during an August strike; and Asheboro Council 10891 for providing transportation for a paralyzed man who needed to travel for physical therapy.

For family activity, awards were presented to Wilson Council 4660 for its Family Appreciation Dinner; to Hope Mills Council 8857 for its Oldies-but-Goodies Dance; and to Garner Council 11266 for its family picnic honoring Father Charles Mulholland for 40 years of pastoral service.

For council activity, Wilmington Council 1074 was recognized for raising funds from concession and program sales; Wendell Council 10892 for contributing 520 person hours by hosting a chicken dinner fund raiser; and Clemmons Council 9499 for donating funds from their concession sales at Wake Forest University football games.



Members of the Knights of Columbus recently held their mid-year meeting in Greensboro. Councils hope to gain 600 new members statewide by June 30, 1997. There are currently 8,000 K of C members in North Carolina. Shown at the meeting, left-to-right, are: State Secretary John Harrison, State Deputy Luther Stoltz and State Chaplain, Father Thomas Gall.

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# 96 Year In Review

## Physician-Assisted Suicide Key Issue In World Of Religion

By JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Whatever the U.S. Supreme Court decides in 1997 about physician-assisted suicide, 1996 will go down in history as the year that set the stage for the high court's most momentous life-and-death policy decision since it legalized abortion in 1973.

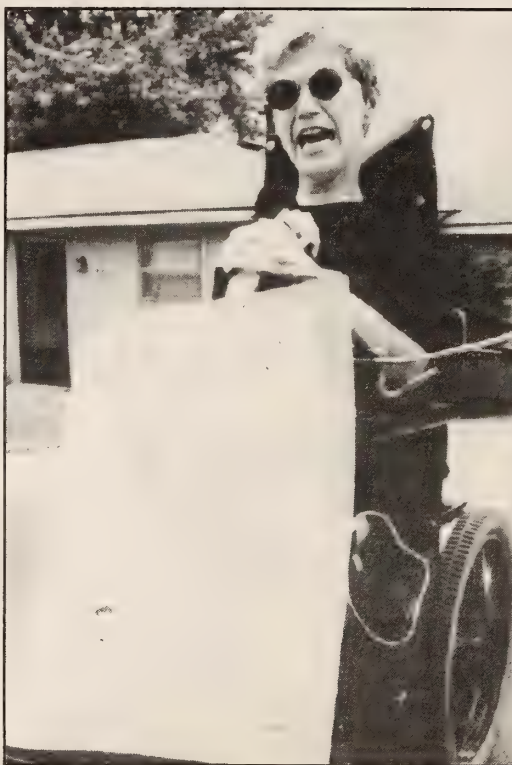
In March and April two federal appeals courts — the 9th Circuit Court in San Francisco and the 2nd in New York — declared, each on different grounds, that terminally ill Americans have a constitutional right to kill themselves and have a doctor help them do it.

The Supreme Court agreed Oct. 1 to review both cases. In November the U.S. Catholic Conference and numerous other religious bodies filed friend-of-the-court briefs urging the nation's highest judicial body not to enshrine a so-called "right to die" in the U.S. Constitution.

In Michigan Dr. Jack Kevorkian — assisted suicide's most widely recognized advocate because of his frequent defiance of the law to help patients die and publicize his cause — played a role in more than a dozen new suicides in 1996 after a jury acquitted him of criminal charges in two of the earliest suicides at which he assisted.

1996 was also a year of U.S. presidential elections and bitter debate over partial-birth abortion, new troubles in the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and Northern Ireland, further ecumenical advances and difficulties, and new Catholic intramural conflicts.

It was a year when Congress passed a two-step increase in the minimum



wage, a move long urged by the U.S. bishops and many Catholic social service agencies.

But Congress also enacted welfare reform legislation that imposed strict time limits on welfare eligibility, excluded legal immigrants from most public assistance including Medicaid, and sharply reduced future food stamp expenditures.

The U.S. bishops called the new welfare law "deeply flawed" and the head of Catholic Charities USA called it a "national disgrace."

New federal legislation on health care insurance made it easier for people to retain coverage despite job changes or pre-existing conditions.

A new law called for V-chips in future television sets to let parents block offensive programs, and networks tried to work out a voluntary content warning system to avoid federal regulation.

It was on partial-birth abortion, however, that the U.S. hierarchy tried hardest to make its voice heard. In April President Clinton vetoed the legislation to ban such abortions, which involve suctioning the brain of the fetus, allowing for easier delivery of the collapsed head.

In a joint letter to Clinton, the nation's eight cardinals and Bishop An-

thony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, vowed to fight his veto, saying the procedure the legislation sought to ban bordered on infanticide.

In a series of high-profile actions — including national days of prayer, a grass-roots mailing campaign that brought millions of postcards to Congress, and an unprecedented prayer vigil of all U.S. cardinals and dozens of bishops on the steps of the Capitol — the bishops waged a public campaign of extraordinary proportions to get Congress to override the veto. The override vote succeeded in the House but failed in the Senate.

A government order barring U.S. military chaplains from participating in the postcard campaign provoked wide controversy and a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of such an order.

Despite the clear, ongoing conflict between the bishops and Clinton on abortion, in his November re-election the president had a stronger showing among Catholics than among the general populace. He got slightly under 50 percent of the total vote but 53 percent of the Catholic vote.

More than most years, for Catholics 1996 was a time when the death or illness of leading church figures was often in the news.

Millions mourned Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's death Nov. 14 at the age of 68. His serenity in facing terminal cancer capped a long career as one of the most notable U.S. Catholic leaders in the 20th century.

Only months before his death he launched the Catholic Common Ground Project, an effort to overcome divisions among U.S. Catholics through dialogue, reconciliation, and a restored sense of common ground centered on Jesus Christ.

Only a week before his death, he wrote to the Supreme Court urging it to reject legalization of physician-assisted suicide.

Other leading church figures who died in 1996 included:

- Belgian Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens, 91, a leader at the Second Vatican Council and in the postconciliar Catholic charismatic renewal.

- Philadelphia's Cardinal John J. Krol, 85, one of Vatican II's undersecretaries and the second president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

- Father Max Thurian, 74, a theologian and liturgist of the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé, France, a Calvinist who in 1987 became a Catholic and was ordained a priest.

- Uruguayan Jesuit Father Juan Luis Segundo, 70, one of the originators of liberation theology in Latin America.

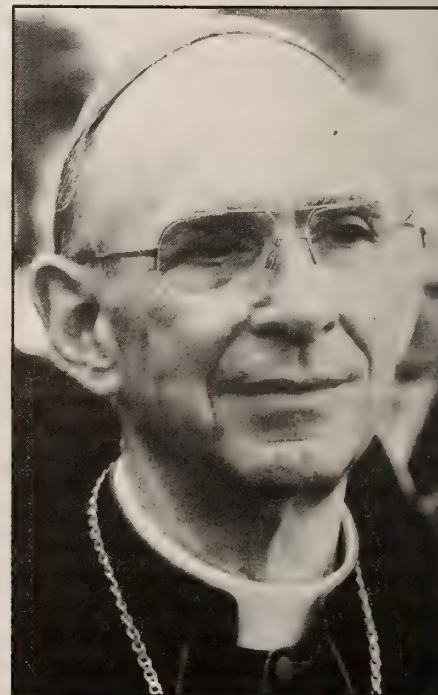
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Nobel Peace laureate who is world-renowned



for her work with the poor and dying, spent her 86th birthday Aug. 26 in a Calcutta hospital recovering from a combination of malaria, heart problems and pneumonia that nearly killed her.

It was one of two severe health crises during the year for the nun who has headed the Missionaries of Charity since she founded the order in 1950.

In October Mother Teresa became



*Photo captions*  
(clockwise from bottom left):

Graphic depictions of a late-term abortion procedure called partial-birth abortion were a feature in unsuccessful efforts to pass legislation banning the method, one of the top news stories of the year. These protesters outside the White House were at one of several prayer vigils organized by the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee.

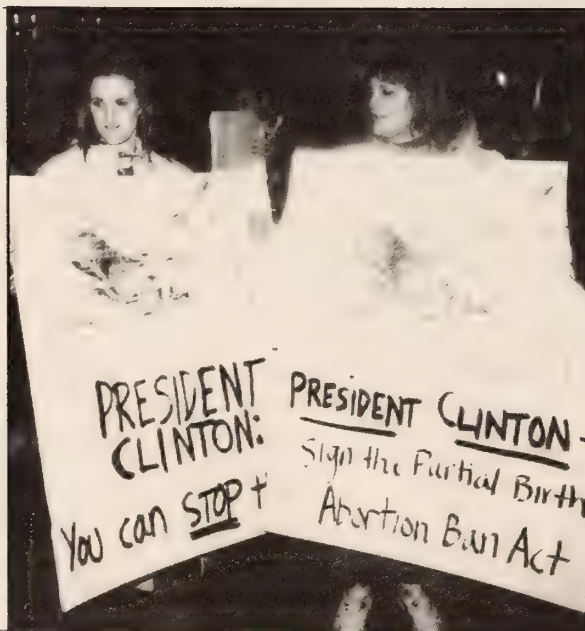
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About 30 people opposed to Dr. Jack Kevorkian assisting 31 suicides demonstrated in front of his house in June. CNS photo from Reuters

President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore clasp hands before Clinton's acceptance speech in Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 5. The president solidly beat Republican candidate Bob Dole and will be the first Democratic president since Franklin Roosevelt to hold two terms in office. CNS photo from Reuters

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin died Nov. 14 from cancer. He was 68. Cardinal Bernardin is seen here awaiting the arrival of Pope John Paul II to the United States last year in October.

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the fifth person in history to be named an honorary U.S. citizen and only the second, after Sir Winston Churchill in 1963, to be so honored while still living. The following month she was hospitalized again in critical condition and had angioplasty to open restricted arteries.

Pope John Paul II, 76, faced several bouts with fever during the year and in October was hospitalized to remove his appendix, which his doctors called a source of recurring infections.

Those illnesses, coupled with the pontiff's increasingly noticeable hand tremor and his issuance of new papal election rules, helped fuel new rounds of speculation about when the next papal election will occur and who will succeed him.

In November some 1,600 cardinals, bishops and priests ordained in 1946 joined the pope in Rome to celebrate his and their 50th anniversary of priestly ordination. The pope took the occasion to write a book of personal reflections on his own priesthood, published in English in the United States under the title "Gift and Mystery."

Despite his age and health problems, as the pontiff completed his 18th year in the papacy he continued to be an active international traveler. He visited Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Venezuela in February. He went to Tunisia in April, Slovenia in May, Germany in June, and Hungary and France in separate trips in September.

In his annual address to the world's Vatican diplomats in January he urged a total ban on nuclear testing. When the test ban treaty was approved in September, the Vatican was among the first to sign.

In February he issued new rules for future conclaves of cardinals to elect a new pope. In March he published an apostolic exhortation on consecrated life in which he called for greater decision-making roles in the Church for women religious.

In April, as a conference in Geneva prepared to discuss updating an international conventional weapons convention, he called for a global ban on anti-personnel land mines. In June, on the eve of a new international conference on housing, Habitat II, he decried the economic inequities fostering rapid growth of urban slums around the world. In July he condemned the massacre of 300 Tutsis in a Burundi refugee camp.

In October Pope John Paul said in a message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences that the theory of evolution must be recognized as "more than a hypothesis." The message was part of a series of papal efforts in recent years to promote closer dialogue and cooperation between the worlds of science and faith, but it drew strong opposition from those who view divine revelation in Scripture and evolutionary theory as fundamentally opposed to each other.

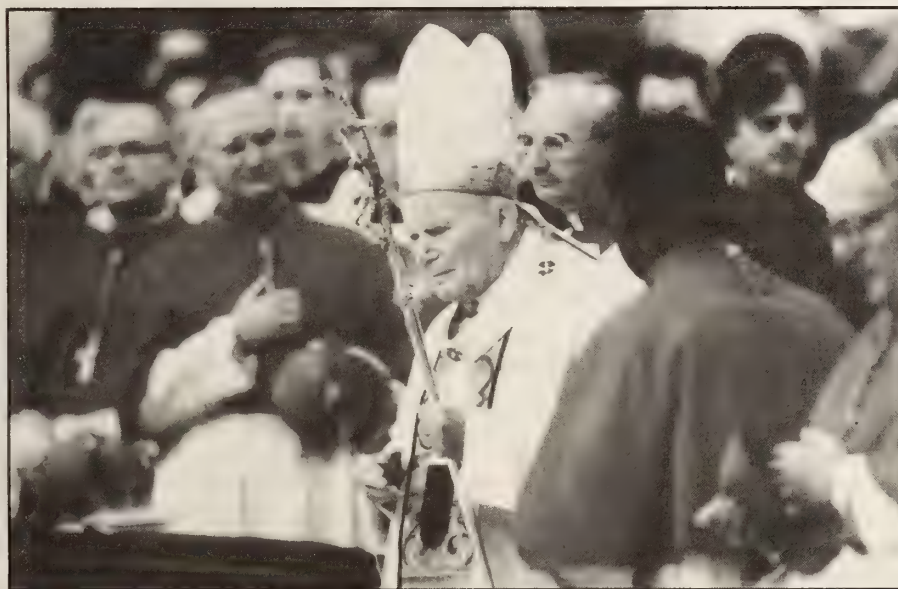
In a radio broadcast to China in December he urged Chinese Catholics in the government-approved church, which is not united with Rome, to reunite with those loyal to Rome. Several reports from China during the year indicated that government authorities were waging a



**Mother Teresa Citizenship** (above) — Mother Teresa displays a citation granting her honorary American citizenship Nov. 16. The 86-year-old nun, who has devoted her life to caring for the poor, received the accolade in Calcutta, India. She is among only four people to be granted the honor. President Clinton signed the resolution in October.

**Cardinals With Pope** (below) — Pope John Paul II passes through a sea of cardinals dressed in red as he arrives at St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 1 for a Mass marking his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

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new campaign to force underground Catholics, who remain loyal to Rome, into the government-approved church.

In early December the pope met with the primate of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop George R. Carey of Canterbury. The two expressed a continuing commitment to advancing ecumenical relations but called the opposite stands of their churches on ordination of women an obstacle to Catholic-Anglican reconciliation. Earlier in the year the Catholic Theological Society of America asked its members to embark on a year-long study of the status of Catholic teaching on women's ordination, based on a paper that expressed strong skepticism about the claims of authority in the latest Vatican document on the issue.

The pontiff set off a wide range of church activities all over the world with his initiatives to prepare for the start of the third millennium of Christianity through a series of regional bishops' synods in Rome, a three-year spiritual preparation focusing on the persons of the Trinity, and a declaration that the year

2000 will be celebrated as a special year of jubilee.

In a long series of Wednesday audience talks on Mary throughout the year, he called attention to Catholic Marian beliefs.

He devoted many of his Sunday Angelus talks to the spiritual riches of the East in an effort to deepen Catholic-Orthodox dialogue and understanding.

Catholic-Orthodox tensions in Eastern Europe and Russia continued, however, as Orthodox officials objected to Catholic activities in the region.

The pope's own 1995 call for ecumenical discussion of how his ministry,

as bishop of Rome and successor of Peter, can serve Christian unity drew numerous responses in 1996.

Several U.S. and international bilateral dialogue commissions agreed to address the issue of Petrine ministry as a service of unity in the near future.

The world's top two non-Catholic ecumenical leaders said in July, in response to questions from a leading Polish Catholic weekly, *Tygodnik Powszechny*, that the current exercise of the pope's office within the Catholic Church poses a "decisive obstacle" to Christian unity. The two — the Rev. Konrad Raiser, secretary general of the World Council of Churches, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, first among all the Orthodox patriarchs — said there is a desire among the churches for a universal office of unity and leadership, but not in the form that the papacy is currently understood and exercised.

The pope, in a message to a December conference on papal primacy convened by the Vatican, described the issue as a critical one for ecumenical discussion.

Several in-church controversies occupied the attention of U.S. Catholics in 1996. Those controversies served to highlight the debate in the church over what is destructive dissent and what is constructive dialogue and appropriate, loyal expression of legitimate Christian freedom.

In March Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., attracted national media attention when he enacted a special law in his diocese interdicting and later excommunicating Catholics for joining organizations such as Call to Action, a group which at the national level counts numerous priests and full-time church workers and at least three bishops among its members.

In May, when a coalition of groups launched a yearlong "We Are Church" petition campaign — seeking, among other things, more lay voice in church decisions, changes in moral teachings and married and women priests — Bishop Pilla called the campaign divisive and not conducive to real dialogue in the church. Later in the year some Canadian Catholics launched a similar drive and met a similar cool response from their bishops.

Retired San Francisco Archbishop John R. Quinn, in a June 29 address at Oxford University, called for reform of the Roman Curia, a new ecumenical council and more direct and substantive involvement of the world's bishops in the manner in which the pope exercises his teaching and governing office. He said such changes are needed to bring the Catholic Church and other Christian

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Ore., they endorsed the ecumenically sponsored Burned Churches Fund, and many subsequently took up collections in their dioceses to help rebuild black churches, mainly in the South, that had recently been destroyed or damaged by arsonists.

Bishop Pilla, with the backing of the other bishops, issued a statement sharply objecting to the secret taping by Oregon prison authorities of a prisoner's sacramental confession to a priest and the continued existence and use of the tape despite church demands that it be destroyed to protect the sacramental seal of confession.

At their November meeting in Washington the bishops approved, after several years' work, a document on Catholic colleges and universities, implementing for

the United States the pope's 1990 worldwide norms for Catholic higher education.

They also issued a new pastoral plan for ministry with young adults and approved a brief statement of 10 ethical principles to guide every Catholic's economic life.

Americans suffered through two major airplane tragedies in 1996: the crash May 11 of ValuJet Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades, killing 110 people, and the still-unexplained explosion July 17 of TWA Flight 800 over the Atlantic, killing 230.

The pipe bomb set off July 27 in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park directly killed only one person but injured more than 100 and marred the spirit of athletic ideals and international friendship behind the 100-year-old modern Olympics.

Violence may be an inevitable part of the news every year, but few acts so shocked the nation as the brutal Jan. 27 convent attack in Maine, in which a former mental patient bludgeoned two nuns to death and maimed two others. In October the attacker, Mark Bechard, was found not criminally responsible because of insanity.

The Church's stand of nonviolence as a Gospel response to violence found witness in numerous ways in 1996, especially in relation to capital punishment.

The movie "Dead Man Walking," dramatizing the real-life death row ministry of St. Joseph Sister Helen Prejean,

earned Susan Sarandon a "best actress" Oscar at the Academy Awards.

Sister Prejean spoke on nonviolence and described her work in numerous speeches and interviews around the country and received Notre Dame University's Laetare Medal for her work.

At the state and local level many bishops stated their opposition to the use of capital punishment and appealed for clemency when a prisoner in their area was about to be executed. Shortly before his own death Cardinal Bernardin visited a man facing execution for multiple murders. He told the victims' families that his compassion for the killer did not mean he condoned the man's crimes.

Pope John Paul was among religious leaders who pleaded in vain for the life of two men executed by firing squad in Guatemala in September.

Violence struck church personnel dramatically in Africa during the year, beginning in early January when two missionary nuns from the United States and Canada were brutally murdered in Ghana.

Two nuns were killed in Rwanda March 27 when their car hit an anti-tank mine. In Algeria, seven French Trappist monks were kidnapped by Islamic extremists in March and killed two months later, and the bishop of Oran and his



chauffeur were killed by a gasoline bomb in August. In Burundi an archbishop and two nuns were murdered in a car ambush in September. The following month an archbishop was killed in Zaire during fighting between rebels and government forces.

In August Sudanese rebels

released five Catholic missionaries and a Sudanese priest after holding them captive for two weeks.

Civil strife in several African countries cost thousands of lives in 1996. In April the U.S. military evacuated 1,600 people from Monrovia, Liberia, as warring factions fought, looted and burned throughout the city.

In Burundi, after months of ethnic fighting in which scores to hundreds of civilians were massacred on several occasions, the Tutsi-dominated military seized power from the country's Hutu majority coalition government in a coup July 25. International agencies reported



**Photo captions (clockwise):**

**TWA Crash Debris** — Part of a wing from the crash of TWA Flight 800 floats in the water July 18 offshore from Long Island, N.Y. Debris from the crash was spread across miles of open water. No survivors were found.

**Church Fire** — Fire department arson investigators and federal agents move debris at the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church June 7 in Charlotte. A late-night fire June 6 burned the historic church to the ground. It was at least the 29th fire at a black church in the South since early 1995.

**Liberians Flee** — A baby is lifted up to be put on a boat of Liberian civilians fleeing violence in their homeland May 5. More than 3,000 people crammed onto the boat before it departed from the Monrovia Freeport.

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churches closer to full unity.

New York's Cardinal John J. O'Connor publicly took issue with Archbishop Quinn's views, devoting three pages of his archdiocesan newspaper to a detailed critique of the Oxford lecture.

In mid-August Cardinal Bernardin, joined by a committee of prominent Catholics from diverse backgrounds, announced the Catholic Common Ground Project. The goal of the initiative was to open a new dialogue to overcome U.S. Catholic polarizations, repudiating ideological extremes and revitalizing those in the Catholic center, united and grounded in their shared commitment to Christ and church teaching.

Cardinals Bernard F. Law of Boston, James A. Hickey of Washington, Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Adam J. Maida of Detroit publicly criticized "Called to Be Catholic," the framework statement of Cardinal Bernardin's initiative, saying its call for dialogue and toleration of differences appeared to place authentic Catholic teaching and dissent on the same level.

Shortly before Cardinal Bernardin died, at a first meeting of the project's advisory committee, Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., was named to succeed Cardinal Bernardin as chairman of the project.

At national meetings in June and November the U.S. bishops continued work on the first completely new English sacramentary in a quarter-century, a project that has occupied them for the past several years and is expected to be completed in 1997.

At their June meeting in Portland,





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A young girl attends a trade union peace rally at Belfast City Hall Feb. 16 in Northern Ireland. Peace rallies were held despite two bombings in London which were linked to the IRA.

in August that more than 2,000 people had been killed in the months preceding the coup and some 6,000 in the three weeks after.

During the months of fighting tens of thousands of Rwandan Hutus in Burundi refugee camps fled to Tanzania or were forcibly returned to Rwanda.

In Zaire, a sudden October flare-up between Zairean forces and Tutsi settlers threatened to topple Zaire's already weak government and forced hundreds of thousands of Rwandan Hutus to flee refugee camps in Eastern Zaire. The threat of massive starvation and disease brought papal pleas for immediate aid and a flurry of international efforts to meet the crisis.

The Middle East peace process, dramatically altered since the November 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, came almost to a standstill in 1996 as numerous new obstacles arose.

The year opened with a sweeping victory for Yasser Arafat and the peace process as Palestinian voters conducted their first-ever democratic elections for a president and legislative council. But in late February and early March suicide bomb attacks by Palestinian extremists killed more than 50 people. In April, artillery attacks on northern Israeli settlements by Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon brought Israeli counterattacks, including one which accidentally killed more than 100 refugees at a camp in Lebanon.

In June Israelis narrowly elected Benjamin Netanyahu as their new prime minister. Negotiations on the status of Jerusalem were delayed and negotiations over issues of Palestinian self-rule came to a virtual halt amid new tensions. In September Netanyahu and Arafat met and agreed to renew negotiations.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the wake of the 1995 Dayton accords and Paris peace treaty, U.S. and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops in January oversaw the withdrawal of opposing forces from a 1,000-mile-long cease-fire line.

Despite ongoing tensions, the Bosnian peace permitted the beginning of war crime arrests, indictments and tri-

als to deal with charges of systematic rape, murder and ethnic cleansing during the region's four-year civil war. In September Bosnia-Herzegovina held its first internationally supervised national elections. Local elections were delayed to a later date.

After months of stalemate the tenuous peace process in Northern Ireland suffered another setback in February when the Irish Republican Army broke an 18-month cease-fire with new terrorist bomb attacks in England.

In December the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to two East Timorese human rights leaders, Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo of Dili and Jose Ramos-Horta, highlighted the long human rights struggle in East Timor since Indonesia annexed the predominantly Catholic former Portuguese colony in 1976.

Among important transitions in the religious world in 1996 was the retirement in June of another Nobel Peace laureate, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa. The world-renowned anti-apartheid leader continues to head the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission established by the post-apartheid government to investigate human rights violations by under the former white-minority regime.

Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America, for 37 years the chief Orthodox leader in the Western Hemisphere, retired July 29. The next day the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate divided his two-continent jurisdiction into four metropolitanates and elected Archbishop Spyridon to succeed him in the New York-based Archdiocese of America, encompassing the United States.

Pope John Paul placed another American high in Vatican ranks in August when he named Denver's Archbishop J. Francis Stafford to head the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas — who as a youth quit studying for the Catholic priesthood because of racism in the seminary and who became an Episcopalian as an adult — an-

nounced in June that he has returned to the Catholic Church.

Prominent Catholics who died during the year included:

- Former French President Francois Mitterand.
- Former California Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown.
- Edmund S. Muskie, former Maine governor, U.S. senator and U.S. secretary of state.
- Former CIA Director William E. Colby.
- Humor columnist Erma Bombeck.
- Playwright and drama critic Walter Kerr.
- Dutch-born spiritual writer Father Henri Nouwen.
- U.S. Servite Father Lawrence M. Jenco, who in the 1980s survived 19 months of captivity by Muslim extremists in Lebanon.

• Scottish Archbishop Derek Worlock.

• Italian Cardinal Mario Luigi Ciampi, theological adviser to five popes.

• Canadian Ukrainian-rite Archbishop Maxim Hermaniuk.

• Algerian Cardinal Leon-Etienne Duval, a pioneer in Catholic-Muslim dialogue.

Public scandals affecting the church in 1996 included two involving bishops:

• Canadian Bishop Hubert O'Connor was sentenced to a year-and-a-half in prison for rape and assault against young native women 30 years ago when he was a priest.

• Scottish Bishop Roderick Wright resigned as bishop of Argyll and The Isles after he disappeared for a week with a divorced woman and it was revealed that he had a teen-age son by another woman.



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Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo of Dili, East Timor, and resistance leader Jose Ramos-Horta display their Nobel Peace Prize medals and certificates Dec. 10 at Town Hall in Oslo, Norway. The two were honored for their work in seeking independence from Indonesia for East Timor.

## Notable Quotes In 1996

“We can look at death as an enemy or a friend. As a person of faith, I see death as a friend.” — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin (announcing Aug. 29 that he would soon die from cancer).

“Didn’t he teach us? Didn’t he show us the way?” — Msgr. Kenneth Velo (in funeral homily Nov. 20, on Cardinal Bernardin’s witness in life).

“Let me die like those that I serve.” — Mother Teresa of Calcutta (hospitalized Nov. 22 for acute heart failure, before her doctor persuaded her to undergo life-saving angioplasty).

“Today ... new knowledge leads to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis.” — Pope John Paul II (in a message on Christian faith and evolution Oct. 22 to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences).

“Liberation theology was somewhat a Marxist ideology. Today, following the fall of communism, liberation theology has fallen a little, too.” — Pope John Paul II (to journalists while flying to Central America Feb. 5).

“Relativism has thus become the central problem for the faith at the present time.” — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in a speech Sept. 16 to bishops from mission territories).

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**DENVER** — Church is defined as both the company of Christian faithful and the building in which they worship. The history of Denver's Holy Spirit congregation includes a period of years without a structure to call its own; hence, the two-fold definition indeed applies.

### Holy Spirit Mission

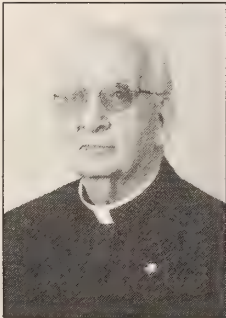
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Number of households: 265



Bishop Michael J. Begley of Charlotte established a mission in Denver during the late 1970s, as the Catholic population in the area had been growing over the years. With no edifice in which to worship as a Catholic family, Father Carlo Tarasi (then pastor of St. Dorothy Church in Lincolnton) celebrated the mission's first Mass at St. Peter by the Lake Episcopal Church in Westport in March 1979.

Father Dennis Fotinos, vicar of St. Peter Church at the time, had extended an invitation to the Catholic mission to use the Westport facility for worship.

That message of welcome marked the beginning of a nine-year stretch in which the mission congregation gathered on Saturday evenings for Mass in the Episcopal church. Pastors from St. Dorothy parish continued their administration of the Denver faithful, with occasional assistance from the Benedictine monks of Belmont Abbey.

With weekly Masses continuing at St. Peter Church — and the local Catholic population growing — the mission family began to yearn for a spiritual home of its own. By 1987, when more than 100 families were worshipping together, Father Charles Rooks moved the mission Mass time from Saturday to Sunday. The switch led to the congregation's being moved from St. Peter Church to the East Lincoln Optimist Club building.



Finally, in May 1988, the Charlotte Diocese purchased from Lincoln County a structure that once housed Triangle School. The building, considered a community landmark, served as an elementary school from 1925 to 1986.

That development marked a new phase in the mission's history. A renovation project ensued during the summer into the autumn, resulting in a nave, sanctuary, offices, classrooms, living quarters and space for social events. Many excited parishioners were active in the remodeling of the facility.

The new church was ready for Christmas time in 1988, and the first

Mass was celebrated Dec. 25. Bishop John F. Donoghue blessed the structure in May 1989.

In 1991 the Holy Spirit family began its annual Septemberfest, a church carnival whose proceeds have helped reduce church debt.

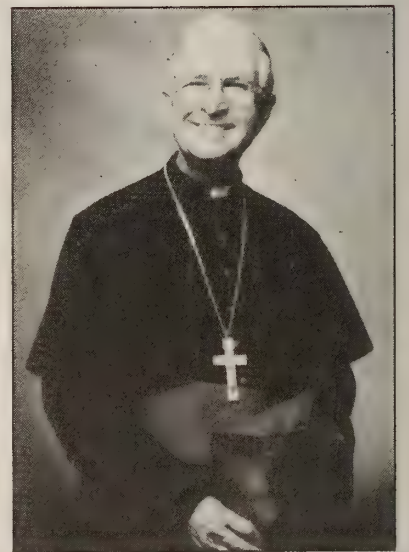
Father Conrad Kimbrough — who is president and co-founder of the pro-life ministry Room at the Inn — has served as administrator of the Denver church since July 1993. About 265 families worship at Holy Spirit, a mission of St. Therese parish in Mooresville, and the registry continues to grow.

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## Bishops Past And Present Will Join Together For Upcoming Diocesan Jubilee Celebration

By JOANN KEANE  
and JIMMY ROSTAR

CHARLOTTE — The upcoming diocesan celebration — 25 years as a diocese and the jubilee for Bishop Michael J. Begley, bishop emeritus — will leave its mark in history in yet another way as past and present bishops of the Diocese of Charlotte join to concelebrate this historic Mass on Jan. 12 at St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

As the diocese's founding bishop, Bishop Begley will join Archbishop John F. Donoghue — Charlotte's second bishop, serving from 1984 until his elevation to Archbishop of Atlanta in 1993 — and Bishop Curlin along with Bishop F. Joseph Gossman, bishop of Raleigh, and other clergy to concelebrate the Jubilee Mass. This celebration will kick-off the anniversary year which diocesan officials plan to fill with recollections of yesterday and visions for tomorrow.

"Having Archbishop Donoghue join in tribute to Bishop Begley is certainly a moment in history," said Bishop Curlin. "We are equally blessed by having Bishop Gossman plan to attend. This

makes for a full state-wide celebration of the founding of our diocese, and tribute to the numerous contributions of Bishop Begley."

"It is a time to pause and thank God for all that has been accomplished," said Bishop Curlin, installed as Charlotte's bishop in 1994. "It is also a time to rededicate ourselves in response to the needs and challenges of the future."

At a Mass celebrated at St. Patrick Cathedral a quarter-century ago, western North Carolina Catholics welcomed Bishop Begley as the head of the newly established diocese. At that time, some 34,200 Catholics lived in the 46-county territory which, through papal mandate, created the second diocese in the state.

"When I came to North Carolina back in 1934 when I was ordained, there were 9,000 Catholics in the whole state," Bishop Begley said.

The growth, said Bishop Begley, indicates a realization of the dream of sev-

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Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

**Snow-Covered Chapel Provides Peaceful Winter Scene** — The Little Flower Chapel in Revere has been closed since November. The first Catholic church in Madison County, it was originally a mission of St. Lawrence in Asheville.

## For St. Barnabas Youth Minister, Service Is Central

A caring youth minister helps kids learn to see the face of Jesus in those they serve and feel good about what they do.

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

ARDEN — When Cathie and Mike Stout moved to Arden from South Bend, Ind., their children were in high school.

As parishioners at St. Barnabas Church, the couple felt that the youth had too many opportunities for socials but too few for social justice.

Fortunately, the Stouts discovered the personal satisfaction in volunteering at one of the shelters for the homeless in Asheville in their move south in 1987. So the couple offered to plan community service projects for the youth of the parish.

"I think that service is important in everybody's life," said Cathie Stout. "Kids learn to see the face of Jesus in those they serve, and feel better about what they do."

Their children are grown now, but

the Stouts find themselves as involved as ever in ministry to youth. For the past six years, Cathie Stout has served as full-time youth minister for St. Barnabas Church. Her husband remains her strongest proponent, as well as her most available volunteer.

Although a member of the search committee for this position, Stout never considered herself a candidate until "the Holy Spirit began working on me."

The Spirit, in this instance, worked largely through Mercy Sister Carolyn Mary Coll, now a pastoral associate at St. Michael Church in Gastonia, and Carolyn Bergman, youth minister at St. Michael. Both offer training for youth ministers, and Stout regards them as friends and mentors who influenced her decision to become a youth minister.

Being a part of the religious minority in western North Carolina sparked the couple's outreach and induced "a real rebirth of (their) faith." They considered this environment especially challenging

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## Catholic Leaders Pray For Peace At Christmas

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II and Catholic leaders around the world celebrated the birth of the Prince of Peace with prayers for harmony, justice and an end to violence.

"Peace on earth and good will to all" was invoked during midnight Mass in a poinsettia-filled St. Peter's Basilica and in the tension-filled Japanese Embassy in Peru where an archbishop celebrated Mass for more than 100 hostages.

Bethlehem celebrated the hometown birth of Jesus amid tight security because of ongoing conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians in the region.

In his annual Christmas message "urbi et orbi," to the city and the world, Pope John Paul prayed for lasting peace in the Middle East, Africa and Central America, but also chastised the world for not doing enough to help the victims of war and conflict.

The ongoing tensions in Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire, and the precarious situation of refugees and displaced people in the region, were key concerns in the pope's message.

"How can we forget Africa?" he

asked. "This young continent is experiencing, amid the general indifference of the international community, one of the cruelest human tragedies of its history."

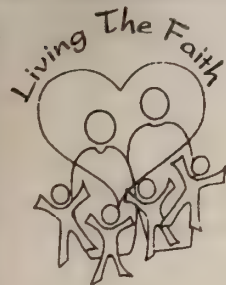
The pope also prayed for peace in "Bethlehem and all the Holy Land, where Jesus was born and lived: the land which he loved, the land where hope must not die, despite provocations and profound differences."

Latin-rite Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem called on Israelis and Palestinians to continue working toward peace, and said that despite current difficulties, he still had hope.

In his annual Christmas message, the patriarch said, "We ask God to strengthen the people of good will in this holy land — Jews, Muslims and Christians — so that they become able to build the peace desired by all, the peace based on dignity of all people ... (and) on equality, justice and love."

Franciscan Father Giuseppe Nazzaro, the custodian of Catholic shrines in the Holy Land, said, "Sadly,

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## CHD Invites Applicants For Local Poverty Grants

The Campaign for Human Development, the United States Bishops' anti-poverty program, is accepting grant applications for the 1997 funding year. Established in 1970 as a response of our society, the Campaign makes small grants to get at the root causes of poverty through community-based self-help organizations and projects.

One-fourth of the November collection for CHD is retained in the diocese for local grants. Write or call for an application: Dr. Barney Offerman, Director, CHD, Office of Justice and Peace, 1524 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28207, (704) 331-1736. Deadline for applications is Feb. 14.

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the people are suffering and continue to suffer, especially in Bethlehem.

"They lack everything," he told Vatican Radio.

At the same time, "we always hope, because for us hope is the last thing that will die," he said. "We are working precisely to have peace within us, and are certain that one day the peace in our souls will bring about peace (overall)."

In his Christmas message, Lebanon's Maronite patriarch, Cardinal Nasrallah P. Sfeir, said, "Christ appealed for love and peace."

But in Lebanon today, he said, "there are a corrupted administration, concealed bribery, notorious encroachments, squandering of public funds ... repression of liberties shown by curbing the

media and stronger control over the political parties.

"How can peace reign?" he asked.

Lebanon has had almost two decades of internal strife that pitted Muslim, Christian, Druse and Palestinians against one another.

If people followed Jesus' teachings there would not be the injustices seen in Lebanese society, including oppression, poverty and differences between social classes, he said.

However, the cardinal wrote, "he cannot save us if we do not help him in that. Let us come close to his Gospel ... and implement it in our daily life."

On Christmas Day in the Japanese Embassy in Lima, Peru, Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne of Ayacucho spent seven hours with more than 100 hostages on their eighth day of captivity

in Lima. The archbishop heard confessions and celebrated Mass.

The embassy was invaded Dec. 17 by 20 members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement during a reception hosted by the Japanese ambassador to Peru. Nearly 500 high-ranking ambassadors, businessmen, other guests and residents of the embassy were inside when the terrorists took over.

Archbishop Cipriani accompanied Kenji Hirata, 34, a first secretary at the embassy, out of the residence on Christmas, and returned Dec. 28 with negotiators who secured the release of another 20 hostages.

In his annual Christmas message, Hong Kong Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung urged Catholics to strengthen their faith and their commitment to putting it into practice as they prepare for China to resume control over the territory in July.

To face this "new future," he urged Hong Kong Catholics to integrate their political and spiritual lives during the final Christmas before the territory is handed over.

The cardinal said they must face the future with a hope grounded in a renewed faith, universal love and solidarity with the poor.

## St. Lawrence Youth Present Live Nativity

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — The live enactment of the Nativity by the high school youth of St. Lawrence Basilica was not as much a display as it was an invitation. "A Visit to the House of the King" was presented on Dec. 15, and again on Dec. 17.

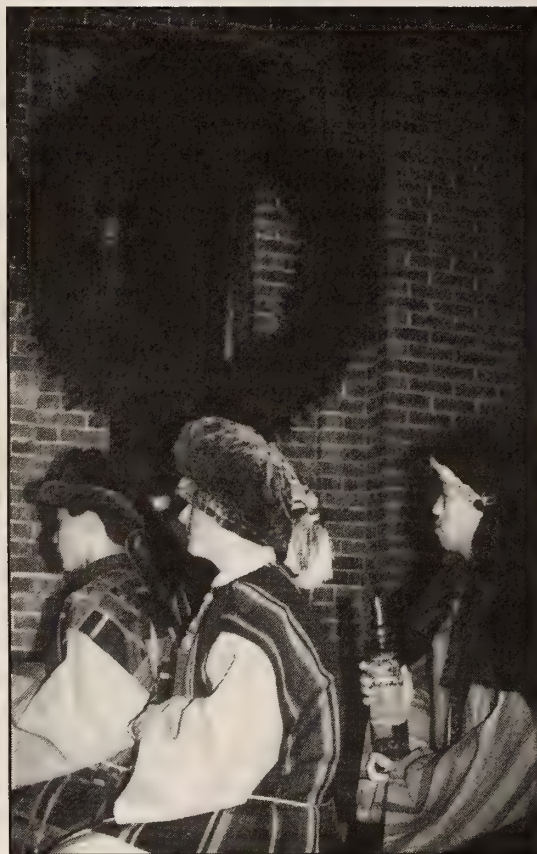
A crowd of 150 people gathered along both sides of Haywood Street in front of the Basilica to see a simple tableau of shepherds watching their flocks. With few words and spare gestures, Kate Glass, the Greek chorus style narrator, moved the onlookers from the grounds in front of the rectory toward the entrance of the Basilica itself. At the front steps the shepherds encountered the magi coming from the east. There both groups listened as an angel appeared announcing the birth of the Savior. The great doors of the Basilica's main entrance were then opened by the littlest angels with halos of tinsel all askew, revealing the figures of Joseph and Mary cradling the Christ child in the straw-strewn vestibule.

Onlookers were given a moment to savor the scene, then invited to follow behind the teen-age biblical cast who processed down the main aisle to the chapel of adoration where the Blessed Sacrament is venerated daily. There the magi placed their gifts upon the altar and the entire group knelt in silent prayer before adjourning to the Lauretine Crypt below the Basilica for music and refreshments.

Matthew Rowland, a cast member making his

second appearance as the Announcing Angel, said the whole experience helped him to pray more than he normally does. He termed the event "good for his soul," and added that spirits were high among the teens who put in long hours in order to make this a special Christmas present to the parish from the youth group.

Parishioner Elizabeth Gorton, director of the performance, was pleased it had been "a prayerful experience not only for the youth but for everyone involved." Helen Gordon, moderator of the Youth Group, said she appreciated the unique aspect of this enactment in contrast to the traditional Nativity scene, as "affording the opportunity to be aware of Christ's presence to us sacramentally." She also indicated that response to the presentation had been so positive that next year the group will attempt to get Haywood Street closed to do more dramatic staging and to better accommodate the larger crowds.



Scenes from the Live Nativity at St. Lawrence Basilica included the wise men's visit (above) and Joseph with Mary, holding the newborn Christ child (below).



### Elizabeth Seton



Mother Seton, a widow and convert to Catholicism, is a keystone of the U.S. Catholic Church. She was born in New York in 1774. Following her husband's death, she opened a school for girls in Baltimore. In 1809 she founded a religious community of women dedicated to education and care of the sick. Mother Seton also wrote hymns and spiritual discourses. She was the first native-born North American to be canonized. Her feast is Jan. 4.



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January

6 Rev. Msgr. Eugene H. Livelsberger, 1987  
21 Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Newman, 1981  
22 Rev. Arthur J. Racette, 1975

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
January 5 - 11



Sunday: Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Ephesians 3: 2-3,  
5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

Monday: 1 John 3, 22 --4: 6  
Matthew 4: 12-17,  
23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4: 7-10  
Matthew 6: 34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4: 11-18  
Mark 6: 45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4: 19 — 5:4  
Luke 4: 14-22

Friday: 1 John 5: 5-13  
Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5: 14-21  
John 3: 22-30



# Prisoners' Children Touched By Parish Angels

Parishes participate in Angel Tree Project to bring holiday cheer to children who are often the forgotten victims of crime.

By KIM CAMPLISSON

SAN DIEGO (CNS) — Christmas was a little bit brighter for more than 11,000 children of prison inmates in the San Diego area, thanks to Project Angel Tree, an outreach of Prison Fellowship, a nationwide network of prison fellowship programs.

The Angel Tree project provides Christmas presents to children on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Approximately 200 San Diego churches participated in the program in 1996, four of them Catholic parishes.

"The children know they are loved and not forgotten," said Victor Lopez, San Diego area director of Prison Fellowship. "Love flows back to the incarcerated parent — a love that can start a chain of events leading to a deeper rehabilitation."

Carol and Edna Thiel have coordinated the Angel Tree project for Corpus Christi parish in Bonita, Calif., for three years. "There is no better way to share the joy of the birth of the Child Jesus," said Edna. The Thiels see Project Angel Tree as a natural offspring of their parish's social justice committee, which they head.

"Our mission and goals come straight from the Gospel," said Edna. "Jesus said he came to reach out; to free people from bondage. With Angel Tree, we reach out to those who have nothing."

Prison chaplains contact inmates to see if they would like to have presents delivered to their children. Prison Fellowship forwards this information to parish coordinators, who then contact the caregivers for information about the gifts the children would like. Each child receives two gifts: one item of clothing and one fun gift.

"We call the caregivers, usually the

moms, to find out what is suitable," said Carol. Once that information is gathered, the coordinator hangs the gift request, on a paper cut in the shape of an angel, on a parish Christmas tree. Parishioners choose an angel, and purchase and wrap the gift. Corpus Christi parishioners provided 150 gifts for 75 children this Christmas.

Colette Penders, who has organized Project Angel Tree at Most Precious Blood parish in Chula Vista for four years, said it is never a problem getting parishioners to provide gifts. The parish made Christmas brighter for 50 children this year.

"The parish is eager to help. I ran out of angels by the 9 a.m. Mass," she said. "People from the later Masses were asking where the angels were. They looked forward to participating."

At St. Thomas More Parish in Carlsbad, Project Angel Tree is truly a family affair. Last year Tom and Patt Goeltz coordinated the program; this year their daughter, Kathy, is taking the lead. Tom says the parish has had a good response from volunteers who are needed to contact caregivers, to keep track of gifts requested and purchased, and to deliver presents.

Recalling a gift he delivered last year, he says "One of the greatest feelings in the world is hearing little tykes (aged 4 and 5) yelling 'Thanks for bringing the gifts!'"

The Immaculata parish also participated in Project Angel Tree for the fourth year. Barbara Kearns, director of catechetical ministry, said children are often the forgotten victims of crime.

"The children don't need to be punished," she says. "They deserve a little bit of Christmas. They need to know they're cared for and loved."

## Diocesan Jubilee

Bishop Begley to be honored with Mass  
concelebrated by Bishop Curlin,  
Archbishop Donoghue of Atlanta and  
Bishop Gossman of Raleigh, from page 1

eral priests he knew during his youth: the expansion of the Church in the United States.

Today, the number of registered parishioners in the diocese exceeds 104,000. Also, Bishop Curlin points out that figure could more than double when considering the unregistered population of Catholics in the area.

The very site of the Jubilee Mass is a testimonial to the growth of Catholicism in western Carolina: St. Matthew Church is home to one of the largest parishes in the state. Though established just 10 years ago, it counts 2,440 families as registered parishioners, with between 15 and 20 more families joining each month.

Bishop Begley noted that with the evangelical spirit of expansion comes great responsibility — the need to ensure the preservation of the Church's mission not only through priests and other religious, but through all the faithful.

Indeed, Bishop Begley has encountered many examples of what he calls "God's grace at work." For instance, he recalled the kindness of Bishop William Joseph Hafey, who in 1926 invited high-school graduate Michael Begley to prepare for the priesthood for the Raleigh Diocese.

"How wonderful it is to enjoy what has happened," Bishop Begley said with a smile.

Bishop Curlin agreed, adding that the Jubilee's two-fold purpose is a special one.

"We look forward to celebrating the anniversary as a diocese and family under the guidance and zealous care of Bishop Begley," he said. "He established a very pastoral foundation to continue the work of the Church in western North Carolina. He is the focus of our celebration, because he is the spiritual father of the Diocese of Charlotte."

A celebration specifically for Bishop Begley's jubilee with priests, religious and clergy will be celebrated privately on Jan. 13 at St. Patrick Cathedral.

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Bishop of Charlotte

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## Pro-Life Corner



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 St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte

**March for Life**  
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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

### January 6-10

Region IV Bishops Annual Retreat  
 Florida

### January 12

3 p.m., St. Matthew Church  
 Silver Jubilee of Diocese founding  
 and Episcopal Anniversary of the  
 Most Rev. Michael J. Begley,  
 Bishop Emeritus

### January 13

11 a.m., St. Patrick Cathedral  
 Celebration for Priests, Religious  
 and Deacons, honoring the  
 25th Episcopal Anniversary of the  
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### January 14

Presbyteral Council Meeting  
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## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Pope Greeted Pilgrims In Cold On Feast Of The Holy Family

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II tried to warm up shivering pilgrims at his country villa with a few jests about a European cold wave.

Wrapped in a red cape against a Siberian wind, the pontiff watched Dec. 29 as hundreds of visitors twirled their scarves and mittens, cheering him in a courtyard in Castel Gandolfo outside Rome.

After giving a brief talk and a blessing, the pope took off his white skull cap as a gust of wind threatened to blow it into the Alban Hills nearby.

"Today you can hear the wind better than you can hear the pope," he remarked.

"I wish you the courage to face this cold and get warm," he added. The cold snap, which left more than 20 dead in Europe, brought below-freezing temperatures to most of Italy.

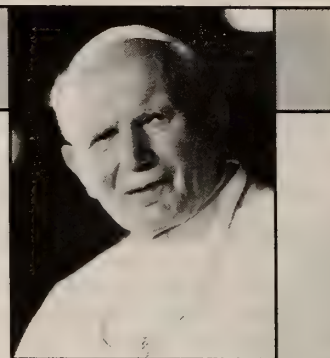
The pope, speaking on the feast of the Holy Family, underlined the importance of marriage as an "alliance between a man and a woman that brings with it

mutual fidelity."

He prayed for peace and harmony in all families, especially those with problems. The pope plans to preside over an international meeting of families in Brazil next Oct. 4-5.

The pope also noted that this year marked the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo, a hill town that was once the summer retreat of Roman emperors. The first residence there was obtained by the Vatican in 1596, when a local land-owning family could not honor a debt to the church. Popes began summering there in the early 1600s.

Pope John Paul expressed his appreciation for the warmth and hospitality shown him by the town of about 8,000 residents.



## Guest Commentary

### Landmark Cases Need Reason And Rhetoric

As two assisted suicide cases wind their way to the Supreme Court, life and death hangs in the balance. These cases, while in need of strong doses of constitutional law, are also crying out for an eloquent Supreme Court justice with the moral compass to reason and write a definitive statement defending the most obvious of all rights — the right to life.

Both cases before the court are about state laws — one from New York and the other from Washington — which were struck down by appellate courts for two different reasons. The justices have received many legal briefs promoting physician-assisted suicide and opposing it. That two states have passed such laws should encourage those who stand for the sanctity of life. Their arguments are logical. Yet, it is an astounding development that the 2nd and 9th appeals courts, ruling on two separate cases for two different reasons, were able to strike down state laws prohibiting assisted suicide.

We live in an age where "rights" are easily manufactured, and physician-assisted suicide advocates have been successful — both in the court of appeals and in the court of public opinion — in claiming a right to die. These cases are now in the hands of the same court that invented a right to abortion. There is no certainty that the forces of life will win.

In fact, there is a symmetrical logic that those who have no respect for life at its beginning will have no respect for life at its ending. However, overwhelming logic and tradition is on the side of protecting life. While the Supreme Court justices will wade through the legal briefs, in the final analysis this case likely will not be resolved so much on legal reasoning but on the individual moral compass of the justices. While we believe that members of the Supreme Court are learned men and women, what we need is one with the rhetoric as well as the legal reasoning to defend life at its later stages. Pope John Paul II has spoken articulately and persuasively about the "Gospel of Life" and the culture of death. Nowhere is the conflict between these two ideas more clearly evident than in the cases that the Supreme Court will begin to hear on Jan. 8.

Further, to decide in favor of assisted suicide will create a tangled web of ramifications that is nearly mind-boggling. Will doctors suspend their Hippocratic

oath? Will insurance carriers be arbiters of death? Will there be any legal safeguards for vulnerable persons — because of sickness or age — from duress or undue influence to accept assisted suicide? These issues cannot be answered by the Supreme Court, but approval of assisted suicide will forever change the relationship between doctors and patients, insurers and the insured, members of families and others.

These Supreme Court cases also illustrate one more point. We are the first Christians in 1,700 years to live in a post-Christian era. Since the Roman emperor Constantine, the major influence in law and society was Christian ethics. Now the moral compass has been reduced and we are scrambling to come up with reasons for what was never challenged before. We are also looking for someone with the wisdom and rhetorical ability to proclaim words that both enlighten and inspire like those that spoke of the self-evident truth that all people have a right to life. Pray to God that the majority of the Supreme Court will be ready to live up to the finest tradition of the highest court in our land.

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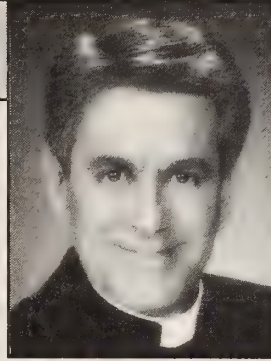
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### Epiphany: The Journey Of Faith

The journey of faith is part of our human condition. The Magi's search for the new King illustrates this truth: The appearance of the star of Bethlehem is a sign that from the very beginning Jesus was intended to be the "way, the truth and the life" for everyone.

Blaise Pascal, the French scientist and philosopher, once said, "In the soul of every person there is a God-shaped vacuum." And each of us, no matter what our circumstances, eventually comes to terms with this aching void by traveling this inevitable road.

In my 26 years of priesthood, I have never met a person who was not in some way seeking to find their spiritual bearings, some kind of inner compass, by which to navigate life's uncertainties and risks. Always there is the longing to live one's life with purpose and conviction. For many, it is simply seeking something

missing, something more. For others, it is expressed in their search for the answer to the ultimate question, "What is life's purpose?" These are yearnings and questions that can only be answered by faith.

It is often a lonely journey, one that no one else may be willing to take with you. Some people just don't understand. But it still hurts.

Like all travel, this journey can be expensive. In addition to the cost of the trip itself, the Magi gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. No one forced them to give, of course. But they were so overwhelmed in the presence of the Child that they responded in worship. And genuine worship almost always triggers generosity.

When you are serious about your journey of Faith, you find yourself giving away time and energy and even money which you might otherwise have

spent for yourself. And that's just the beginning of it. For when you answer the call of Christ, you follow the One who said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." (Matthew 20:28)

Recognizing that the journey of faith may be lonely and costly, it is also, happily, an enlightened one. You and I have the help of a guide book. The Magi were directed by the star, but the Christian disciple is directed by something far more explicit — the Word of God.

The Magi were motivated by their personal enthusiasm, but the Christian disciple is motivated by something far more reliable — the love of Jesus Christ.

The Magi were strengthened by their own energy, but the Christian disciple is given the inexhaustible power of the Holy Spirit.

"I am," Jesus said, "the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live." (John 11:25)

Thus the journey to Bethlehem leads beyond Bethlehem. It leads to Heaven. The star of the Magi will eventually come to rest over the New Jerusalem, and its light will illuminate the journey which we make by Faith. It will surely take us Home.

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*Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.*

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Response To Members Of A Sect

**Q.** My question is how to deal with a very active local religious sect whose members visit homes trying to push their religious views.

Because I've chosen not to slam my door, to take their literature and talk with them, I get routine visits that are becoming endless.

I believe turning them away angrily is not what Jesus would want. But their doctrine and practices are un-Christian.

They will never engage in a dialogue that requires them to defend their beliefs. It's just a one-sided "argument." Even the Bible they use is strange, and they refuse to take or examine Catholic literature.

Maybe I need some basic training. Do you have any suggestions?

**A.** Just two. Before anything else, however, it is your home. You obviously have no obligation whatsoever to let any-

one in the house or even answer the door if you'd rather not. That avenue could solve all of your problems at once.

First, a common mistake of people like yourself, who want to be kind and open to discussion with these visiting sects and cults, is the assumption that words mean the same to them as they do to you.

Even those who pursue this way of proselytizing and call themselves Christians of some sort are operating on an entirely different track of religious identity and understanding from that of Catholics or most other Christians for that matter.

Holding a discussion that involves terms like salvation, sacraments, conversion, biblical truth, church, holiness, sin, even the word "God," will prove frustrating if we presume some common awareness of what those realities mean.

Making the encounter yet more frus-

trating and futile is the fact that most such groups do not share the traditional Christian belief in the holy Trinity.

Jehovah's Witnesses, for example, reject the teaching of three persons in one God as a pagan superstition. This immediately rules out any agreement, or even meaningful conversation, on the divinity of Christ, honor of Mary as the mother of God, the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, the church as a community of believers with Christ as its head and countless other beliefs which flow directly or indirectly from the central Christian dogma.

Attempting a serious religious dis-

cussion under these circumstances is hopeless, something like arguing with one who is using a different dictionary or defining words in ways you never heard before.

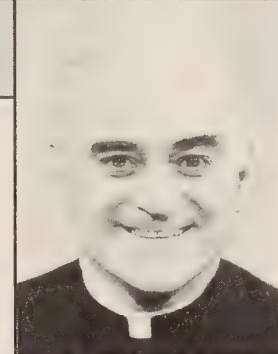
Second, there is nothing un-Christianlike about telling people who want to force you into a religious confrontation, very plainly and firmly, that you already have a faith that you sincerely hold and you have no desire or intention to discuss your faith under these circumstances.

Say it again, if necessary. Don't get drawn into anything more. Those with a minimum of respect for other people's feelings and conscience will accept what you say graciously.

When that approach does not work, which as you have learned often happens, it is not at all wrong to calmly and peacefully end the visit in whatever way is necessary.

## Spirituality Today

Father John Catoir



### Baptized Catholics Feeling Distant From God

Did you know that there are well over 100 million unchurched people in America, and most of them are baptized Christians? Some have lost their way, others never had any faith in the first place.

All of them, however, are looking for the key to happiness, asking the same basic questions: Who am I? What is my origin and destiny? Why am I here? What am I supposed to do to fulfill my purpose?

Only divine revelation holds the key to these mysteries.

I use the word "key" deliberately because the Book of Isaiah speaks about Jesus in these words: "I will place the key of the House of David on His shoulder." It adds: "When He opens, no one

shall shut, when He shuts no one shall open.... On Him shall hang all the glory of His family."

The key of the House of David is the symbol of authority given to Jesus, who points us in the direction of the kingdom. He gives us clarity about the meaning and destiny of human existence. He feeds our hunger with His infinite love and mercy.

There are many baptized Christians who feel distant from God, but these feelings are not facts.

I remember back in 1954 when I was on guard duty at Fort Sam Houston. It was at the end of the Korean War, and I was a draftee serving out my time in San Antonio, Texas.

That cold night I heard the sounds of celebration as service men and woman ushered in the new year. I was on duty,

alone and feeling sorry for myself. I prayed that night, but I felt a million miles away from God.

What I still needed to learn was this: Intimacy with God does not depend on my feelings at any given moment, but rather on the Lord's constant desire to be intimate with me. The same is true for you.

If you are feeling lonely or distant from God, don't be discouraged. Feelings are not facts in these matters.

The sacrament of baptism has introduced you to the inner life of the Trinity, a supernatural life of silence and happiness. At your baptism, God took

you to his heart. From that moment on your union with God has depended more on his love for you than on your love for Him.

So even if you drop the ball spiritually, He clutches you to His breast out of love.

Accept your distant feelings just as they are. Laugh at them, knowing that the Lord is with you always, especially in times of loneliness and pain.

Don't let anything undermine your confidence in the truth that God is unchanging love. Cling to Him in faith without regard to the feelings of the moment, and be at peace. One day you will be with God in paradise, and you will rejoice forever, experiencing the warm embrace of His love in a new way, beyond your wildest dreams.



# Diocese Urges Skepticism Over Marian Image



**RAINBOW LIKENESS** — People peer out at a rainbow-like image on the glass windows of a building in Clearwater, Fla., Dec. 18. The image is being described as a likeness of the Virgin Mary by many of the hundreds of people who have gone to see the strange pattern. Some were calling it miraculous, others said it was a play of light and reflection from water left by a nearby sprinkling system.

CNS photo by William Harmon

By STEVEN SIMS

**CLEARWATER, Fla. (CNS)** — The Diocese of St. Petersburg is advising Catholics to maintain skepticism about what many people believe is an apparition of Mary in the glass panels of a finance company office building in Clearwater.

So many people have flocked to the Seminole Finance building off U.S. Highway 19 since a customer noticed the unusual discoloration of the windows Dec. 17, that the city formed a Miracle Management Task Force to help maintain order around the building. Police set up a lockbox to hold contributions people have left, which totaled more than \$14,000 just 10 days after the crowds began arriving.

By Dec. 29, more than a quarter million people had gone to see the image on the gray mirrored glass panels that cover the two-story building. It looks like the outline of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, without facial or other details. It is about 20 feet tall and includes shades of blue, red, green and orange.

"There is no reason to believe that this appearance of an image has occurred outside the natural order," said Joseph Mannion, communications director for the St. Petersburg Diocese. "Because of that, our advice to people is to approach

it with a sense of skepticism."

"On the other hand, it's given a greater awareness of God's presence and of our connection to each other in this season of hope," Mannion told the *Florida Catholic*, the St. Petersburg diocesan newspaper.

Glass experts who inspected it said the discoloration is probably caused by water from lawn sprinklers that seeped between the glass panes and their plastic film tint coating. Similar patches of discoloration appear around the building, but they are blotchy and don't have the distinctive shape of the "Marian im-

age." Employees of the building say it has been visible for at least two years.

Father Robert Gibbons, chancellor of the diocese, said that while the image arouses curiosity, it should not distract Catholics from "the essentials" of faith.

"We always have to keep in mind that the essentials of our faith are the word of God, the sacraments and charity toward one another," Father Gibbons said.

Ronald Novotny, director of the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spirituality in Clearwater, said he has visited the site and plans to return. Novotny holds doctorates in psychology and Mariology, the study of Mary.

"Whether it's natural or supernatural, God can use anything to draw people to Himself," he said. "Especially an image of His mother, because just as she brought Him into the world, she brings so many people back to Him."

Novotny finds it interesting that the image is in panes of glass.

"Some of the saints said they wanted to be as panes of glass, so God could shine through them," he explained. "On this window God's light can shine through her as one without blemish."

At times, the crowds have grown so large that up to 25 Clearwater police of-

ficers were on the site to help keep traffic flowing. The city also set up portable toilets and a police mobile command center on the parking lot.

Candles, prayer requests, photos, flowers and other items have been left at the makeshift shrine that runs the length of a 50-foot wall, and as wide as 9 feet deep in places. Contributions have been divided among St. Petersburg's All Children's Hospital, Metropolitan Ministries of Florida and the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Mike Krizmanich, president of Seminole Finance, said he has signed a letter of intent to sell the building, but has no plans to alter or remove the image.

A member of St. Mary Parish in Tampa, Krizmanich said whether the image is a real apparition or not, he feels inspired and lucky "to be the host for guests of the Blessed Mother."

Local newspaper reports said Clearwater City Manager Betty Deptula, a former nun, had contacted Krizmanich about possibly removing the panels to a more accessible location.

In the meantime, the Miracle Management Task Force maintains order around the site and has a telephone number with traffic and parking information — (813) 562-4400.

## Elmo Spends Pre-Holidays At St. Patrick Cathedral

**CHARLOTTE** — He's red as a beet, his eyes bug out and he giggles incessantly when you press his belly. He's Elmo, the lovable little creation from Sesame Street, and this little muppet caused quite a stir this holiday season. It's safe to say he was the hottest item not found in toy stores coast to coast.

Just when there didn't seem to be a single Elmo on the planet, one little muppet made his way into the safe confines of the rectory of St. Patrick Cathedral through the generosity of an anonymous donor. And Elmo was up for grabs, sort of.


Once donated to the Cathedral, Father Paul Gary, rector of the Cathedral, turned the red-furry muppet into greenbacks. Elmo, the grail of Christmas, became Elmo, the best raffle item ever. During weekend Masses just days before Christmas, Father Gary placed the muppet on the auction block.

For two fast and furious days, ticket sales flourished. And on Dec. 23, while Santa loaded his sleigh, the winning ticket was pulled. Elmo found a new home, and Catholic Social Services charities, raffle recipient, took home over \$700 for charitable ventures.



Photo by Jimmy Rostar

**CHARLOTTE** — Father James Hawker, vicar of education for the Diocese of Charlotte, recently gathered members of educational ministries for a series of presentations, information sharing and discussion at the Education Center. Pictured left to right, sitting, are Sister Maureen Meehan, MACS director of religious formation; Sister Mary Timothy Warren, director of lay ministry; Gail Hunt Violette, director of the Media Center; standing left to right are Dr. Cris Villapando, director of faith formation; Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent of diocesan schools; Paul Kotlowski, director of youth ministry; and Father Hawker.



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# Entertainment

## Michael

### Meandering Road Movie Ends Up Going Nowhere

NEW YORK (CNS) — John Travolta portrays a smoking, drinking, skirt-chasing angel in the charmless fantasy, "Michael" (New Line).

Director Nora Ephron's fuzzy tale is ill-conceived from the start as a trio of tabloid reporters is sent out by their blustery boss (Bob Hoskins) to fetch and return an alleged angel named Michael (Travolta) from the wilds of Iowa to the paper's Chicago headquarters, where they can milk the story for all it's worth.

Hitting the road to round up Michael are Huey (Robert Pastorelli), his pooch Sparky, ex-boozer Frank (William Hurt) and a newly hired, supposed angel expert, Dorothy (Andie MacDowell).

A dotty old lady (Jean Stapleton) has been harboring Michael for months at her Milk Bottle Motel, but conveniently heads heavenward herself just after introducing the threesome to, as she claims, Michael the Archangel, who is seen in boxer shorts and stubble, swilling beer and scratching himself. Covering his back almost down to his ankles are grayish feathered wings.

For no known reason, the jaded journalists accept his angelic identity as legitimate, and Michael immediately agrees to go to Chicago with them if they keep his celestial status a secret until then. A long raincoat covers his wings and now they are a quartet in the car.

Everywhere Michael is a magnet to the ladies (except Dorothy, on whom he has put a "block") and since this is his last mission on Earth he apparently takes full advantage of his sex appeal with a willing waitress.

Romance must be in the air because Dorothy and Frank also find themselves in each other's arms, but miscommunication parts them just before they arrive in Chicago and Michael departs — literally, as in DOA, which is a good description for this fantasy misfire.

Nothing makes much sense in this meandering road movie which ends up going nowhere. Michael's slovenly ways are apparently meant to be a comically whimsical twist on the usual image of angels, but Travolta just makes him vague and smug, a boring combination.

Sparky the dog predictably steals the show from his bland owner Huey, and Frank and Dorothy are an unremarkable romantic couple.

She is the more interesting; a thrice married, would-be country singer who swears off men after being burned far too often but whom you know will be

saying "I do" once feckless Frank is frank with her.

Clearly falling into the fantasy genre, "Michael" is hardly worth getting upset over because of its goofy depiction of an angel who seems more like a bloated truck driver just happy to belt one back with the boys. But it is precisely the blank nature of this angel that makes the movie a shapeless muddle that doesn't work as fantasy — or comedy, for that matter.

For example, Michael is hung up on visiting such oddities along the way as the world's largest ball of twine and the world's largest frying pan; why, we don't know — or care.

And viewers will wonder if Michael isn't more like a fallen angel when the waitress in question leaves his motel room early one morning humming a happy tune.

Even the angel's miracle — reviving Sparky, who has been hit by a truck — falls flat, as the deceased Sparky doesn't even look like he's been hit by a marble.

With its one-dimensional characters and lackluster situations, "Michael" is more likely to bedevil than bemuse audiences.

Because of implied sex, comically intended violence and a mild profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



Actress and singer Madonna stars as Argentina's controversial and charismatic Eva Peron in "Evita." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "8 1/2" (1963)

With both career and marriage in chaos, an Italian movie director (Marcello Mastroianni) protects his overgrown ego by retreating into surreal memories of the past and wild fantasies about the present. Director Federico Fellini has some self-indulgent fun with his profession, semibiographical events from his youth and themes from his movies while taking viewers on a journey through the rich, at times bizarre, imagination of an artist whose attempts to cope with the demands of the real world are resolved in a final flood of optimism. Subtitles. Ambiguous treatment of mature themes. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Everybody's Fine" (1991)

Poignant family drama follows an elderly Sicilian patriarch (Marcello Mastroianni) as he travels across Italy to visit his five grown children on a journey that proves full of bittersweet surprises and revelations. Director Giuseppe Tornatore blends Mastroianni's superlative performance into a wryly observed depiction of modern Italian life and personal predicaments. Subtitles. References to premarital pregnancy, promiscuity, suicide and a flash of nudity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "A Fine Romance" (1992)

Middle-aged engineer (Marcello Mastroianni) and a doctor's wife (Julie Andrews) meet in Paris to discuss the fact that their mates are having an affair and end up becoming romantically involved with each other. Director Gene Saks' slight comedy depends upon a frail sense of humor about marital infidelity and human weakness. Uncritical attitude toward extramarital affairs. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Ginger & Fred" (1986)

Ginger (Giulietta Masina) and Fred (Marcello Mastroianni), a former vaudeville team who imitated Hollywood's Rogers and Astaire, are invited to perform in a Christmas television special. In this Italian production about the disappointments of old age and the commercialization of contemporary life, director Federico Fellini pays homage to performers important in his career, while at the same time indulging his penchant for visual cascades of quirky images. Some earthy proverbs about sex and several ambiguous references to religion. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "La Dolce Vita" (1960)

Lengthy episodic Italian drama about a troubled journalist (Marcello Mastroianni) who mingles in the circles of Rome's high society (including Anita Ekberg, Anouk Aimee and Alain Cuny), alternately fascinated, bemused and repelled by what he observes. Director Federico Fellini's crowded picture of the moral ills as well as the human foibles and positive values of various segments of Italian society mixes realism with satire and a tragic sense of wasted lives. Subtitles. Critical treatment of immoral situations. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations.**

### "Marriage Italian Style" (1965)

Dark comedy about an amoral man (Marcello Mastroianni) tricked into marrying the woman (Sophia Loren) with whom he has lived for 20 years. Directed by Vittorio de Sica, the movie sparkles with biting satire and sophisticated humor. Subtitles. Centers on sexual innuendo. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations.**

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# Why do we still take Jesus seriously?

# FAITH alive!

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Catholic News Service

"Why do you think the people followed Jesus?"

A friend of mine posed this question to her first-grade students at the end of a four-week unit on Jesus.

For most of the children it had been their first walk through the Gospels, a trip that stretched from the Annunciation to the Ascension.

"Because everybody got well."

"Because he was so wise."

"Because everybody had enough to eat."

Finally, one little girl could not stand it any longer. She stood in the back of the classroom. "They hung around Jesus because they knew, if they hung around him, they'd be good to people like he was good to people."

Then the hands that were still raised dropped because everyone knew she had said it all.

We are who we hang around with, as that youngster said so well. And we continue to hang around Jesus nearly 2,000 years after he walked among us because in a world hell-bent on creating "disconnections," his spirit continues to offer connection to God, to each other, to ourselves and to the earth.

As we approach the year 2000 and experience the disconnectedness witnessed in divorce, abortion, child abuse, violence, war, greed, starvation, pollution and euthanasia, we at the same time experience the connectedness of Jesus, praying for us always and empowering us to be one, as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father.

At the time my friend told me of her class, I was struggling with a group of seminarians attempting to

understand why people persevere in their faith, why people continue to follow Jesus. The reasons we came up with were similar to those of the perceptive first-graders, though perhaps a bit more sophisticated in language.

We thought that the first reason people still take Jesus seriously is that he continues to answer

overcome the obstacles we create.

The second reason people follow Jesus, the seminarians' group concluded, is that he genuinely wants to alleviate the wounds of suffering people.

Suddenly, with the end of the Cold War, bitter ethnic rivalries are heating up from Bosnia to Rwanda, from Mexico to Vietnam.

nurse the person through the night until we have to continue our journey the next day.

Third, people follow Jesus because he genuinely offers peace. His peace, in contrast to the world's peace, is not the absence of war but a positive, active harmony, a desire that the other be all that she or he can be and the willingness to be an instrument of that peace.

From the traditional Franciscan prayer, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," to the Serenity Prayer's "Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference," peace is one of the deepest desires of the human psyche.

In fact, the Serenity Prayer, as Reinhold Niebuhr composed it in its entirety, is probably the most significant prayer of the 20th century. Certainly, people recovering from addictions would say so.

Finally, people continue to respond to Jesus because he asks so

**"We continue to hang around Jesus nearly 2,000 years after he walked among us because in a world hell-bent on creating 'disconnections,' his spirit continues to offer connections to God, to each other, to ourselves and to the earth."**

the most searching questions and face the most telling problems of our world.

Our basic human question is always the same: Why do we exist? Then we ask, What prevents us from existing in fuller accord with our reason for existing, and how do we overcome the obstacles?

Why do we exist?

Jesus always reminds us that we are alive to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourself" (Mark 12:30,31).

What stands in our way? Jesus also reminds us that it is our lack of awareness of God's presence and activity, our failure to see others as our sisters or brothers and our abuse of ourselves that prevent us from being the loving creatures that God intends.

But he stretches out his arms to

Some of these hatreds were held in check by the grappling and groping of the old Soviet Union and the United States. Now, it seems, those hatreds are unleashed. And everywhere Jesus is moved to compassion at the sight of people bleeding in the ditches of life.

For me the church is most the church of Jesus when we, like him, get off our horses and attend to the suffering of others — when we lift the wounded onto our horse, when we

much of his disciples. We are a community called to more prayer, more justice, more fasting, more tithing, more chastity.

Jesus still is saying, "Take up your cross daily and follow me." This may be the area in which the gap seems greatest between Jesus and his people as we

approach the start of a new millennium. Do we ask enough of ourselves or each other?

Yet it is fascinating to notice that people want to respond to Jesus' request for their total commitment. For in asking this, Jesus also gives us himself.

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## THIS EDITION IN A NUTSHELL

*The Gospel writers connected Jesus Christ and his teachings with their people's real-life situations. And today Jesus continues to connect with people's most searching questions and their world's most urgent problems. Pope John Paul II asked people of the church everywhere to make reflection on Jesus Christ a theme in 1997 — part of preparations for the Jubilee of the Year 2000. "Jesus Christ is the new beginning of everything," the pope said.*



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FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

As a citizen of a complex modern world, tell of an aspect of your life that you want Jesus to address.

"My recovery. I'm a recovering alcoholic. I want Jesus to help me every day with that."  
— Charles W., Fort Worth, Texas


"Domestic violence. I wish that Jesus would help us remove children from situations of domestic violence and also help us use good judgment in returning them to their families."  
— Mary Ann Moody, Clearfield, Pa.

"Compassion. In working with people, to truly hear other people, to listen with my heart."  
— Laurie Hoefling, Davenport, Iowa

"To have Jesus help young people, young mothers in particular, realize how precious life is, and to help them to make life-affirming decisions instead of seeking abortions."  
— Karen Logsdon, Oviedo, Fla.

"The aspect that I feel I have to control everything ... instead of trusting that by living a normal life, doing the small everyday kindnesses, that God is in charge."  
— Kathy Ewing, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

An upcoming edition asks: What is your prayer for times when you feel very frustrated? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



Was Jesus into good health?

By Brother Cyprian L. Rowe, FMS  
Catholic News Service

*"The Beatitudes express the ultimate blessings of health in body, mind and spirit."*

Jesus gives us the keys to ultimate health. That's good news because, based on my practice as a psychotherapist, people are definitely searching for good health. The problem is that they don't always know what good health is or how to move toward it.

People get confused when they try to look upon their life in terms of divided parts — body, mind and spirit — and to give good care to only one part. I have little doubt that Jesus would encourage them to honor the whole of themselves: body, mind and spirit.

Neglect of the spirit within us can drag us down physically, leading us into a sense of exhaustion or even depression, and neglect of the body's health can be involved in feelings of spiritual fatigue and malaise.

I do not define my patients by a mental illness they may have. That is not their humanity. I deal with them by trying to help them develop and coordinate all the parts of their humanity. That's what health is about.

St. Bernadette lying on a bed of pain was in better health, I believe, than the person who has a beautiful body but is broken inside.

Jesus addresses that interior brokenness too. It is an important message

for our times because it allows us to see that Jesus has a lot to say about what makes a fuller life on this earth possible. Many would say that faith has an impact on us as psycho-emotional and physical persons.

One of the first statements we hear Jesus make in Scripture is, "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" This response to his parents' inquiry about why he stayed in the temple after they had left is the cardinal rule of all health: that the command of the Lord is paramount.

We need to clarify our priorities, to realize that the quest of health and happiness won't go far in an imaginary universe that locks God out.

Locking God out is a way of violating God's creation of us as whole persons — people whose full development isn't meant to come from a perfect body only, a perfect job or a perfect house.

Jesus continues to address care for health when he is accosted by Satan in the desert. Rolling out Scripture as a plan of life, he tells the Tempter that:

—We cannot live by bread alone.  
—We need not be fearful, for the

Lord will give angels to watch over us.  
—God alone is worthy of all homage and adoration.

Again, we see the importance of priorities — knowing what matters and refusing to "worship" possessions or oneself. And if we're not fearful, we're

situations varied widely, and if the writers were going to make the Gospel message meaningful for each one, they had to take different approaches, with different emphases.

Mark wrote to correct a view among his people. Actually, these people reveled in being "Easter people," but they were cool to any mention of suffering or of the cross.

But suffering was going to enter their lives whether they wanted it or not. They risked becoming disillusioned and discouraged when that happened.

Mark didn't deny that, by baptism, the people were one with the risen Christ. But Mark insisted that they would get to resurrection the same way Christ did: through suffering.

No wonder Mark emphasizes Jesus' vulnerability and how he was misunderstood, even by his family, and rejected. Mark's depiction of the disciples, too, is unflattering. They are obstinate, self-seeking, stonily resistant to the message of the cross. Of course, this portrait is intended to be a mirror-image of those in the community who resented any mention of the cross.

Mark wrote in a way that would connect with the situation of his readers and make Christ realistically meaningful for them.

Matthew wrote for staunchly Jewish Christians who had been uprooted from Jerusalem when the city fell to the Romans. These Jewish Christians were frantic. Their homeland had been made inhospitable. James, their leader, had been martyred.

The people fled north to Antioch in Syria and sought refuge in Christian communities there. But they were shocked to find gentiles in those communities. How could Jewish Christians and gentile Christians possibly live together?!

Matthew faced the delicate pastoral task of persuading the Jewish Christians that gentiles were

there because God had called them. This Matthew did in a variety of ways, and it gave his Gospel a distinctive flavor, an atmosphere of tension.

Luke wrote for a thoroughly gentile church (or churches). This Gospel draws Jesus into focus as a healing, convivial Savior who reached out to embrace, forgive and enjoy table fellowship with foreigners, sinners or women. Since many of the people Luke wrote for were well-to-do, he stressed the need for compassionate generosity to the poor.

All three evangelists obviously wanted to connect with their people.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

able to hope. Do you doubt that hope fosters health?

Jesus' agenda does not stop there. The Beatitudes express the ultimate blessings of health in body, mind and spirit. The Beatitudes call us to a sense of the here and the hereafter.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness, act mercifully, live as peacemakers, be clean of heart or poor in spirit: Who would think of these as steps toward full health? Yet, aren't they just that?

If you wish, call them principles for spiritual health that play a strong role in binding us together into one integrated "whole" of body, mind and spirit. Anything else is wrapped in sickness like the sickness that had Nero fiddling giddily while Rome burned.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What great concern of yours would you like Jesus to address?

The other day a friend told me that things hadn't gone well in a conversation with one of his teen-agers earlier that day, and he was feeling very bad — wishing he had handled the situation differently.

Can you identify with his feelings? Most of us not only wish we could consistently make things work out better, but suffer when it doesn't happen.

In this context, there is a helpful phrase in Pope John Paul II's 1994 letter calling the church to begin preparing for the year 2000. He wrote, "Jesus Christ is the new beginning of everything."

I think the pope had a profound theological aim in saying that. But I have no qualms in applying his phrase to the situation of my friend, who felt at a loss over an exchange with a child. What my friend wished for was the chance to restart the conversation — to make a new beginning.

A new beginning of some kind always is needed everywhere, whether the topic is life at home or among the nations. And the possibility of a new beginning always restores our hope.

Which is a way Jesus addresses our real-life situations: He gives hope back to us.

David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

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## People In The News



Mother Teresa prays with other nuns during Christmas Mass at her Calcutta mission Dec. 25. "Love one another as Jesus loves each one of you," the 86-year-old leader of the Missionaries of Charity said in her message during the Mass.

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### Cardinal O'Connor's Weekday Mass To Be Broadcast

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cardinal John J. O'Connor's weekday Mass will become available to television viewers across the country through Odyssey, the interreligious cable network originally known as VISN and then until Sept. 29 as Faith & Values. David Macaione, a network official, said the Mass originating at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York would be added to the Monday-through-Friday schedule starting Jan. 6. Cardinal O'Connor celebrates the Mass

when he is in New York, and various other priests on the cathedral staff do so when the cardinal is away.

### Cardinal Bernardin Cited As Model For Holy Life In New Year

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — In the coming year Catholics should take the example of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago as a model for holiness in their own lives, said Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles. In his annual Christmas message to the people of Los Angeles, Cardinal Mahony said Cardi-

nal Bernardin, who died of cancer Nov. 14, "taught us so much through his life and his personal witness." He said the late cardinal embodied "many qualities of holiness to which we are called."

### U.S. Needs To Learn To Share Its Bounty, Says Medjugorje Seer

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Americans have so much of everything that they need to learn how to share their bounty with other countries such as those in Africa, where people are hungry and dying, said Ivan Dragicevic of Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Dragicevic, who was recently in the Los Angeles area, is one of six young Catholics who say Mary began appearing to them 15 years ago in their hometown of Medjugorje. He made the comments in an interview when asked what message Mary has for the United States.

### AIDS Claims 9-Year-Old Boy

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CNS) — A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 18 for a 9-year-old boy suffering from AIDS who was featured in a Dec. 10 Catholic News Service story. Donald "Donny" Harris died Dec. 15 of complications from AIDS at University of Michigan's

Mott Children's Hospital. Donny was born HIV-positive. Margaret Harris was a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac at the time, and became Donny's foster mother when he was 2 months old. He was not expected to live to be 1 year old; Margaret Harris adopted him at age 4.

### Spanish Cardinal Jubany Dies, Praised By Pope For Generosity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II praised the dynamism and generosity of retired Cardinal Narciso Jubany Arnau of Barcelona, Spain, who died Dec. 26 at the age of 83. In a telegram of condolence, the pope described the cardinal as well-loved and said the Spaniard had dedicated himself to implementing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, in which he was an active participant. Cardinal Jubany, a respected canon lawyer, retired as head of the Archdiocese of Barcelona in 1990; he had led the archdiocese for almost 19 years. Born Aug. 12, 1913, in Santa Coloma de Farnes, he studied at the Barcelona seminary and earned a degree in theology from the Pontifical University of Comillas.

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# Religious Of Christian Education Sisters Bid St. Genevieve-Of-The-Pines Farewell



Father C. Morris Boyd celebrated a final liturgy at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines with the four remaining Religious of Christian Education Sisters the day before they left.

By **PAUL FREDETTE**  
Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — Madonna Hall at St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines is all but empty now. The three remaining Religious of Christian Education Sisters boarded the 8:30 a.m. shuttle to the airport on Dec. 18, closing doors that had first opened 89 years ago. Sisters Patricia Dolan, Yvonne Hache, and Kathleen Winters were accompanied to their new senior residence in Milton, Mass., by their provincial, Sister Martha Brigham, and Nancy Sams, an LPN who has attended to the nursing care of the sisters for the past 13 years.

Two days prior to their departure, another distinguished member of this senior group, Sister Ethel Lunsford, a native of North Carolina, left Madonna Hall to take up residence with relatives in the Asheville area. She will be the only Religious of Christian Education Sister remaining in the state. Sister Martha was pleased that such an arrangement was workable in view of Sister Ethel's deep affection for her home state.

One might say that Sister Yvonne Hache, a native of Waltham, Mass., is going home too, but that's not how she feels. "I'm really going to miss this place. I chose to come back, to be in the mountains, close to all the students I've taught," she says. Although those students are now adults, and many have grown children of their own, she still recognizes many of them. She enjoys seeing the results of efforts she began here almost 50 years ago.

Sister (then "Mother") Yvonne came to St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines in 1947. For seven years she taught kindergarten and then the boys at Gibbons Hall for 10 years before leaving in 1964 for St. Jean d'Arc Academy in Massachusetts. Given her choice as a senior sister, she decided to return in 1986, in order to "do some tutoring, take up ceramics, and help around." Last year Sister Yvonne celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Religious of Christian Education.

It's been 63 years since Sister Kathleen Winters left Galway, Ireland, but her brogue is as fresh as the gleam in her eyes. Sister Kathleen came to St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines in 1933. After doing some college work at their secretarial school, she enrolled at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina.

"I was the first nun to graduate from Chapel Hill," she says with little attempt to conceal her pride. "In those days we were still in full habit," she adds merrily, "and they didn't know what I was. Some of them ran after me with cameras." Sister Kathleen taught at St. Genevieve's for 18 years, then at Asheville Catholic High for 12 years, finally at St. Eugene Catholic School for nine years before "retiring of my own free choice" to Madonna Hall.

The fidelity of the students over the years is one of the most precious memories Sister Kathleen has of her years at St. Genevieve. "I had a very satisfying and fruitful life here and I don't regret a minute of it," she says. Emotionally, she recalls the recent dinner invitation of a former student. She arrived to find the entire high school Class of 1964 reassembled to express their appreciation. She describes how "they were all there from Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina and West Virginia, recounting all these wonderful things I had done. Eventually I had to ask if they were sure they were talking about the right person."

Asked what they hoped the legacy of the Religious of Christian Education would be in the Asheville region, the sisters agreed it was their unequivocal respect for the religious convictions of everyone they taught. "We did not proselytize, nor interfere with the religious beliefs of those who were not Catholic, but we always evangelized," said Sister Yvonne. The sisters believe that, in turn, the parents of their students respected them enormously for this.

"Asheville was our first foundation in the American province," says Sister Martha Brigham, for six years the superior of the Asheville community, now serving as provincial in Arlington, Mass. "We'll always have memories of our life and our ministry here. The people of western North Carolina have been wonderful to minister to."

Asked to offer a last word to the Catholic community in which they labored for nearly a century, Sister Kathleen expressed this hope: "Remember that Catholic education is a gift — everyone involved in it in any way is a tremendous help to the Church."



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## Diocese Helps Rebuild Church



Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

CHARLOTTE — Father Mauricio West, chancellor and vicar general of the Charlotte Diocese, recently presented a check for \$5,500 to the Rev. Brenda Stevenson, pastor of the New Outreach Christian Center. The Rev. Stevenson's north Charlotte church was destroyed by arson in March 1995. Anonymous donors gave the Charlotte Diocese the moneys to help the pastor rebuild. Donated funds have assisted the Rev. Stevenson relocate her congregation to a former Methodist church, and the church family will celebrate with their first service in their new facility on Jan. 5. Pictured left to right are Bishop Norman Stevenson, the pastor's husband; Mother Viola Brown, parishioner of New Outreach Christian Center; the Rev. Stevenson; Father West; and Joanne Frazer, director of justice and peace, who assisted in diocesan involvement in the effort.

## Annual Martin Luther King Celebration Is Jan. 14

CHARLOTTE — The African-American Affairs Ministry is sponsoring the 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Our Lady of Consolation Church on Jan. 18.

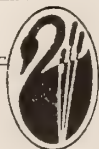
Jesuit Father Joseph A. Brown of New Orleans, La., will preside at the "Day of Reflection, Discussion and Challenge." His workshop will be broken into two sessions. The morning session is entitled "To Stand on the Rock: Developing a Culturally Rooted Church Community;" the afternoon session, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho: Anointing the Young for Service."

Bishop William G. Curlin will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the closing liturgy. Music will be provided

by the Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir. The Kabaka dancers and drummers will also perform.

Registration fee before Jan. 10 is \$12 per person, or \$30 for a family of four. Cost is \$5 per child for families of five or more. Cost at the door is \$15 per person or \$35 for a family of four. Fees include meals and materials.

For registration or information, call Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd, vicar for African-American Affairs Ministry, at (704) 377-6871.



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## Guatemala Celebrates Historic Treaty Ending 36-Year Civil War

GUATEMALA CITY (CNS) — One of Latin America's longest-running wars officially ended Dec. 29 with the signing of a historic treaty by the Guatemalan government and leaders of a Marxist rebellion.

President Alvaro Arzu and the leaders of the four main factions of the rebels' Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit signed the agreement in a glittering ceremony in the courtyard of the National Palace. The treaty marks the end of a 36-year conflict in which 140,000 people died.

Many Guatemalans doubt the treaty will quickly transform the impoverished country, but a crowd of 35,000 people crowded the plaza outside the palace to hear Arzu declare "the war is over."

Standing shoulder to shoulder with rebel commander Ricardo Ramirez de Leon, Arzu admonished the exuberant crowd to be silent for a moment to honor the dead. The audience erupted in applause when Arzu and Ramirez lit an eternal flame, aided by a girl in a wheelchair whose entire family was killed in the war.

"This day of justifiable and genuine national celebration is the most transcendent and significant in the history of our country in the last 50 years," said Ramirez in a speech during the signing ceremony.

Since peace negotiations first began to look like they might succeed after Arzu took office last January, the Catholic Church in Guatemala has been working to ease the transition to peacetime. It has developed projects ranging from redevelopment of battered communities

to reconciliation training.

Under the terms of the treaty, the 43,000-member army will be cut by a third. The military ruled the country for 30 years until 1986 and was responsible for atrocities including the massacre of entire villages of indigenous Mayan people and the disappearance of thousands of people believed to support the rebellion.

The treaty also requires the rebel fighters to give up their arms.

While the military is blamed for the worst of the war's human rights abuses, the rebels' hands were not exactly clean. Among damages attributed to the revolutionaries were the blowing up of oil lines and other disruptions to commercial ventures.

Many of the revolutionary leaders have said they intend to form a political party.

And for the first time, the treaty strengthens the rights of the country's majority population of Mayans. The Mayans have centuries-old roots in the country, but have historically held almost no power. The Indians constitute about 60 percent of the country's population and were the target of racist campaigns of murder, torture and disappearances during the 36-year war.

But many in the enthusiastic crowd at the plaza that included students, unionists, Mayan peasants and urban squatters were skeptical about the chances of the treaty's success.

"Let's see if they comply with what they sign, if peace is more than just a piece of paper," said Ermelinda Ramos. "I doubt it."

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Cathie Stout and husband, Mike, stand in front of a mural that was painted by the parish youth at St. Barnabas Church.

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for their children — accustomed to being part of a well-established majority — and saw the same needs reflected in the youth at St. Barnabas.

"They tell me they don't always know how to defend their faith," explained Stout. "The kids are amazed that peers from evangelical backgrounds ask them whether they even believe in Jesus."

"Exploring Other Faith Traditions," a program Stout has offered for senior high youth, is one way she has tried to help young people better understand their faith and be comfortable with it in a variety of social and religious settings. She sees her ministry as a calling "to work with young people on their spiritual journey. This involves helping them identify their gifts and talents so that they can find their place in the world and establish a relationship with Jesus that will be a source of strength in times of trouble."

In the years that she has worked to develop a program encompassing total youth ministry for middle school through senior high, Stout believes she herself

has grown and developed a more mature faith. "When I first started I wanted to be at every event and do everything perfectly," she said. "I have learned over the years that if I want to survive I have to pick and choose certain events and get qualified volunteers to attend others." She has also learned the importance "of letting the Spirit do some of the work too, and of not letting your sense of humor run out." Stout finds it easy to work at St. Barnabas because she receives such great support from the pastor, Father John Schneider, as well as the staff and church community. For his part, Father Schneider admires Stout's "amazing knack for getting people involved."

Today, more than 80 adult volunteers are involved on a regular basis in ministry to the youth of St. Barnabas. They include catechists, youth advisors, members of the Confirmation Preparation Team, drivers and moderators. The volunteers do scores of jobs that have no official designation.

It is deeply satisfying to Stout to realize that the program does not revolve around her alone, or any single individual, but around the conviction that we are all called to serve.

## Sisters Of Mercy Announce First Foundation Grants

CHARLOTTE — The Sisters Of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation has announced grant awards totaling nearly \$221,000 to four Mecklenburg and Gaston County organizations. The monies will assist in an expansion of the Charlotte Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, support efforts by A Child's Place to ensure education for children of homeless families, provide health screening in low income communities and assist needy families in Gaston County.

The Sisters of Mercy Foundation was established in 1995 and now operates from a mission to support non-profit healthcare, educational and social service organizations in the Charlotte metropolitan area and in North and South Carolina.

"There is a great deal of excitement among our Sisters," said Mercy Sister May Jerome Spradley, president of the Foundation. "The grants are a way for us to fulfill our mission."

While the Foundation's first grant application cycle is underway with grant decisions expected in February, a representative group of organizations in the Charlotte metropolitan region which serve the Foundation's targeted populations, were invited to submit early applications.

Of this group, the following four have been notified they will receive grant awards.

- *A Child's Place*, in Charlotte, which receives \$117,949 over three years. A Child's Place works with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to provide education for children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless;

- *Community Health Services*, in Charlotte, receives \$18,000. Community Health Services promotes wellness by providing health screenings and health education to individuals and families in low income communities;

- *The Salvation Army*, in Charlotte, receives \$75,000. This specific grant will be used for the addition of 56 beds to the Emergency Shelter for Women and Children.

- *Belmont Community Organization*, in Belmont, receives \$10,000. The Belmont Community Organization provides emergency aid for needy families and individuals in the greater Belmont and New Hope areas.

Nearly 30 organizations from throughout the region have responded to the Foundation's first call for grant applications, which had a deadline of Dec. 2. The Foundation's second grant application deadline in April 1, 1997.

For information concerning the Foundation, call (704) 366-0087.

## Vatican Condemns Desecration Of Jewish Tombs At Roman Cemetery

By CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican condemned the desecration of Jewish tombs at a Rome cemetery as "an offense against history."

"One cannot but condemn the profanation of the Jewish tombs in the Roman cemetery at Prima Porta," on the northern edge of the city, said Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman.

"This offense against the memory of the dead is also an offense against history," he said in a Dec. 30 statement.

Roman civic leaders and members of Rome's Jewish community, who met at the cemetery Dec. 29 to assess the damage and pray for their dead, believe the vandalism was carried out by a group of neo-Nazis.

Sometime during the night of Dec. 28 or early on Dec. 29, 14 tombstones marked with the Star of David were torn from graves, broken apart and thrown in a trash container. Nazi swastikas mounted on long sticks were planted into the ground among the desecrated graves.

A nearby family tomb was surrounded with barbed wire and the vandals erected a wooden plaque with German words painted in gold saying, "Work shall set you free," the same slogan hung by the Nazis over the entrance to the Auschwitz death camp.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Scott Hahn Visits Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Scott Hahn, a Catholic convert and scriptural scholar, presents "A Faith Journey with Jesus," a three-part evangelization series, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church. Program times are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31, and 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Feb. 1. No admission will be charged, and donations will be accepted. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte. For information, call Andy Getz, (704) 364-5431, ext. 276.



### Engaged Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter, a weekend for engaged couples to discern and assess their suitability for marriage, is Feb. 7-9 at the Catholic Conference Center. For further details, call Geoffrey and Ann Hoffman, (704) 483-3258.

### Bishop Curlin To Preside At Mass For The Unborn

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at a Mass for the unborn at St. Gabriel Church, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. All parishioners from Charlotte's parishes are invited to attend.

### Help Research Church History

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church is researching the history of its sanctuary windows. Built in 1893, information on all but three of the donors has been found. If you can help with information on Mrs. C. Steiff, Dr. H. Diederich, Mary Duffield or the Williams brothers, or if you or anyone you know were members of the St. Peter Altar Society, Children of Mary of St. Aloysius Society, contact Steven Long at (704) 563-8828 or Cathie Tilly at (704) 332-2901.

### 50+ Group Meets

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ group meets Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. Mrs. Radcliff from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Health Department will talk about nutrition. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

### Holiday Dance

GREENSBORO — The St. Paul the Apostle Church Belated New Year's Dance is Jan. 11 from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Music is provided by the Scott Adair band. Drinks, dessert and champagne are provided. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Cost is \$15. For reservations, call Melissa Anetrella, (910) 288-3528.

### OLM School Receives Grant

WINSTON-SALEM — Our Lady of Mercy School has received a \$1,000 Community Involvement Plan grant from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to be used to purchase reference mate-

rial to aid teachers and assistants in the Theory of Multiple Intelligences.

Under the RJR plan, non-profit organizations can receive up to \$250 per year from one employee's recommendation and up to \$1,000 annually on behalf of all employee requests.

### Respect Life Workshop

HICKORY — The Charlotte Diocese Respect Life Office presents "God's Plan for Love and Life," a workshop at St. Aloysius Church focusing on the sanctity of human life, Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. and March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. The Friday session is for parents, and the Saturday session is for teen-agers. For registration information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Holy Angels Hosts Fashion Show

BELMONT — Holy Angels, a residential facility serving mentally and physically disabled young people, hosts The American Girls Fashion Show at St. Gabriel Parish Center on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.; and Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. The show will feature historically inspired and contemporary clothing, and a doll raffle will also take place. Proceeds benefit Holy Angels. Each ticket is \$15, and can be ordered by contacting Holy Angels Foundation, 6600 Wilkinson Blvd., P.O. Box 710, Belmont, N.C. 28012. Specify choices for date and time. For more information, call (704) 825-0435.

### Rally for Life Scheduled

RALEIGH — North Carolina Right to Life, Inc., presents The 1997 Rally for Life Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the corner of Lane and Wilmington Streets in Raleigh. Brenda Pratt Shafer, R.N., and Senator Dan Page are guest speakers, with Representative Connie Wilson serving as emcee. For more information, call (800) 392-6275.

### CCHS Senior Awarded Scholarship

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School Senior Jordan Groomes was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Lincoln Bank Run for Peace Scholarship Fund to the university of her choice. The scholarship was given in appreciation for Groomes' volunteer efforts, particularly with the Shelter for Battered Women.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — Marian Father David Lord presents "Culture of Death, Culture of Life," an exploration of how Christians can witness to the life Jesus came to give us, on Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church. For information, call (704) 274-0415.

### Square Dance Club Hosts Event

CHARLOTTE — The Square Wheelers Square Dance Club of St. Ann parish hosts an Open House Dance Jan. 9 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the parish ac-

tivity center for those interested in beginning dance lessons. No admission will be charged. For details, call Georgia and Bob Lewis, (704) 523-1113, or Florence and Pete Hubbard, (704) 523-5285.

### Renewal Ministries Conference Scheduled

CHARLOTTE — The St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group sponsors "What is the Spirit Saying to Men?," a conference focusing on the Holy Spirit's impact on the lives of men, beginning Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and continuing Jan. 11. Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries leads the retreat. For information, call the parish office, (704) 549-1607.

### Hibernians Meet

CHARLOTTE — The Mecklenburg Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians holds its monthly meeting Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Gabriel Parish Center. Catholic men of Irish ancestry are invited. For information, call Tim Lawson, (704) 522-9728.

### Ultreya Group Meets

BOONE — Group reunion Ultreya meets the first Sunday each month at St. Elizabeth Church at 12:30 p.m. in Pat Jones Hall. Covered dish brunch follows. For details, call the church, (704) 284-8338, John, (704) 898-5328, or Carlos, (704) 295-9516.

### Resource Group Meets

NEWTON — Cornerstone, a resource group assisting parishes establish HIV/AIDS ministries, meets Jan. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. For more information, call Sister Angela Case, (910) 725-7321.

### Catechumenate Forum Presents Conference

HICKORY — Spaces are still available for the "Ninety Days Institute" catechumenate conference, co-sponsored by the Charlotte Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$260, with special rates for parish teams of five or more. For information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, or to make reservations with a credit card, call (703) 534-8082, ext. 26.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Women are from Venus" is a Jan. 10-12 retreat for women seeking to enrich their life journey directed by Mary Ann Massey. Cost is \$90.

"The Gift of Imperfection" is a Jan. 17-19 retreat, directed by Father David Hill, focusing on rest, reflection and listening to the gentle, loving voice of God. Cost is \$90.

"From the Ashes to the Fire" is a Feb. 7-9 retreat, directed by Father Eric Houseknecht, tracing the origins of

Lenten practices. Cost is \$90.

To register for a retreat, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For more information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2. Tickets available for \$150 per couple. Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Eucharistic Adoration

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

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## World And National News Briefs

### East Timorese Bishop Apologizes For Death Of Soldier In Dili

DILI, East Timor (CNS) — Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo of Dili apologized for the murder of a soldier that occurred as crowds welcomed him home from his trip to Europe to receive the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize.

Cpl. Alfredo Siga was beaten to death by youths outside the Dili cathedral Dec. 24 as tens of thousands of people cheered the arrival of Bishop Belo.

Bishop Belo apologized for the soldier's death at a public function Dec. 27 held to honor civil servants and military in Dili. He called for the people of troubled East Timor to continue working for peace.

East Timorese police said seven people had been arrested in connection with the soldier's murder.

Residents said Siga was found carrying a pistol and was dressed in civilian clothes. He was targeted, they said, because of rumors that an attempt would be made on the bishop's life. The soldier was among nine soldiers and police attacked that day.



CNS photo from Reuters

Bishop Belo has been apostolic administrator of Dili since 1983 and has been an outspoken champion of human rights for the East Timorese. Indonesia annexed East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, as the country's 27th province in 1976.

Caption — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Bishop Carlos Felipe Ximenes Belo (center) is escorted by a security team after his arrival at the Dili airport in East Timor Dec. 24.

urban renewal projects for the Eternal City. The plan was hailed as a breakthrough by experts in Rome and at the Vatican, who are expecting up to 45 million pilgrims in the jubilee year. But it took the Italian Parliament another eight months to pass a special law confirming the allocations. The vote in late December means the actual money will become available in early 1997. "We're three years away from the opening of the Holy Door, and the state has yet to make a single lira available," complained Rome Mayor Francesco Rutelli.

### Netanyahu Says He Will Meet Pope In Late January

ROME (CNS) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he will hold his first meeting with Pope John Paul II at the end of January. In an interview with the Italian Catholic television station Telepace, Netanyahu said, "I will be in Rome at the end of January and on that occasion, naturally, I will meet the pope and visit the Vatican."

### Cardinal Asks *Detroit News* To Negotiate With Striking Unions

DETROIT (CNS) — Cardinal Adam J. Maida of Detroit has called upon management of the *Detroit News* to be more conciliatory to striking unions and resolve the "polarizing situation" of a lengthy strike. "I feel very strongly that management should take some initiatives and settle this thing, and I think that the unions have to come to the bargaining table, too," Cardinal Maida said in a December interview with the *Detroit Sunday Journal*, an alternative newspaper published by the striking workers. "After 17 months, you have to look at the reality of what's happened. People have lost their jobs, families have been destroyed, careers are on the line. It's very serious when people are put in that position," he said. "And to keep rigid in your position, I think that's wrong."

### Archbishop Urges Men Over 50 To Take Prostate Tests

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. (CNS) — Although planned treatment for prostate cancer may reduce his activities, Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland of Milwaukee said he would maintain contact with Catholics in the archdiocese through radio broadcast of his Sunday Mass and his biweekly column in the local Catholic newspaper. At a pre-Christmas press conference in St. Francis, the 69-year-old archbishop urged all men over 50 to get tested for prostate cancer so that the disease can be detected and treated early. Optimistic for a full recovery, he said he expected to begin seven five-day weeks of radiation treatment early in January.

### Refugee Flow From Tanzania Lighter Than From Zaire

KIGALI, Rwanda (CNS) — The flow of Rwandan refugees out of Tanzania is more gradual than the mass influx of refugees from eastern Zaire in November, said Tom Garofalo, spokesman for Catholic Relief Services. Garofalo, who visited Kigali, Rwanda, in mid-December, said the effect is the same, however: the road from the Kibungo, Rwanda, transit camp is jammed with people slowly walking farther north into Rwanda, carrying their sparse belongings on their heads or in their arms. The refugees fled Rwanda in 1994 following the slaughter of 800,000 Rwandan Tutsis and moderate Hutus by Hutu militiamen and troops.

### Bureaucratic Delays Could Make Rome Late For Year 2000

ROME (CNS) — The slow pace of Italian bureaucracy is beginning to cast a shadow on Rome's renovation plans for the year 2000. Last April, Italy announced it would fund \$2.2 billion in

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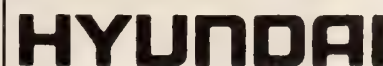


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**EDEN** — The little church dedicated in 1939 to St. Joseph of the Hills has seen its surroundings transform over the years. In a town established as Leaksville, renamed Spray and finally adopting the name Eden, the Catholic Church's roots began to grow in the late 1910s.

The Mansfield family, originally from Illinois, relocated to Leaksville in 1917 when Joe Mansfield's textile mill company expanded to the western North Carolina Piedmont. The Mansfields were devout Catholics who for nearly 20 years traveled to Greensboro or Danville, Va., to attend Mass. But beginning in the fall of 1935, priests from Greensboro and Burlington began celebrating Mass in Leaksville area homes.

In 1938, Father William Kuder, pastor of St. Benedict Church in Greensboro, directed the building of a church in Leaksville, first by gaining assistance from parishes in the North and later by supervising the construction.

St. Joseph of the Hills Church was dedicated on New Year's Day, 1939. The church's stained-glass windows were donated by several American cardinals, archbishops and bishops. The congregation illustrated the true uni-

versal spirit of the Catholic Church, in that many Catholic families there represented a variety in ethnic and geographical backgrounds.

A rectory was built in 1940, and in June of that year, St. Joseph of the Hills was designated a parish, with Father James Noonan becoming the first resident Catholic pastor in Rockingham County.

The textile mill industry brought out-of-state Catholics to the area over the years, although church membership — numbering 51 in 1943 — grew slowly. Catholics from nearby Reidsville, as well as several converts, boosted the growth of the faith in the area as well.

By the end of the 1950s, parish growth had resulted in an expansion: A parish hall was built in honor of former

pastor Msgr. Arthur Freeman. Also, in 1962, the Catholic population in Reidsville had grown to such a number that a church being built there was warranted.

Industrial expansion during the 1960s, '70s and '80s continued to bring Catholics from elsewhere into the region. Over time, the St. Joseph congregation developed a number of parish programs to assist in pastoral and administrative functioning.

In 1985, a larger parish hall was built to provide an assembly area and classrooms.

In addition to the parish pastoral council, finance council, faith formation program, family life commission, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild and Altar Society, parishioners also devote

time to community projects as well. The Cancer Society, Hospice, The Council on Aging, The Salvation Army, Migrant Ministry, and Cooperative Christian Ministries all receive assistance from parishioners of St. Joseph of the Hills.

While the Reidsville church, Holy Infant, was built in 1962 to serve the influx of Rockingham County Catholics, St. Joseph of the Hills continues to reach out to the faithful in Eden, Madison and Mayodan, as well as those in Stokesdale in Guilford County and all of Stokes County. Catholics in Henry County, Virginia, worship in Eden, too.

Mercy Sister Bernadette McNamara has served the parish as pastoral administrator since July 1996, while Father Joseph Valentine, pastoral administrator of Holy Infant Church in Reidsville, serves as sacramental minister for the St. Joseph congregation.



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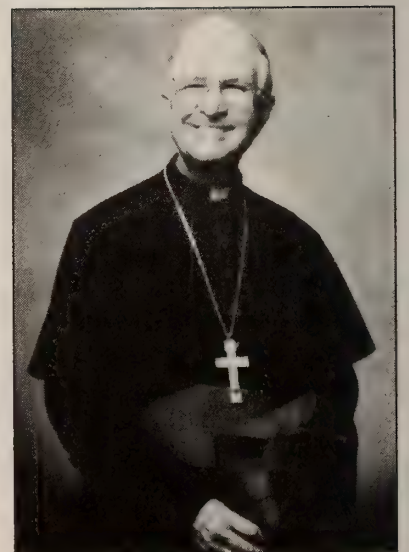
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## Diocese Plans March For Life Participation, Statewide Activities

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — For the 24th consecutive year, tens of thousands of Americans are expected to gather in the nation's capital to prayerfully make a stand in the annual March for Life. Of those making the pilgrimage, several hundred will be from the Diocese of Charlotte.

The March for Life is one of the largest pro-life events scheduled for January, the month in which a key abortion-related Supreme Court decision — *Roe vs. Wade* — was handed down in 1973. And with 1996 headlines often shouting about physician-assisted suicide and the veto of the partial-birth abortion ban, pro-life leaders say that now is more important a time than ever to realize and respect the sacredness of human life.

The Respect Life office of the Diocese of Charlotte is sponsoring a Jan. 21-22 bus trip to Washington, D.C., giving western North Carolinians an opportunity, at the plea of Pope John Paul II, to preach and to celebrate the Gospel of life.

Maggi Nadol, Respect Life coordinator for the diocese, says that while the cause of the march is most unfortunate — some 35 million legal abortions have been performed since 1973 — there is still a necessity for people to make their voices heard.

"It is imperative that legislators see a visible presence of people willing to stand for those who cannot speak for themselves," she says.

The bus is scheduled to leave the Catholic Center in Charlotte at 7 a.m. on Jan. 21. From there, the pilgrims will stop in Statesville and Winston-Salem to pick up additional passengers.

After checking into their hotel, participants will depart for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, one of the largest religious buildings in the world and site of the National Prayer Vigil for Life. That evening Cardinal Bernard Law, archbishop of Boston and chairman of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee for Pro-Life Activities, will preside at a Mass at which all clergy in attendance are invited to participate.

The evening will also include a concert of sacred music, rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and holy hours through the night.

Bishop William G. Curlin plans to attend March for Life events in Washington, including concelebrating with Cardinal Law at the Jan. 21 Mass and offering a Mass for the North Carolina pilgrims as well.

Following the morning Eucharist celebration on Jan. 22, the Charlotte

group will proceed to the Rally for Life at the Ellipse, a large park just south of the White House. The central activity of the event, the march, begins thereafter and will take pilgrims along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court. The march will close with participants lobbying with their legislators in congressional offices. Members of the diocesan group are expected to return late Wednesday evening.

Elsewhere in the diocese, pro-life coordinators are also planning to participate in the March for Life. Among them will be parishioners from the Asheville area, where two busses will depart for Washington. The Knights of Columbus council of the Basilica of St. Lawrence is again sponsoring the trip, and organizers Jack and Helen Gordon expect 75 or more people to join them.

Carolínians in the Denver area are joining a group from Holy Spirit Church, and Jack Sweeney, parishioner and Respect Life team member at St. Vincent Church de Paul Church in Charlotte, says several dozen people have signed up for the parish-sponsored voyage to the capital as well.

Coordinators are making a special point of inviting teens — a population Sweeney says is most important to the pro-life movement's success. He called events such as the March for Life "a wonderful experience" for teen agers to realize their responsibility of promoting respect for life.

"This trip is not an excursion," he adds. "It's a spiritual retreat."

Coordinators like Sweeney are planning events with more of a local slant, too. In Raleigh, North Carolina Right to Life, Inc., will present a Rally for Life on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the corner of Lane and Wilmington Streets. Brenda Pratt Shafer, R.N., and Senator Dan Page will be guest speakers, and Representative Connie Wilson will serve as master of ceremonies.

Locally, Bishop Curlin will celebrate two Masses for the unborn — one at Charlotte's St. Gabriel Church on Jan. 19, the other in Greensboro at St. Pius X Church on Jan. 29.

Throughout the diocese, the state and the nation, the January events will serve as powerful reminders of what Nellie Gray, president of the National March for Life, told a Charlotte audience in November 1996: "It's time where we recognize the principles according to the law of God ... and that our actions match those principles. We want to stop abortion. We are not here to reduce it. We are not here to regulate it. We are here

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Photo by MIKE KROKOS

It should come as no surprise that "Carolina Panther Fever" has made its way into classrooms. At St. Gabriel Catholic School, a special connection exists: kindergarten teacher Lynn Clouden is the daughter of Panthers General Manager Bill Polian. Not surprisingly, her students were busy making Panther headbands this week to cheer their team on in the NFC championship game. Shown, l-to-r: Alex Yonkovig, Aaron Utterback, Courtney Adams and Megan Ternes.

## Peruvian Archbishop Key Figure During Hostage Crisis

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Peruvian Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne of Ayacucho remained an important figure during a hostage crisis at the Japanese Embassy.

Through several visits inside the embassy, the archbishop celebrated Mass, heard confessions, helped draft communiques and even bargained for the release of more hostages.

His work continued amid Vatican calls for a resolution to the crisis, which began when the embassy was taken over by more than 20 members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement the night of Dec. 17 during a reception hosted by Japanese Ambassador Morihisha Aoki.

The rebels held up to 484 high-ranking businessmen, ambassadors and others as hostages. By Jan. 6 they had released about 430 of the original hostages.

In an interview with Catholic News Service, Ronald Bigler, spokesman for the International Committee of the Red

Cross, highlighted the importance of Archbishop Cipriani's role during the crisis.

"The channel opened by Archbishop Cipriani is very important. ... He is Peruvian ... the solution needs to be found among Peruvians, not through foreigners who tell them what to do," Bigler said.

Rumors about the role of Archbishop Cipriani, a member of Opus Dei who is said to be a close friend of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, were sparked Dec. 25 when he unexpectedly entered the embassy to celebrate Christmas Mass.

The archbishop of Ayacucho, a city in which the Maoist guerrilla group Shining Path was born, entered the embassy again the morning of Dec. 26.

"The official mediator is (Minister of Education) Domingo Palermo Cabrejos and I have no intention to re-

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## Jubilee Celebration January 12

CHARLOTTE — A Silver Jubilee Celebration recognizing the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley and the founding of the Diocese of Charlotte will be held Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

Bishop William G. Curlin will be joined by Archbishop John F. Donoghue, archbishop of Atlanta and Charlotte's second bishop, Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of the Diocese of Raleigh, and other clergy to concelebrate the Jubilee Mass. The celebration will kickoff the 25th anniversary year of the Charlotte Diocese.

Since Bishop Begley's ordination as diocesan shepherd in 1972, the diocese has grown from 34,200 Catholics in the 46-county area to more than 104,000.



## Archbishop Plays Important Role In Hostage Crisis, from page 1

place him," he told CNS late in the afternoon of Dec. 26.

On Dec. 28 Archbishop Cipriani was the only witness at the first face-to-face meeting between Tupac Amaru leader Nestor Cerpa Cartolini and the government's representative, Palermo, which ended with the reading of a new

rebel statement and the release of 20 hostages.

According to government sources, Archbishop Cipriani played a key role in the Dec. 28 meeting. He helped to draft a less aggressive version of the rebels' communique and also helped raise the number of freed hostages to 20,

up from the three originally proposed by Cerpa Cartolini.

Archbishop Cipriani entered the embassy several other times, often leaving with more freed hostages.

At the Vatican, in a message thought to be directed to the hostage-takers, Pope John Paul II urged those who have held captives during the holiday season to release them as "a gesture of humanity."

After his Angelus Jan. 6, Pope John Paul asked that in the spirit of Christian mercy, hostage-takers perform "a gesture of humanity: liberate these people," adding that this would above all give the captors peace.

Traditionally at the start of a new year the pope delivers a message concerning missing persons and captives, often referring to people who have disappeared in Italy.

But with international attention focused on the fate of diplomats and government officials still held hostage in Lima, the pope's appeal this year was taken by Italian newspapers to be meant for those captors in particular.

At a Sunday blessing Dec. 22, Pope John Paul II called the taking of hundreds of hostages by the rebels "cruel and immoral." He pleaded for the hostages' release so they could spend Christmas in freedom with their families.

On Dec. 19 the Vatican said it was not engaged in mediation but was "following with deep apprehension the development of the dramatic situation."

"The apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Fortunato Baldelli ... dean of the diplomatic corps, is in permanent contact with the other heads of missions and with the foreign minister," a Vatican statement said.

Spokesmen for the terrorists said the embassy was attacked to protest "the constant meddling of the Japanese government in Peru" and Tokyo's support of Fujimori's leadership.

The rebels demanded that 400 to 500 of their jailed comrades be freed from prison and that Fujimori, the son of Japanese immigrants, personally negotiate with them.

According to Peruvian authorities, 417 MRTA members are jailed in different state prisons.

Cardinal Augusto Vargas Alzamora of Lima rejected the rebels' actions, and called on Lima residents to attend an outdoor Mass Dec. 21 in Lima's central square in front of the cathedral.

Jesuit Father Juan Julio Witch of Pacific University and Father Luis Martinez, chaplain of the Catholic university, were among the hostages.

Father Martinez was among a group of hostages released Dec. 20.

Rebels offered to release Father Witch at least two times, but he remained to minister to the hostages, Father Martinez said.

While he did not want to discuss the political implications of the crisis, Father Martinez said that "the only thing to do is negotiate."

A senior Polish diplomat who was held hostage has thanked Catholics for their prayers in a letter to his bishop.

"I wish to give thanks with all my heart for your help and spiritual support in these dramatic days of my life," said Wojciech Tomaszewski, who was released Dec. 22, in a letter to Bishop Jozef Mirosław Zycinski of Tarnów.

"I was, thank God, released. But in spirit I am still with those who remain in captivity."

### Diocese Plans For Pro-Life March, from page 1

to stop abortion."

Spaces are still available on the diocesan Respect Life office bus at \$40 per seat. Hotel rooms can be reserved for an additional fee, although participants are invited to stay overnight at the shrine. Parish groups throughout the diocese continue to add pilgrims to their registries as well. For more information on the March for Life and diocesan participation, call your parish Respect Life coordinator or Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.



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**PRAYERS FOR HOSTAGES** — Two women outside the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru, pray the rosary by candlelight for the release of hostages being held inside. As of Jan. 3, Tupac Amaru rebels continued to hold 74 hostages after seizing the house during a party Dec. 17.



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### Paul the Hermit



Much that is known of this early hermit may be legend. The story describes a figure in the movement of religious hermits from the third and fourth centuries. Many took to heart Christ's directive to "leave everything and follow me." Paul was said to have been orphaned at 15. He was a devout Christian who fled persecution under Deius. He reportedly lived a solitary life until he died at age 112. His feast is Jan. 15.



## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
January 12 - 18



Sunday:	Isaiah 55: 1-11 or Isaiah 41: 1-4, 6-7 1 John 5: 1-9 or Acts 10: 34-38 Mark 1: 7-11
Monday:	Hebrews 1: 1-6 Mark 1: 14-20
Tuesday:	Hebrews 2: 5-12 Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday:	Hebrews 2: 14-18 Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday:	Hebrews 3: 7-14 Mark 1: 40-45
Friday:	Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11 Mark 2: 1-12
Saturday:	Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 2: 13-17



# Clinton Asks Churches For Help In Hiring, Reconciliation

By **PATRICIA ZAPOR**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At an interfaith prayer breakfast on the feast of the Epiphany, President Clinton urged every church in the country to hire one family currently on welfare and to encourage church members who own businesses to do the same.

He also encouraged religious leaders to help the country find a common ground of mutual respect as a way of solving other problems.

"My objective here is, once and for all, to take the politics out of poverty and to treat all able-bodied people the same at the community level," Clinton said in remarks that touched briefly on welfare, immigration and the need for respect in the United States and in the world.

"If every church in America just

hired one family, the welfare problem would go way down," Clinton said. "If every church in America challenged every member of that church who had 25 or more employees to hire another family, the problem would go away ... but we would always have a community-based commitment that crossed party lines and religious lines."

Among Catholics attending the Jan. 6 breakfast were Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., and Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington.

Cardinal Hickey has been particularly critical of Clinton's support for legal abortion, taking him to task in strongly worded letters during last year's legislative battle over the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which the president vetoed. Cardinal Hickey, who was seated

at President Clinton's table in the State Dining Room, left for a retreat in Florida immediately after the event and could not be reached for comment.

The prayer breakfasts have become almost an annual event for Clinton, who typically invites guests from a cross-section of American churches.

Clinton noted that some of the participants in the breakfast had criticized his support for last year's welfare bill. Many religious leaders, including several Catholic bishops, called the bill un-

fairly harsh on the poor and legal immigrants.

Clinton encouraged his breakfast guests to work on community-based support systems to take the place of welfare, like encouraging church members to hire former welfare recipients. And he said the "single most significant decision" facing the United States is how to "prove in America that we can all get along — without giving up our basic beliefs but in finding a ground of mutual respect."

## Thirteen U.S. Bishops Could Retire For Age Reasons This Year

By **JERRY FILTEAU**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the new year began, there were 13 active U.S. bishops who could retire for reasons of age in 1997.

Seven — including two cardinals — have already turned 75, but as the new year opened Pope John Paul II had not yet accepted their resignations.

Six active U.S. bishops will turn 75 within the next 12 months.

The most prominent of the U.S. prelates who are already past their 75th birthday are Cardinals John J. O'Connor of New York and James A. Hickey of Washington. Both turned 75 in 1995, but the pope asked them to stay on past the usual retirement age.

Cardinal Hickey has been a priest since 1946, a bishop since 1967, archbishop of Washington since 1980 and a cardinal since 1988. He was born Oct. 11, 1920.

Cardinal O'Connor has been a priest since 1945, a bishop since 1979, archbishop of New York since 1984 and a cardinal since 1985. He was born Jan. 15, 1920.

Among others over 75 is the last remaining active bishop in the United States to have participated as a bishop in the biggest church event of the 20th century, the Second Vatican Council.

He is Cuban-born Maronite Archbishop Francis M. Zayek of the Diocese of St. Maron in Brooklyn. A priest since 1946, he was made a bishop in charge of Maronites in Brazil in 1962, the year Vatican II opened.

In 1966 he became the first exarch of U.S. Maronites. When the U.S. exarchate was made a diocese in 1971 he became its first bishop. In 1982 he was given the personal title of archbishop. He celebrated his 76th birthday Oct. 18.

Also 76 but still active at the start of the new year were:

• Bishop Edward T. Hughes, a priest since 1947, a bishop since 1976 and head of the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J., since 1986. He turned 75 Nov. 13, 1995.

• Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, a priest since 1945 and bishop of Jefferson City, Mo., since 1969. He turned 75 Nov. 22, 1995.

Still-active bishops who are currently 75 are:

• Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, who turned 75 June 11. A priest since 1946, he has been bishop of Amarillo, Texas, since 1980.

• Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, who turned 75 Dec. 20. A priest since 1946, he has been a bishop since 1970 and bishop of Allentown, Pa., since 1983.

The six bishops who will turn 75 within the next 12 months are:

• Feb. 21: Bishop Norman F. McFarland of Orange, Calif., a priest since 1946, bishop since 1970 and head of the Orange Diocese since 1986.

• Also Feb. 21: Auxiliary Bishop Louis A. De Simone of Philadelphia, a priest since 1952 and bishop since 1981.

• March 10: Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Sheridan of New York, a priest since 1947 and bishop since 1990.

• May 13: Bishop John C. Reiss of Trenton, N.J., a priest since 1947, bishop since 1967 and head of the Trenton Diocese since 1980.

• July 18: Bishop Thomas J. Connolly of Baker, Ore., a priest since 1947 and bishop of Baker since 1971.

• Sept. 21: Bishop John R. Sheets, a priest of the Society of Jesus since 1953 and auxiliary bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., since 1991.

Church law calls for bishops to submit their resignations to the pope when they reach 75.

Pope Paul VI, who first established the retirement rules, generally accepted resignations promptly with the exception of important bishops in troubled areas, such as under communist rule in Eastern Europe.

Pope John Paul frequently delays retirement if the bishop has an important anniversary coming up soon, such as the 50th anniversary of his priesthood or the 25th or 30th since he became a bishop.

## 'No One Can Serve Two Masters' Theme Of '97 March For Life

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The annual March for Life will take as its theme "No One Can Serve Two Masters" when thousands of pro-lifers from across the United States stream into Washington Jan. 22, the 24th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion virtually on demand.

"No one can serve two masters, not even a little bit," said Katherine McEntee, a member of the March for Life's board of directors, in a Jan. 3 telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

"When we start talking about exceptions, we're serving the world, or political correctness, or whatever the word of the day is," McEntee said. "The right to life is paramount. If it is, there can be no exceptions."

At the start of January, the only guest speaker who was confirmed for the pre-march rally was Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus and an ardent supporter of life issues in Congress.

McEntee said it was not known whether Robert Dornan, the California Republican who has been a fixture at past rallies but was defeated in his House reelection bid in November, would attend.

While Dornan's appearance was in question, so too was just how many thou-

sands would be in Washington for the march to Capitol Hill to lobby for pro-life issues.

McEntee declined to give an estimate. "It's always impossible to guess because there are so many variables," she said.

The fact that the National Park Service will no longer give crowd estimates did not seem to faze McEntee. "I don't think it ever bothered us. They had a job to do," she said of the Park Service. "There were people on the march who were somewhat disappointed because the estimates were somewhat low."

The Park Service regularly gave estimates in the five figures, while March for Life founder Nellie Gray just as regularly has given estimates in the six figures to the crowds at the rallies.

"This is just a peaceful and orderly rally and meeting to explain our firm conviction that the right to life is invested in every human being at conception," McEntee said, "and no one has the right to choose who will live and who will die."

Separate poster, essay and poetry contests for junior and senior high school students on the march theme continue to be a staple of March for Life activities, as does the annual Rose Dinner after the march, at which Smith will speak.

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## Pro-Life Corner



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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin  
 will take part in the following*

**January 12**  
 3 p.m.

*Silver Jubilee of diocese founding and Episcopal  
 Anniversary of the Most Reverend Michael J.  
 Begley, Bishop Emeritus*  
 St. Matthew Church, Charlotte

**January 13**  
 11 a.m.

*Celebration for priests, religious and deacons  
 honoring the 25th Episcopal Anniversary of the  
 Most Reverend Michael J. Begley, Bishop Emeritus*  
 St. Patrick Cathedral, Charlotte

**January 14**

*Presbyteral Council Meeting*  
 Catholic Center, Charlotte

**January 18**

*Belmont Abbey Board of Trustees Meeting*  
 Belmont

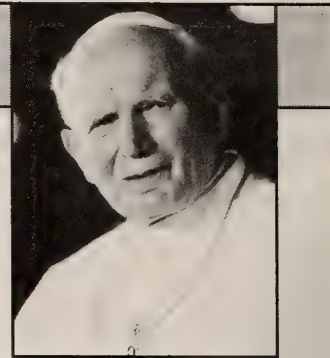
*Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration*  
 Our Lady of Consolation Church, Charlotte

**January 19**  
 3 p.m.

*Charlotte Area Mass for the Unborn*  
 St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*



### Pope Closes 1996 With Prayer Service Of Thanksgiving

ROME (CNS) — Pope John Paul II rang out 1996 with a "Te Deum" of thanksgiving and an appeal to Catholics in Rome to make moral preparations for the year 2000.

"I truly hope for everyone's commitment in giving this city an image more in keeping with the values of faith, culture and civility that stem from its vocation and its ancient history, especially in view of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000," he said Dec. 31 in the Rome church of St. Ignatius.

The pope launched what he called a "great urban mission" last spring in Rome, aimed at renewing Romans' ties with their faith and their local churches. He said it was one of the most important events of the year.

He recalled that for nearly 2,000 years Rome has had a special place at the center of the universal church. It's a situation that has produced countless fruits, he said.

Today, the church wants to remain at the service of the city, but at the same time remind it of its moral responsibilities, he said.

The pope also noted that he had visited 10 Rome parishes during 1996 — fewer than previous years because of health problems. He indicated he would keep up the Sunday tradition, saying that since his election in 1978 he had visited 251 of the parishes in the city and "there are 77 left."

Attending the annual service was Rome Mayor Francesco Rutelli, who presented the pope with a chalice as a sign of the city's appreciation.

### Pope Prays That Forgiveness, Peace Fill Individuals' Hearts

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Another year closer to the end of the millennium, Pope John Paul II

prayed that forgiveness and peace would fill the heart of every individual so that peace would reign in the world.

"We are here ... to implore the gift of peace for the nations of the whole world," the pope said during a Jan. 1 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

"Approaching the end of this century in which the world, and especially Europe, has experienced much war and suffering, how we wish that all people could cross the threshold of the year 2000 under the sign of peace," he said in his homily.

"We place our hope for this on Jesus, the name of salvation given to people of every language and race," the pope said at the morning Mass, marking the feast of Mary Mother of God and World Peace Day.

The pope's message for World Peace Day, published in mid-December and sent to heads of state around the globe, focused on the need for forgiveness in order to achieve peace.

"Forgiveness is necessary to make peace blossom in the heart of every believer and of every person of good will," Pope John Paul said. "Peace and pardon constitute an inseparable pair."

The pope said the Church prays and works for peace in every dimension — in individual consciences, within families, within nations and among nations — because only with peace can the human family develop to its full potential.

"I know well that it is difficult to forgive. Sometimes it even seems impossible, but it is the only way because every vendetta and every act of violence calls forth other vendettas and more violence," the pope said during his midday Angelus address.

## Guest Commentary

*Antionette Bosco*

### A Serving of 1996 Leftovers

This year I've decided to forget the resolutions.

Instead, I took a look back over the old year and picked out a few items that I thought were worth looking at again.

Some made me shake my head in disbelief, some impressed me and some made me laugh.

At the top of the list of bizarre stories was the 6-year-old boy suspended from school because he kissed a 6-year-old girl on the cheek. Little Jonathan Prevette was suspended on the grounds of sexual harassment.

This story prompted reports that school districts nationwide are facing lawsuits claiming sexual harassment from peers. Granted, any sexual harassment from peers in school is ugly and must be stopped. But a 6-year-old? Sexual harassment? Seems like overreaction to me.

Then there was a *New York Times* editorial crediting government-financed contraceptive programs with reducing the number of out-of-wedlock births.

I'm sure that these programs do deserve much of the credit, but from what I've been hearing from teens, more and more are saying no to sex outside marriage, not only because they fear AIDS, but also because some are starting to consider the value of purity.

I simply wish the editorial had mentioned these reasons, too, and given some credit to the Church and school programs dedicated to teaching teens the importance of abstaining from sexual activity.

Items that impressed me also included a survey of 269 family physicians, which found that 99 percent of

the respondents agreed that spiritual beliefs can be helpful in medical treatment.

"I've seen miracles after prayer," said one physician responding to the survey. "If nothing more, it eases the mindset of patients who know that prayer is a healing art."

This affirmation of the power of prayer should come as no surprise to Christians, who have always believed this.

Another impressive report told of a survey of more than 1,000 registered voters showing that Americans still value such traditional values as optimism, determination, resiliency, learning and self-reliance.

Survey respondents said people need to care for and help one another. That report warmed the heart.

As for smiles, I read a line by the late Erma Bombeck that any woman could enjoy. She wrote: "A true friend is one who tells you she saw your old boyfriend — and he's a priest!"

And then I had a funny personal experience as I was driving through the interior of the Catskill Mountains in New York. I had to stop for gas in a small town and noticed a tow truck with a sign, "Towing, 23 and 1/2 hours a day." Curious, I asked the driver, "Which half hour of the day is it that you don't tow?" Without missing a beat, he answered, "Whenever anybody calls and says they need to be towed right away, that's the half hour."

Best memory of the past year is the happiness I felt from the many letters I received from readers. Thank you, from my heart and a happy new year to all!

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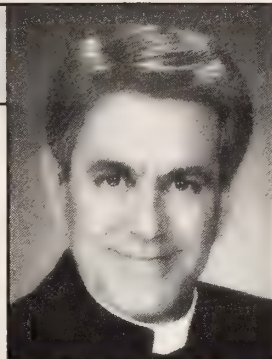
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



### King And The 'Balm Of Gilead'

While watching a television interview recently, I saw the ever-eloquent Pulitzer Prize winning poet Maya Angelou struggle to describe the lasting significance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She finally observed, "For me, my people, indeed all American people, he was the 'balm of Gilead.'"

Angelou's biblical comparison stayed with me. It comes from the book of Jeremiah: "The harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn....Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?"

To the prophet's poignant question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" — a region famous in ancient times for its healing ointments — came the answer that God's judgment was the beginning of a return to health.

Like a surgeon's knife, Martin Luther King's preaching and civil dis-

obedience touched the deep wounds of racial hatred and discrimination, exposing the malignant cancer, a first and necessary step to restoring any hope for a deep, effective inward healing of this nation.

The social bond insured by the Constitution has been fractured even as it was being written and not enough white Americans showed an active concern for the injustices of racial discrimination. Dr. King realized that the problem lay within the human heart. Knowing that the heart can cover up and justify, he probed for the truth, an inner integrity based on a true relationship with God and neighbor.

He came to believe that a change of heart had to be accomplished through shock treatment: an experience that could pierce the national hardness of heart and bring people to their senses. Dr. King hoped that once aroused, the public would look beyond the injustice and hatred and division to see what America could be-

come, if and when it came to terms with past and present evil and indifference.

Dr. King wanted everyone to see the world and hear the Christian message from the viewpoint of sons and daughters of former slaves who knew the indignities of bigotry and fear. A people striving to embody the charity taught by Christ while seeking the rights proclaimed by the founders of our nation.

Even all these years later, I can recall the visceral impact of those televised pictures of men, women and children being pummeled by fire hoses and ravaged by attack dogs as they claimed their civil rights. The contrast between brutality and nonviolence was stunning. I can think of no more vivid images of the power of meeting hatred with love, injury with forgiveness.

In time some learned a new sense of shame and of justice. And there were changes. Not enough, not yet. It's humbling to find that it is harder to change ingrained attitudes than it is to change unjust laws. Suspicions and stereotypes still plague people of every color and background. And freedom from these chains of intolerance does not come easily. They scar the soul of anyone who diminishes another.

"The balm of Gilead." We need that healing salve. But I believe we can offer it as well. I think that is what God has always intended — and Dr. King recognized. We ease our own pain only by healing another's.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### After a Divorce

Q. Nearly two years ago, I fled from my home with our 1-year-old daughter. My husband and I were married six years ago, after dating three years. I knew he tended to be jealous, but thought he would change after we married since he was good in every other way.

Several months after our daughter was born he was laid off with hundreds of others. He took it as a personal insult. Eventually he got another job, but he resented the time I gave to our infant daughter.

He began beating me. Once he nearly broke my arm. My sister, and

eventually my parents and his parents, told me to leave.

A counselor (he agreed to go twice) was sure he had a chemical imbalance, but he would have no therapy.

For our child's safety and my sanity I filed for a divorce, which was final last August.

I asked for help. One priest simply said to let him know if I wanted to seek an annulment. I was sick with guilt until my mother sent me your columns, with a detailed response about abuse. It comforted me very much but I have some questions.

An annulment means a marriage

did not exist. Isn't that thoughtless toward our child?

I attend Mass regularly and receive Communion. Is that allowed?

Can I ever be remarried in the Catholic Church? If a new marriage were not recognized, would that mean no future children would be baptized and raised Catholic?

How can I become more comfortable talking to a priest about this?

A. I'm happy you were able to resolve this tragic dilemma with a good conscience. As I said more at length in the columns to which you refer, fidelity to one's marriage vows does not require tolerating serious emotional or physical abuse.

Victims are understandably the first and most immediate concern. But it also is not an expression of love to one's spouse to persevere in a situation that is destroying him and everyone else.

When one's spouse is brutally abusive, part of keeping the marriage

See Dietzen, page 9

## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Kwanzaa's Lesson In Hospitality

The seventh annual Kwanzaa celebration at our parish was a lesson in hospitality. Over the past six programs we have striven to make it open to all parishioners. However, in spite of noble efforts of many who coordinated the program, it was perceived by most parishioners as a program for African Americans.

In recent years other parishes were invited to celebrate with us and the program had great success in numbers. We took great pride in hosting a Kwanzaa celebration that others found enriching. However, the very purpose we introduced Kwanzaa to our parish had not been realized.

The cultural diversity of our community invites our recognition of the various cultural components that comprise us. Our diversity as a parish makes us a microcosm of the

American Church. We are presented with the same challenges, on a smaller scale, that the Catholic Church in America faces regarding cultural diversity. Our support and encouragement of such cultural celebration are our embracing diversity with love and acceptance.

Though the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa (The Nguzo Saba) were designed for African Americans in particular and are not religious by design, they have great universal appeal and are consistent with Christian ethics. These principles, if put in practice, will contribute to the spiritual sustenance and growth of our parish. Therefore, our Kwanzaa celebration is our gift, as African Americans, to our parish family.

From the beginning our strategy was to get the word out as much as possible. The parish bulletin, the lo-

cal newspaper, the community access channel on cable TV, flyers, communiqués from the parish school to parents, and announcements from the pulpit garnered marginal success. Though the numbers measured success, visitors outnumbered parishioners consistently.

However, this year it was different. Parishioners showed up in droves. After six successive Kwanzaa celebrations, our gift to our parish has reached those for whom it had been originally intended. What made the difference was simple hospitality.

All the mass media announcements

of previous years had not done what this year's strategy did so well. The coordinators of the Kwanzaa program used a personal touch. We personally invited our friends of the parish. We asked our children to do the same.

So many parishioners came to this year's celebration because they were personally invited. Their presence was based on relationships with those who asked them to come. The most effective technological tool we used was the telephone.

This was a lesson in how effective we are when we focus on relationships, the basis of community. The lesson for us is that though Kwanzaa is a wonderful gift from our African American culture, it is only the wrapping; the real gift is ourselves.



# Oxford Study Shows Tomb Of Christ Layered Like An Onion

By DANA DREZEK

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS) — The tomb of Christ in Jerusalem is like an onion, with layer upon layer of construction surrounding the original rock-cut burial site, said British archeologist Martin Biddle.

Biddle, a senior research fellow in medieval archeology at Oxford University, discussed his recent studies of the tomb of Christ, housed in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, in a December lecture at the University of Hartford.

He was part of a team of experts who used special cameras and computer imaging to develop three-dimensional isometric photos of the tomb in preparation for its long-awaited reconstruction.

The tomb is in desperate need of rebuilding, Biddle said, because the structure was damaged by an earthquake in the 1920s and is in danger of falling down.

One sign of hope for progress on rebuilding the tomb was the unveiling Jan. 2 of the restored dome of the basilica, directly over the tomb.

The restored dome features a clear center through which the sun streams. Exploding from it are 12 sunlit rays of gold for the 12 Apostles, each ray with three streams of light for the Trinity, against an off-white background studded with stars.

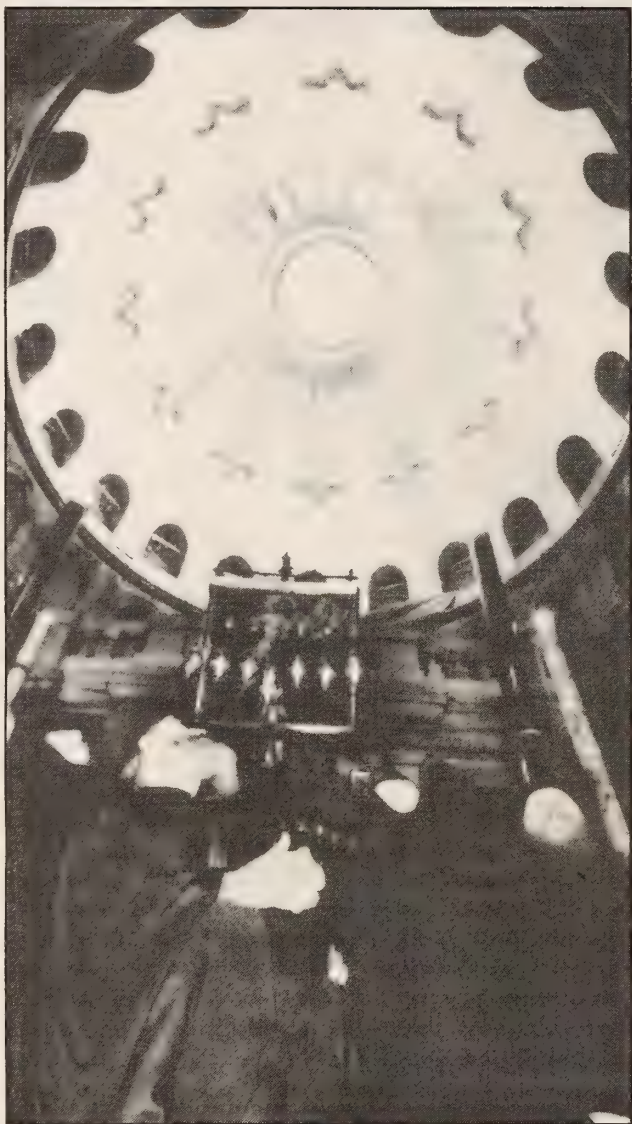
For decades the dome had been covered by scaffolding as representatives of the three churches with custody of the basilica — Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox — could not agree on a common project or how to fund it.

The breakthrough came two years ago after an American Catholic couple, George and Marie Doty, gave the basilica custodians a \$5 million gift to help with the restoration.

The Dotys have long been engaged in a wide range of Catholic charitable endeavors. Mr. Doty, a retired investment banker, is a former treasurer of FADICA, Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities.

The present basilica was completed in the middle of the 12th century, with the Holy Sepulcher as the focal point under the rotunda on its eastern end.

But the latest shrine of the tomb itself is an early 19th-century Turco-Ba-



CNS photo from Reuters

Greek Orthodox Father Pandalaemon looks at the newly restored rotunda of Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre during a ceremony marking its reopening after a two-year renovation. The church is believed to be on the site of the tomb of Jesus.

roque structure, Biddle said.

Within it, he said, is a complex system of earlier edicules, or small shrine buildings.

"It is like the skin of an onion, one within another," he said.

"When the reconstruction takes place, it seems quite clear that a wealth of evidence will emerge in the form of these earlier edicules," he said. "We may then be able to address the question, 'Of what evidence that we see here, can we say that this was the original tomb in which Christ was buried?'"

He said he and his colleagues believe they have discovered what the previous edicule, built in the 16th century, looked like. They think they can also say what earlier edicules, from the 11th century and the fourth century, looked like.

The key to reconstruction, he said, is getting the Christian communities responsible for the basilica to resolve differences over various design plans.

# A Fresh Start For The New Year

By JIM KELLEY

A number of people review their comprehensive estate plan when a new year arrives. Family members and loved ones fill our hearts and thoughts, and you may be relieved to begin 1997 with a "clean slate."

As you reflect upon God's everlasting goodness and give thanks, you may also wish to consider a gift to Catholic causes, your parish, the Foundation or the Diocese of Charlotte.

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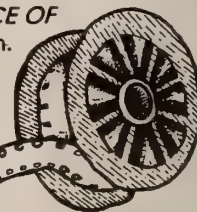
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## Misión del Sagrado Corazón celebra la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Por Paul Fredette

**BURNSVILLE** – En el crepúsculo del 8 de diciembre, transeúntes fueron testigos del comienzo de la primera celebración pública en el condado de Yancey para honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Según la temperatura bajaba y los vientos se hacían más fuertes, hombres, mujeres y niños no perdían tiempo y seguían en procesión, a lo largo de la Calle Main, un colorido estandarte de la Virgen de Guadalupe. La procesión caminó la media milla hasta la Misión del Sagrado Corazón donde el recién nombrado pastor, el padre jesuita Edward Ifkovits se unió al padre capuchino Alphonso Pagliara, de Hendersonville, para celebrar la liturgia en español con una asistencia de cerca de 100 hispanos.

El padre Ifkovits atribuye el éxito de la fiesta a los esfuerzos de un pequeño grupo de residentes dedicados, muy conscientes del crecimiento de la comunidad hispana en los condados de Yancey y Mitchell desde hace varios años. "Este ministerio existe debido al esfuerzo de 8 a 10 personas muy activas en las iglesias del Sagrado Corazón y San Andrés y la generosidad del Padre Alphonso", el Padre Ifkovits dijo específicamente del componente católico en un amplio esfuerzo ecuménico.

Participó en las festividades el Reverendo Robert Moore de la Iglesia Presbiteriana USA quien, con el Reverendo David Lee, pastor de la Iglesia Metodista Unida, estableció *Nueva Esperanza*, un ministerio ecuménico dirigido al crecimiento de la comunidad de trabajadores migratorios, la mayoría hispanos, que hablan muy poco o nada de inglés.

Según aumenta el número de trabajadores latinoamericanos que son empleados por los cosecheros y otros

que se dedican a la construcción, trabajadores religiosos y sociales de la región han expresado una gran preocupación por la seguridad y el bienestar de estas personas. Ayudar a los trabajadores agrícolas a enfrentarse a una nueva cultura ha sido el foco de las actividades del Reverendo Moore por más de cuatro años. El señala la experiencia de aislamiento social que encuentra la población hispana. "Los hispanos aquí no tienen una comunidad real", él explica. "De una finca a otra ellos no se conocen siquiera".

Cuando la cosecha está en su punto máximo hay hasta 200 trabajadores agrícolas en el área, pero muchos en la comunidad anglo muy raramente los ven y mucho menos los conocen. Los trabajadores agrícolas son "trabajadores sin personalidad", dice el Reverendo Moore. "No podemos invitarlos a trabajar aquí sin también ayudarlos a viajar y mantener un standard de vida mínimo (vivienda con instalación sanitaria y plomería interior y electricidad)".

El Reverendo Moore enfatiza que *Nueva Esperanza* es un proyecto para proveer a la mayoría de los hispanos, según sea posible, con "un medio para formar comunidad uno con otro y con Cristo". Para todos los que están sirviendo a los hispanos el deseo de hacerlos sentirse bienvenidos y en su casa es evidente. "Pensar que todas estas personas están aquí por tanto tiempo sin acceso a los sacramentos, ¿como no vamos servirles?", dijo Elizabeth Turner.

Como otros que están convencidos de las necesidades de este ministerio, el Padre Ifkovits cree que el elemento esencial es la disponibilidad en la Diócesis de Charlotte de sacerdotes y otro personal para el ministerio que hablen español.



María Gómez y Luis Del Cid representando la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

## Multitud se reúne en Newton para honrar a la "Estrella de la Evangelización"

Por KATHY SCHMUGGE

**NEWTON** – La comunidad hispana de las faldas de las montañas de Carolina del Norte se reunió el 9 de diciembre para celebrar no solamente la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción sino también otro evento importantísimo que ocurrió en 1521: la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Esta aparición resultó en la inmediata conversión de ocho millones de nativos.

Mas de 400 personas se congregaron en la iglesia de San José para esta Misa especial. Debido a que la iglesia sienta solamente a 250 personas, muchos hispanos estuvieron de pie en los pasillos y afuera del edificio para oír una palabra inspiradora en su lengua nativa. "Hemos tenido este servicio por varios años", dijo Francisco Brenes, coordinador de la comunidad hispana del área. "Cada año vemos mayor participación".

Eduardo Acosta, tesoro de la comunidad hispana del área, dio una breve historia de la aparición de la Virgen en español y en inglés. Explicó como la Santísima Virgen le dijo a Juan Diego, un campesino muy trabajador, que se construyera una iglesia en las afueras de la Ciudad de México. Ella podía haberse aparecido a miembros del clero español o a individuos de gran poder político, pero ella escogió en su lugar a un hombre simple, de gran fe y humildad, dijo Acosta.

Juan Diego convenció al obispo de la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, cuando en su *tilma* apareció su milagrosa imagen. "Ella ha sido pintada con pinceles que no son de este mundo", describió el Papa Pío XII en 1945.

Durante la Misa, celebrada por el Padre Richard Hokanson, párroco de la parroquia de San José, un grupo de jóvenes hispanos representó la aparición. Juan Diego y Nuestra Señora fueron representados por Luis Del Cid y María Gómez. Los padres levantaron a sus hijos sobre las cabezas de la multitud para que pudieran ver. La juventud observaba fascinada y atentamente como si fuera testigo de la aparición verdadera.

En su homilía el Rev. Sr. Edwin Rodríguez, diácono del Centro Católico de Charlotte, dijo que cada uno está llamado a construir una iglesia, igual que el humilde campesino, no de materiales físicos, sino del corazón y el espíritu. "La Iglesia debe tener vida – un lugar donde todos compartan – donde haya un gran amor y cada uno vea las necesidades de otros", él dijo. El Rev. Sr. Rodríguez dijo a los que extrañan sus tierras nativas y sus familias que encontraran consuelo en María, la Madre de Cristo – y también madre de todos.

Algunos ven a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como el puente entre Cristo y toda la humanidad. Su patronazgo ha sido extendido a través de los años por varios papas, empezando con México (1737); "Nueva España" (1754); Puerto Rico (1757); América Latina (1910); las Filipinas (1935); las Américas (1946) y por todos los que no han nacido.

El entusiasmo de esta tradición hispana que trajo a tantos a la iglesia da crédito a la "Estrella de la Evangelización", título que le dio el Papa Juan Pablo II a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



El Padre Alphonso Pagliara, de Hendersonville, celebra la Misa durante la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe.



## Festejo de la Virgen de Guadalupe en Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Con motivo de la fiesta de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la comunidad hispana de Charlotte celebró la ocasión, el pasado domingo 15 de diciembre, con unas "mañanitas" al amanecer, una Misa y una "kermesse" que duró hasta las 5 de la tarde.

El Padre Vicente Finnerty, C.M. y el canciller de la Diócesis, el muy Reverendo Mauricio West oficiaron la Misa.

La Misa comenzó con un desfile de banderas de todas las naciones hispanoamericanas y terminó con música de mariachis.

La "kermesse" estuvo muy animada con música, comidas, juegos, y muchas otras actividades que para deleite de los asistentes.



El Señor José Luis Villa, ganador de la camioneta, cuando el padre Vicente Finnerty y el diácono Edwin Rodríguez lo felicitaban.



El Sr. Villa posa con su familia después de haberse anunciado que él fue el ganador de la rifa.

### Mensaje del Padre

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

Querido Dios Padre:

Nuevamente me acerco con la confianza de un hijo en su padre. Tú sabes que me es fácil hablarte. También sabes que cuando me acerco es porque hay un momento especial en mi vida y vibra en mi interior la necesidad de ti. Por eso, te busco, me acerco. ¿Cuál es el momento especial esta vez? Es el fin de año. Es cuando tu pueblo ordinariamente busca tu perdón y a la vez te agradece todo lo que ha recibido en este año que acaba.

Me parece a mí, Dios Padre, que no es sólo un momento de perdón y agradecimiento. Es también un momento para evaluar. Primero, evaluar tu actuación entre nosotros en los grandes acontecimientos de este año que termina. Segundo, evaluar nuestra respuesta, la de cada miembro de tu pueblo, para ver la generosidad o la mezquindad de esa respuesta. El fin de año es también para recordar lo que es la vocación. Es una época, sobre todo, para mirar hacia adelante. Es una época de ilusiones y sueños.

Dios Padre, sé que tú has estado cercano a lo largo de este año que termina. Nos has acompañado en todos los momentos grandes de la Comunidad. Has estado presente en el joven de 16 años que vive en la calle, que no tiene dónde vivir ni donde trabajar. Has estado en todos los hombres que han venido a este país buscando luchar por algo mejor para sus familias. Has estado en el padre de familia que perdió a su hijo de 19 años en un accidente de tránsito. Has estado en los jóvenes que quieren saber más de ti. Has estado en el alcohólico que dijo "ya basta".

Dios Padre, ¿qué significan, qué inspiran estos acontecimientos para ti? ¿Qué quieres de nosotros en este año que comienza?

Al preguntarte, qué significan estos acontecimientos para ti, me acuerdo de la inspiración fundamental de tu corazón. Tanto amaste al mundo que nos diste a tu propio Hijo. Y Él se encarnó para manifestarnos el gran amor, la ternura, la compasión y la misericordia de tu corazón. Ese amor, ese anhelo de un mundo de fraternidad, de paz, de justicia y de solidaridad fue tu inspiración.

Nos enseñaste que tu Hijo, Jesús es el más pequeño de nuestros hermanos y que tiene necesidad de ser alimentado, vestido, cuidado, visitado. Nos invitas en este año que comienza a que imitemos el ejemplo de Cristo, de vivir una forma de vida que nos permita llegar al pobre para prestarle un servicio.

Dios Padre, al examinarnos en este fin de año, nos encontramos viviendo mucha tibieza, nos encontramos con la tentación de establecernos en la mediocridad. Ayúdanos en este año a ir madurando la humildad y confianza en ti para que pueda nacer en nosotros un corazón más generoso, un corazón más como el tuyo.

## Cubanos sufren economía pobre en Navidad y esperan visita papal

LA HABANA, Cuba (CNS) — La Navidad de este año en Cuba fue un acontecimiento miserable por las normas estadounidenses.

Al mirar a través de las ventanas de las casas, los visitantes veían de costumbre árboles de Navidad pequeños, de sólo dos o tres pies de alto, o plantas de cactus derrengadas por las guirnaldas de metal blanco y ornamentos pequeños.

Pero nadie tuvo el día libre. Y la mayoría de las familias tenían poco dinero para regalos, ya que la mayor parte del mismo se gastó en la cena del día festivo.

Los cubanos comen tradicionalmente lechón asado, arroz con frijoles y ensalada mixta para la cena de Navidad, y el reunir dinero suficiente para esa cena era difícil en este año. Debido al racionamiento impuesto por el gobierno, se garantiza oficialmente a los cubanos una cantidad suficiente de alimentos, pero las tiendas miserables y oscuras que venden los alimentos racionados quedan vacías a menudo.

Esta Navidad en Cuba fue distinta que la última de varios modos importantes. Primero, las relaciones que se entibian lentamente entre el presidente Fidel Castro y la Iglesia dieron un gran paso adelante en noviembre, cuando el Papa Juan Pablo II, después de una reunión con Castro en el Vaticano, dijo que él visitaría a Cuba. Ambas partes hablaron de una visita en 1997, pero ahora las fuentes del Vaticano están diciendo que es posible que la visita no ocurra sino a principios de 1998.

Segundo, la economía de Cuba — aunque exprimida por un embargo estadounidense apretado — se recupera lentamente del derrumbe de la Unión Soviética.

"Las cosas están mejorando. Este año es mejor que el anterior y espero que el próximo sea aún mejor", dijo Marco, conductor de taxi de 32 años de edad, que espera tener suficientes dólares para comprar pequeños regalos a sus hijas, de 9 y 11 años de edad.

A diferencia de la mayor parte de la América Latina, Cuba no es abrumadoramente católica romana. La revolución de 1959 confiscó las escuelas católicas, expulsó a sacerdotes y monjas y confiscó también otras propiedades de la Iglesia.

Durante más de 30 años, fue ilegal el que los católicos se afiliaran al Partido Comunista, la organización más poderosa en esta isla de 11 millones de habitantes, que cuenta solamente con 200 sacerdotes, según las cifras del Vaticano. En 1992, se enmendó la Constitución para descartar al ateísmo decretado por el estado, y la Iglesia ha aumentado su visibilidad desde entonces. La cantidad de bautizos se cuadruplicó con exceso, desde 7,500 en 1979 hasta 34,800 en 1994.

A pesar del aflojamiento de las limitaciones, las relaciones con el gobierno son tan frágiles que los sacerdotes y los trabajadores de socorro no atienden a las solicitudes de entrevistas.

En verdad, todos los cubanos que criticaron al gobierno en español lo hicieron únicamente después de comprobar para ver quién podría estar escuchando y bajaron la voz para evitar que se les oyera. Aunque los cubanos son rápidos para bromear acerca de la policía, también están indispuestos a permitir que se usen sus nombres si critican al gobierno o se quejan de sus cursos de acción.



# Día de la Raza en Winston Salem

**Por MÓNICA MALDONADO**  
WINSTON SALEM — Para conmemorar la fecha en que Cristóbal Colón pisó por primera vez tierra americana, el 12 de octubre de 1492, la comunidad de Nuestra Señora de la Merced celebró con alegría y colorido esta fiesta, conocida como el *Día de la Raza* el pasado 12 de octubre.

Participaron en las actividades representantes de varios países, entre los que se encontraban Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, México y Puerto Rico. Un grupo de jóvenes mexicanos vinieron desde Yadkinville para colaborar con sus bailes típicos.

La señora Consuelo Herrán, esposa del diácono Pedro Herrán, con la colaboración de varias damas de la comunidad, dirigió esta fiesta cívica con mucho entusiasmo.

Fue un día memorable en que la comunidad latinoamericana se hizo presente para celebrar la fiesta en hermandad.



Luz Piedad Serma y Lucy Beckler, representando a Colombia y Venezuela, en uno de los bailes.



Jaime y Mónica Paredes bailando una danza típica ecuatoriana.



Grupo de jóvenes deleitando a los asistentes con un baile folklórico de México.

# Santa María, Madre de Dios

**I**niciamos el Nuevo Año celebrando la fiesta de Santa María, Madre de Dios. Es el más grande e importante de los misterios de María. Este misterio nos recuerda la obra maravillosa que Dios, en su omnipotente sabiduría, realizó en la humilde Virgen de Nazaret, llamada María. Ella había consagrado su virginidad y toda su persona al Señor para cumplir únicamente su voluntad. El Señor aceptó su decisión y le ofreció algo infinitamente más grande: *Ser la Madre de su Divino Hijo*, sin perder su virginidad.



en *mi según tu palabra...*. Este prodigio es para la gloria de Dios y para bendición de María y de todas las generaciones. Así lo cantó ella en el Magníficat: *"En adelante todos me llamarán bienaventurada, porque el Todopoderoso ha hecho en mí grandes cosas y su nombre es santo... y a los humildes y pobres los llenó de bienes..."*.

Que María sería la Madre de Dios fue anunciado por Isaías: *"La Virgen concebirá y dará a la luz a un*

*niño y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel...*". Los Evangelistas nombran a María *"la Madre de Jesús"* e Isabel la llama *"la Madre de mi Señor"*. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña: *"María es verdaderamente la 'Madre de Dios' porque es la Madre del Hijo eterno de Dios hecho hombre, que es Dios mismo"*. Para María ser la Madre de Dios fue tan importante que lo aceptó con profundo amor y lo vivió hasta las últimas consecuencias: desde la Anunciación hasta el Calvario. Esto es para nosotros un formidable ejemplo, para que vivamos con generosidad nuestra propia vocación, que ciertamente no será mas difícil que la de la virgen María nuestra Madre.

**E**l gran misterio de *María Madre de Dios* fue proyectado por Dios para realizar el plan de la salvación de la humanidad y fue efectuado en el tiempo establecido por El. Dios elige a una humilde mujer, pura, inmaculada, sin pecado, para una misión increíble: ser *Madre de Dios*. Y ella aceptó libremente. Para María, ser la Madre de Jesús, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, es un privilegio increíble; y, aunque ella no lo entiende en toda su dimensión y en sus consecuencias, no discute ni se opone, sino que con alegría lo acepta con gran humildad y responde: *"Hágase*

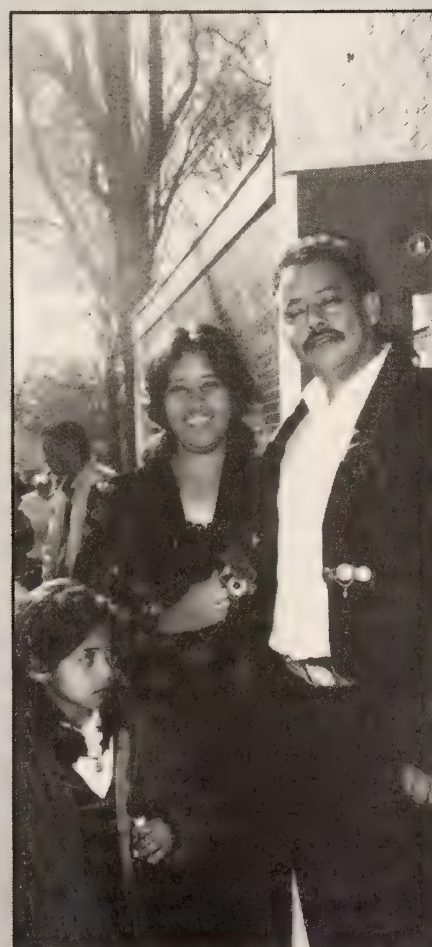
# Visitante de México gana premio



Las banderas de Cuba y Chile desfilando hacia el altar.

María y Ramón Morales, con su hija, que ayudaron en varias de las actividades de la "kermesse". Ramón también demostró sus cualidades artísticas cantando con los "mariachis".

El Padre West con algunas de las participantes vestidas con sus trajes típicos. De izquierda a derecha Aura Elguera de Chile, la niña Crystal Silva de México, Jessica Aranda del Perú y Lolita Mauney de Ecuador.



CHARLOTTE — El señor José Luis Villa fue el ganador de la camioneta Dodge Dakota en la rifa que se llevó a cabo el pasado 24 de diciembre, después de la Misa de Navidad, en el Centro Católico Hispano de Charlotte.

Más de 350 personas estuvieron presentes para la Misa y el sorteo, entre ellos el señor Villa que muy emocionado agradeció al Padre, a los presente y a Dios el haber ganado el premio.

El señor José Luis Villa es residente de Chihuahua, México, y vino a Charlotte a la boda de su sobrino Héctor Cardona. Su hijo le regaló la boleta No. 510. ¡Quién le iba a decir que ésa iba a ser la ganadora!



# Papa ora para que paz y gozo se extiendan por el mundo en Navidad

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Papa Juan Pablo II oró para que la paz y el gozo invocados en los villancicos navideños de todos los idiomas inspiraran una verdadera armonía en África, el Medio Oriente y otros lugares de conflicto.

“El resignarnos a tal violencia e injusticia sería un rechazo demasiado grave del gozo y la esperanza que trae la Navidad”, dijo el Papa el 25 de diciembre en su mensaje anual “urbi et orbi” (a la ciudad y al mundo).

Los versos de los villancicos navideños, especialmente las canciones de Navidad polacas, puntuaron tanto el mensaje al mediodía de la Navidad como la Misa de media noche que él celebró en la Basílica de San Pedro.

En su homilía, el Papa oró por todos, “cristianos y no cristianos, creyentes y no creyentes por igual”.

Su oración, dijo él, reflejaba el don verdadero que se celebra en la Navidad, que es la salvación que Dios ofrece a toda la humanidad en Cristo.

Con millares de personas — incluyendo a un regimiento de la Guardia Suiza, soldados italianos y la banda de la policía para-militar italiana — reunidas alrededor de una escena de la Navidad de tamaño natural en la Plaza de San Pedro el Día de Navidad, el Papa

deseó paz y gozo a la ciudad de Roma y al mundo.

En un mensaje transmitido por estaciones de televisión en 70 naciones, el Papa deseó al mundo una Navidad Feliz en 55 idiomas.

El Papa oró también para que las melodías de Navidad llevaran serenidad a las naciones que se recuperan de la guerra, incluyendo a Guatemala y Bosnia-Herzegovina, donde “las armas han quedado en silencio por fin y los hombres recorren de nuevo el camino de la comprensión y la fraternidad”.

El gobierno de Guatemala y los dirigentes rebeldes tenían fijada la formalización de un tratado de paz el 29 de diciembre, que pusiera fin a 36 años de conflicto armado.

Pero “el eco de las canciones de Navidad” debe propagarse a otros lugares también, dijo el Papa. Las tonadas deben llevar a lugares “en donde se escucha aún el choque de las armas, desbaratando el ambiente de paz que trae este día santo”.

El Papa oró por la paz en el Medio Oriente, especialmente en “Belén y toda la Tierra Santa, donde Jesús nació y vivió: La tierra que El amaba, la tierra donde la esperanza no debe morir, a pesar de las provocaciones y de las diferencias profundas”.

## Sacerdote retenido en Lima dijo que evitó oír confesiones

LIMA, Perú (CNS) — Un sacerdote retenido como rehén por los guerrilleros peruanos dijo que él trató de ayudar pastoralmente a los demás rehenes, pero evitó escuchar confesiones.

El Padre Luis Martínez S.J. dijo también que tuvo una sensación curiosa cuando el taxi en que viajaba se rompió en la noche del 17 de diciembre.

Contra su mejor juicio, el Padre Martínez hizo señas a otro taxi y por último llegó a la residencia del Embajador del Japón, Morihisa Aoki — cinco minutos antes de que fuera asaltada por 15 rebeldes miembros del Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru.

“Fue sólo una de esas cosas. Uno piensa: ‘Voy a llegar tarde, ¿para qué molestarme?’ Cuando llegué, ni siquiera quedaban ya alimentos. Estaba hablando con la esposa del embajador, preguntándole si había más alimentos en la cocina, cuando oímos las explosiones”, dijo el Padre Martínez en una entrevista con el Catholic News Service poco después de ser puesto en libertad.

El Padre Martínez, un jesuita español que ha vivido en el Perú durante 31 años y es el vicario general de la comunidad peruano-japonesa, estaba entre los 38 rehenes puestos en libertad el 20 de diciembre por los rebeldes Tupac Amaru. Para el 23 de diciembre, 140 de los casi 500 rehenes permanecían aún en cautividad.

Los rebeldes le permitieron visitar a los demás prisioneros retenidos en el piso donde él estaba — los rehenes estaban siendo retenidos en los pisos primero y segundo de la residencia de Aoki — para hablar con otros prisioneros, porque él es un sacerdote.

El dijo que los rehenes le pidieron que orara con ellos y que escuchara sus confesiones, algo que él dijo que trató de evitar.

“Todos pedían confesarse. En vez de escuchar sus peticiones, les di una bendición. No quería empezar a escuchar confesiones, porque la gente comenzaría a pensar que sus vidas estaban llegando a su fin. No quería que la gente pensara que iban a morir”, agregó él.

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# Entertainment

## Some Mother's Son

# Director George Again Strikes A Universal Chord

NEW YORK (CNS) — A mother struggles between respecting her son's wishes and saving his life in "Some Mother's Son."

The story is based on the 1981 hunger strike in Northern Ireland's Maze Prison led by jailed IRA leader Bobby Sands (John Lynch) in which he and nine prisoners died of starvation as a protest against the inhumane conditions imposed on them to break their spirit.

Blending fact with fictionalized characters, the movie stars Helen Mirren as Catholic schoolteacher Kathleen Quigley, a widowed mother of three and avowed pacifist as far as "the troubles" in her homeland are concerned.

She is horrified when her older son, Gerard (Aidan Gillen), is summarily arrested and jailed for an IRA bombing and shootout, along with his fugitive IRA buddy, Frank Higgins (David O'Hara).

The Thatcher government's get-tough policy reclassifies them as common criminals, not political prisoners, and the 300-plus incarcerated IRA members protest in blankets, refusing to wear prison garb. When the prisoners are punished by not being allowed to use the toilets, they smear excrement on the cell walls in protest.

An unlikely friendship, meanwhile, develops on the outside between Kathleen and Frank's mom, Annie (Fionnula Flanagan), a passionate IRA supporter who convinces Kathleen she must become politically active to get the British to improve living conditions for their sons.

The stakes are raised immeasurably when Bobby Sands calls a hunger strike to the death in hopes of provoking the British into recognizing their status as political prisoners.

The two mothers go to London to meet with government officials for a compromise, but are merely told the ball is in their court; as their sons go into coma from the effects of starvation they can sign a document to have them force fed — or watch them die.

Sands, elected to Parliament on his deathbed, dies on the 66th day of his strike, generating worldwide publicity as the British realize their strategy has created a martyr.

As Gerard and Frank weaken, their mothers are torn by the decision each must make even as a tantalizing compromise seems near — but may not be solidified in time to

save their boys.

Director Terry George, who co-wrote 1993's "In the Name of the Father" again strikes a universal chord by putting individual faces on the conflict in Northern Ireland. Here he weds the factual account of the hunger strike to the agonizing attempts of the two fictional women to save their children without disrespecting their expressed wishes.

Using personal perspective of the distraught mothers would seem likely to produce overwrought melodrama, but George successfully reins in the drama to the issues at hand and elicits finely restrained performances from the four lead characters.

Mirren could hardly improve on her portrayal, creating a strong, persevering mother with no time for self-pity and much to learn about political activism despite her aversion to violence. Flanagan is just as credible as the rough-and-tumble widow who has already buried one son in the cause and now faces the prospect of watching another die.

Early on, Kathleen's character makes the point to her boy that killing is wrong, no matter if it be a British soldier, and throughout the narrative Catholic priests stress the value of life over violence and self-destruction, even for a patriotic cause. But the role of the clergy in attempting to mediate a compromise is seen as mostly ineffectual and the British bureaucracy is spared no pity for the brutish strategies they were eventually forced to abandon.

The film sensitively focuses on genuine maternal anguish, and the British, not surprisingly, come off as vicious occupiers. Less successful is the rigid angel-or-devil depiction of two polar opposites: prisoner Sands is seen as a Christlike figure and Jesus look-alike while the British bureaucrat (Tom Hollander) overseeing the prison crisis is depicted as a soulless monster.

The audience is most likely to be moved by the plight of the mothers, 21 in actuality, who had to confront such a life-and-death decision about their sons. Although the prisoners' demands were eventually met, viewers are likely to leave saddened in the realization that a lasting peace in Northern Ireland has not yet been achieved.

Due to some violence and intermittent profanity as well as rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



CNS photo from Castle Rock Entertainment

Kenneth Branagh as Hamlet watches the festivities of his mother's wedding in a new, lavish production of "Hamlet," which Branagh also directed. The U.S. Catholic Conference said the film "is one for the books," for its four-hour length as well as its artistry. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents.

*The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.*

## Video

### "Antarctica" (1984)

When a 1957 Japanese expedition leaves its sled dogs behind at the South Pole, two of its members (Ken Takakura and Tsunehiko Watase) return the next year to rescue any canine survivors. Director Koreyoshi Kurahara restages the fact-based story amidst spectacular polar landscapes, but the result succeeds better as a nature documentary than as a drama of polar scientists searching for their lost huskies. Dubbed. Life-threatening situations in a frozen wasteland make heavy sledging for children. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

### "Bogus" (1996)

Fantasy misfire in which a 7-year-old orphan (Haley Joel Osment), reluctantly cared for by his foster-aunt (Whoopi Goldberg), finds comfort in talking with an invisible grown-up pal (Gerard Depardieu). Director Norman Jewison's soggy salute to the power of a child's imagination is an awkward, unconvincing blend of comedy, drama and fantasy. A fatal car crash and fleeting violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "The Island of Dr. Moreau" (1996)

This is a murky updating of H.G. Wells' 1896 horror tale of an airplane

crash survivor (David Thewlis) held prisoner on a remote island where the experiments of a mad scientist (Marlon Brando) in turning animals into humans have resulted in grotesque mutants who come to rebel against their demented creator. Directed by John Frankenheimer, the menacing visuals aren't enough to involve the viewer in the fate of the picture's ill-defined characters. Intermittent violence and mindless mayhem. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Kingpin" (1996)

Dopey comedy in which a boozy, has-been bowling champ (Woody Harrelson) persuades a naive, Amish bowling prodigy (Randy Quaid) to compete in a million-dollar tournament whose frontrunner (Bill Murray) had ruined the drunk's promising career years earlier. Directed by Peter and Bobby Farrelly, there is something to turn off nearly everyone in this occasionally funny hodgepodge of politically incorrect and scatological humor. Much tasteless humor, some stylized violence, brief sexual innuendo and minimal profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



## People In The News

### Prayers Offered To Protect Those Who Protect Us

By **STEPHEN KENT**

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — A police officer moves cautiously into a pitch-black alley as the alarm of a warehouse sounding into the dark night raises the possibility of an armed felon lurking around the corner.

A firefighter straps on an air pack and advances into a blazing building, hoping no one remains inside, while wondering if a flame-weakened ceiling will collapse upon him.

As they place their own lives in peril, firefighters and law enforcement officers often pray for themselves. They are not alone when at risk. In Omaha, there are thousands of people praying daily for the personnel of their police and fire departments.

It's called Shield-A-Badge. Its purpose: "Protecting our protectors through prayer."

The program began in Holy Cross Parish whose pastor, Father Charles F. Swanson, is chaplain to the Omaha Fire Department and one of eight police division chaplains.

"The Shield-A-Badge program is going like gangbusters," said Father Swanson. There are 30 Catholic parishes and other denominations already involved, with 10 more expressing interest, he said.

The center of the program is a prayer card. One has "A Firefighter's Prayer" on the back with the fire department insignia and an individual name on the front. The other is "A Police Officer's Prayer" with the police shield and name on the reverse.

People taking cards are asked to pray at least daily for "their" firefighter or police officer.

"One firefighter told me, 'Father, I can depend on my wife and children to pray for me, but it's wonderful when a total stranger prays for me,'" said Father Swanson.

"Another person — an older lady — said she would pray the rosary — one per shift — for firefighters," said Father Swanson.

The program began earlier this fall after a member of the Holy Cross Altar Society told Father Swanson about a similar program in one church in Texas.

Father Swanson revised the prayer, then formed a committee of his parish's stewardship committee, members of the Omaha police and fire division and the Millard fire department. The three departments total about 1,300 personnel.

An initial printing of 5,000 cards was ordered. These have been distributed and a second printing of 5,000 is being rapidly distributed, he said. The funding comes through police and fire unions.

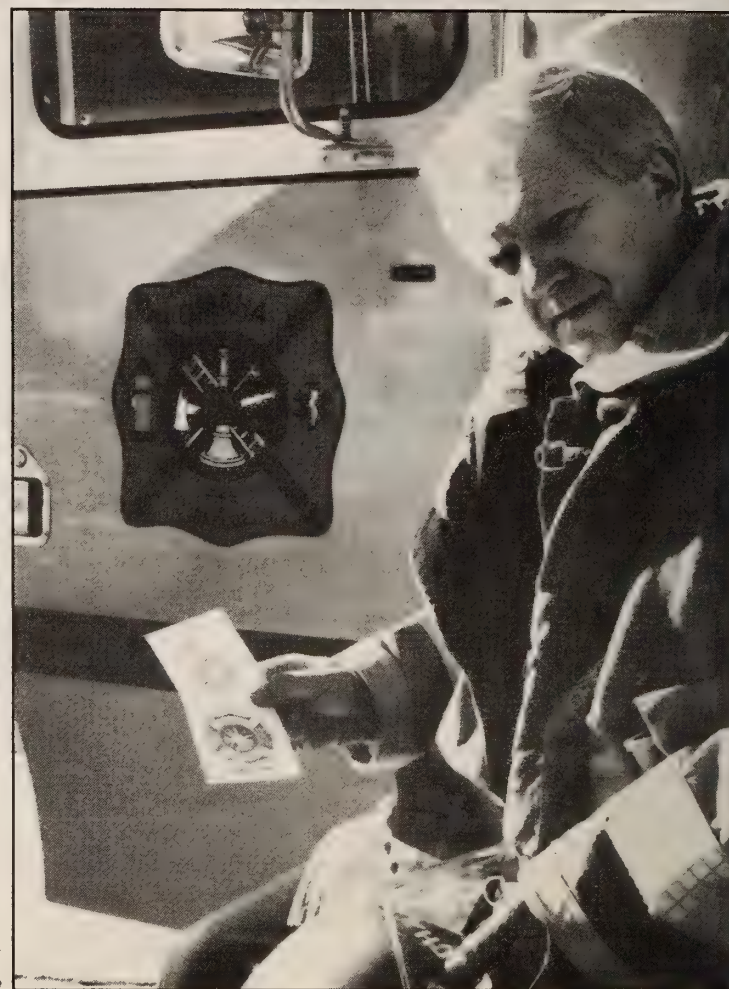
"We contacted each police officer and firefighter individually, told them what was happening, and said to let us know if they didn't want their name used," said Father Swanson.

Only two of the 1,300 declined, he said.

"We give the name and service only," he said, "no rank, nor address or phone number."

The program has particular appeal in Holy Cross Parish, where Omaha Fire Capt. John Dessling, who died in an ar-

Father Charles F. Swanson, chaplain to the Omaha, Neb., fire department, holds cards used in the Shield-A-Badge program to pray for firefighters and law enforcement officers.



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photo by Stephen Kent,  
The Catholic Voice

son fire, was a member.

The significance of the parish involvement starting with the stewardship committee should not be overlooked, the pastor said.

"Stewardship is not just sharing money, not just sharing talents, but also sharing spiritual treasures," he said. "This is a spiritual gift."

*Churches may ask for cards in bulk. Individual cards will be sent by request if an addressed, stamped envelope is included. Contact: Shield-A-Badge, Holy Cross Church, 4803 William St., Omaha, NE 68106-2535.*

### Pro-Lifers Continue Protests At Planned Parenthood Clinic

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) — More than 200 pro-life activists gathered quietly Dec. 28 near the clinic of Planned Parenthood of Rochester, the site of earlier demonstrations where 11 activists were arrested for resisting arrest and criminal trespass. Police in several squad cars observed the latest demonstration but made no arrests as the protesters marched from a nearby park to the clinic, held a peaceful prayer vigil, recited the rosary and returned to the park. Among those arrested Dec. 7 was Father Norman Weslin, a priest of the Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico, and spiritual leader of the national pro-life group Lambs of Christ. Father Weslin and the others pleaded not guilty to the charges and were scheduled to appear in court again Jan. 10.

### Marriott Fires Employee For Wearing Crucifix

HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS) — A cafeteria worker at Trinity College in Hartford, who was fired for insisting on wearing a crucifix necklace on the job, was considering filing suit against his employer, Marriott Food Service. "By management trying to make me put my cross inside of my shirt is trying to make me deny Christ, which I will never do," the fired worker, Kevin Mullen, told Trinity Tripod, the college's student newspaper. Mullen, a shift supervisor at the Bistro, a college cafeteria run by Marriott, was fired for insubordination on Dec. 5. Trinity College, established in 1823, is a private liberal arts institution which has an enrollment of around 2,000 men and women.

### Vietnamese Girls Discover Joy Of Giving At Catholic Parish

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (CNS) — A dozen disadvantaged girls discovered the joy of giving when they celebrated Christmas with the disabled and elderly at St. Anthony Parish in Ho Chi Minh City. "I am poor, but there are people who are poorer than me," said one of the girls, aged 8-17. "When I heard of the visit to the parish on Christmas, I was eager to participate because I had a chance to give from what I have, no matter how little it is," she added. The girls are under the care of the "Warm Shelter," a rehabilitation center in Ho Chi Minh City. All had formerly been sexually abused or lured into prostitution, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

### Archbishop Murphy's Health Improved

SEATTLE (CNS) — Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy's health has improved and there are signs his leukemia may be in remission, the Seattle Archdiocese said Jan. 2.

The 64-year-old archbishop has been hospitalized at Providence Seattle Medical Center since Dec. 1 for acute myelogenous leukemia and reduced kidney function.

His hematologist, Dr. David White, said a blood and bone marrow biopsy taken Dec. 24 showed no evidence of leukemic cells.


He said this indicates that the archbishop has responded positively to chemotherapy and that remission — while not assured — is within the realm of possibility.

White said Archbishop Murphy's health was improved enough for him to begin taking brief furloughs from the hospital. If it continues to progress, he said, the archbishop could soon be allowed to leave the hospital and continue his convalescence at home.

He said the archbishop's bone marrow needs to continue its process of building healthy blood cells over a sustained period of weeks before his leukemia can be classified as in remission.

A Chicago native, Archbishop Murphy was ordained a priest there in 1958. In 1978 he became bishop of Great Falls-Billings, Mont.

He moved to Seattle as coadjutor archbishop in 1987 and has headed the archdiocese since 1991.



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# Catholics Are Still In Early Stages Of Bible Scholarship, Expert Says

By ROBERT O'STEEN

MIAMI (CNS) — Recent popular attention to biblical interpretation underscores how little Catholic Bible scholarship is understood, according to a Scripture scholar.

Sulpician Father Raymond Brown told an audience at St. John Vianney Seminary in December that until the era of Pope Pius XII in the 1940s, the centrist Catholic approach to interpreting Scripture wasn't widely taught.

In a 1943 encyclical, "Divino afflante Spiritu," promoting biblical studies, Pope Pius clearly laid a Catholic path between scriptural fundamentalists and liberals, who staked out dramatically different positions on the age, origins and validity of the Scriptures, Father Brown explained.

The pope found reading the Bible to be enriching and he wanted it translated from original languages into modern ones, Father Brown said. Pope Pius also instructed seminaries to teach and train priests in Bible studies and encouraged Catholics to read Scripture.

"He was convinced that an intelligent use of scientific methods could help build up theology, put it on a sounder basis," Father Brown said.

A member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, Father Brown has been featured recently in *Time* and *Newsweek* articles about trends in Scripture study. Among the reasons for recent popular

interest in the Bible are publicity about controversial interpretations like that of the Jesus Seminar, which concluded that the Resurrection didn't actually happen.

But Father Brown said while the Jesus Seminar's views grab headlines, the group doesn't represent the more centrist views of most scholars.

"They meet and decide Jesus didn't speak a single word recorded in the Gospel of John," he said. "Big headlines! Jesus didn't say the Lord's Prayer. He didn't resurrect, dogs ate his body. Big headlines. And the media love it. They are presented as scholars."

Father Brown said he encourages reporters who ask him about the Jesus Seminar to consult mainstream seminaries like those at Yale, Union, Princeton and Duke and ask about the Jesus Seminar theories.

"These places just ignore it because it is regarded as bizarre," he said.

Pope Pius' views about the Bible shaped the Church's approach of treating the Gospels as "not literal history of Jesus" but instead as "based on memories of Jesus by eyewitnesses" shaped by preaching, theological development and re-thinking.

"And what you had was written records of the living teaching of the church stemming from Jesus," he said. "Each Gospel writer shaped the material in a different way with a different goal, organized it differently, chose dif-

ferent things, rearranged them not in chronological order, but in logical order."

Translations from the original biblical languages resulted in Catholic and Protestant Bibles being nearly the same, Father Brown explained, leading to the modern ecumenical movement and scholarly cooperation.

But new emphasis on Scripture study also brought new problems, he noted.

Pope Pius didn't foresee the growth of the media and population shifts like that in the United States which brought Catholics who had lived in ethnic pockets in big cities to the Protestant-dominated Bible belt.

Hearing fundamentalist preachers on the radio prophesying disasters and the end of the world had to be a shock for Catholics who grew up with little understanding of the Bible, particularly of the Old Testament, he said.

Contemporary media, such as the increasingly dominant Internet, create new pressures for those who want to ensure the Bible is understood in the appropriate contexts.

For instance, he said, people often look at a contemporary problem and want to know what Jesus said about it, when the issue obviously would never have come up in his time.

"People haven't come to grips with that," he said. "Scriptures are enormously powerful and have enormous ramifications for what we are living through today. But they often require translation — not linguistic, but trying to understand how they face issues and how we need to face them today."

But Father Brown was optimistic about the future of Scripture studies, despite such hurdles, citing St. Paul's admonitions to Timothy to not be timid, but bold in facing challenges.

"Paul is wearing chains," Father Brown explained. "But he says the word of God is not chained. You cannot chain the Gospel. Thanks to Pius XII we have unleashed the power of the Gospel in the Church and I don't think it can be chained ever again."

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promises is to end the circumstances that make that abuse possible.

An annulment, in church or civil law, does not affect the status of children. A marriage which is later annulled is called a putative marriage.

This means that everyone, including very likely the couple themselves, thought it was a real marriage at the time. The children do not become illegitimate.

For a new marriage to take place in the Catholic Church, action by the tribunal of some diocese would be necessary regarding your first marriage. You would pursue this normally through your parish priest.

If you enter a new marriage outside the Church, that will not automatically exclude the baptism of future children. Church policies, spelled out in the baptism ritual and in canon law, require some solid reason to expect the child will be raised as a practicing Catholic.

If a couple not married in the church still go to Mass and otherwise still practice their faith as much as possible, and continue their efforts to return to the sacraments, that usually would provide good basis for hoping the children will be helped to grow up in the Catholic faith.

As for your concern about discussing the subject with a priest, serious differences in personalities and outlook inevitably affect one's ability to deal with such sensitive issues successfully with someone else.

Fortunately, several priests live not too far from your home. Ask around, go to one you feel will be helpful, and let him guide you through what needs to be done. I wish you luck.

*A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.*

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## Parish Catechetical Kit Offered For Millennium Preparation

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A resource kit on the first year of preparations for the year 2000 is available for sale to help parish staffs plan at the local level.

The kit, called "Preparing for the Jubilee: Year One, 1997," was developed by the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education and published by the USCC Office for Publishing and Promotion Services.

It includes reflection pieces for catechists and religion teachers, family materials, small-group resources, and retreat suggestions for various groups, from elementary school students to families.

"This kit is based on the premise that adults should be the primary audience addressed," said Bishop Robert J. Banks of Green Bay, Wis., who completed a term as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Education in November, in a preface to the kit.

"Adults who are faith-filled will carry the message of the Gospel into every sphere of their lives and thus serve as evangelizers as we approach the third millennium," he added.

The parish resource kit, Publication No. 5-129, is available for \$13.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling and may be ordered by calling (800) 235-8722.



## Diocesan News Briefs

### Bishop Curlin To Preside At Mass For The Unborn

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at a Mass for the unborn at St. Gabriel Church, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. All parishioners from Charlotte's parishes are invited to attend.

### Scott Hahn To Visit Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Scott Hahn, a Catholic convert and scriptural scholar, presents "A Faith Journey with Jesus," a three-part evangelization series, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church. Program times are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31, and 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Feb. 1. No admission will be charged, and donations will be accepted. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte. For information, call Andy Getz, (704) 364-5431, ext. 276.

### Engaged Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter, a weekend for engaged couples to discern and assess their suitability for marriage, is Feb. 7-9 at the Catholic Conference Center. For further details, call Geoffrey and Ann Hoffman, (704) 483-3258.

### Weight Loss Program Scheduled

CHARLOTTE — Orientation for a 12-week, scripturally based weight loss program is 7 p.m. on Jan. 16 at St. John Neumann Church in classroom 14. There is a cost for materials. For details, call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916.

### Help Research Church History

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church is researching the history of its sanctuary windows. Built in 1893, information on all but three of the donors has been found. If you can help with information on Mrs. C. Steiff, Dr. H. Diederich, Mary Duffield or the Williams brothers, or if you or anyone you know were members of the St. Peter Altar Society, Children of Mary of St. Aloysius Society, contact Steven Long at (704) 563-8828 or Cathie Tilly at (704) 332-2901.

### Respect Life Workshop

HICKORY — The Charlotte Diocese Respect Life Office presents "God's Plan for Love and Life," a workshop at St. Aloysius Church focusing on the sanctity of human life, Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. and March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. The Friday session is for parents, and the Saturday session is for teen-agers. For registration information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — Marian Father David Lord presents "Culture of Death, Culture of Life," an exploration of how Christians can witness to the life Jesus came to give us, on Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Marian Father Mark Lamprich presents "Personal Prayer or 'Pilgrimage,'" a discussion of how even our daily walk of faith can be considered a pilgrimage,

on Jan. 28 at 7:30 at Our Lady of Grace Church.

For information, call (704) 274-0415.

### Barbecue Dinner Sale

HAMLET — St. James Church presents its 10th annual pit-cooked pork and chicken barbecue sale on Feb. 7 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church. Eat in or carry out. For delivery of 10 or more plates, call (910) 582-0207 after 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 7.

### Ultreya And Leaders' School

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets the third Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Leaders' School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

BOONE — Group reunion Ultreya meets the first Sunday each month at St. Elizabeth Church at 12:30 p.m. in Pat Jones Hall. Covered dish brunch follows. For details, call the church, (704) 284-8338, John, (704) 898-5328, or Carlos, (704) 295-9516.

### Catechumenate Forum Presents Conference

HICKORY — Spaces are still available for the "Ninety Days Institute" catechumenate conference, co-sponsored by the Charlotte Diocese and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, Jan. 17-19 at the Catholic Conference Center. The conference focuses on the period from Lent through Pentecost. Cost is \$260, with special rates for parish teams of five or more. For information, call Sheri Wilson, (910) 765-3499, or to make reservations with a credit card, call (703) 534-8082, ext. 26.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Gift of Imperfection" is a Jan. 17-19 retreat, directed by Father David Hill, focusing on rest, reflection and listening to the gentle, loving voice of God.

"From the Ashes to the Fire" is a Feb. 7-9 retreat, directed by Father Eric Houseknecht, tracing the origins of Lenten practices.

"The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat, directed by the Media Center's Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak, focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media.

The cost for each retreat is \$90 per person. To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media



Dan Kuhn, chairman of the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Education Foundation, recently awarded seven "Grants for Educational Excellence" to teachers. The MACS Education Foundation established the program to enhance teachers' abilities to provide a quality Catholic education to students by supplying the resources to combine new teaching techniques with creative projects. A total of \$2,100 was available with a maximum of \$300 per grant. Pictured above are St. Patrick teacher Cecilia James Myers with principal Joe Puceta; All Saints teachers Amy Chadwell and Joanne Dawson with principal Betsy DesNoyer; Charlotte Catholic High School teachers Carolyn Hilderbrand and Karen Grauman with principal Sister Paulette Williams; Dr. C. Charles LeBlanc, MACS regional superintendent; and Our Lady of Assumption teachers Debra Grimm and Bethany Lynn Cole Hair with principal Patricia Murphy.

lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For more information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2. Tickets available for \$150 per couple. Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

### Eucharistic Adoration

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call (704) 252-6042.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited at St. Leo the Great Church in the convent chapel at 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday.

### Perpetual Novena

CHARLOTTE — There is a perpetual Novena to the Blessed Mother at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

### Rally for Life Scheduled

RALEIGH — North Carolina Right to Life, Inc., presents The 1997 Rally for Life Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the corner of Lane and Wilmington Streets in Raleigh.

Brenda Pratt Shafer, R.N., and Senator Dan Page are guest speakers, with Representative Connie Wilson serving as emcee. For more information, call (800) 392-6275.

### Christophers Poster Contest

NEW YORK — The Christophers, a non-profit organization using media to encourage individuals to exercise their abilities to effect change, sponsor their 7th Annual Poster Contest, with prizes totaling \$2,000. All high school students are encouraged to enter, and artists must illustrate their interpretation of the theme, "You Can Make A Difference." The entry deadline is Jan. 31, and winners will be announced April 18. For complete rules and details, contact The Christophers, High School Poster Contest, 12 East 12th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 759-4050.

### Jazz Quintet To Perform

FAYETTEVILLE — The Todd Wright Jazz Quintet presents a benefit performance on Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville. Suggested donation is \$6. Proceeds go to Catholic Social Ministries. For more information, call (910) 323-2410.

### Golden Agers

LINCOLNTON — The Golden Agers group of St. Dorothy Church meets the fourth Wednesday each month and welcomes new members. For information, call Christine Kiser, (704) 435-4813

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs



Pope John Paul II reads his homily during Mass marking the Feast of the Mother of God and World Peace Day Jan. 1. The pope prayed for forgiveness to fill everyone's hearts to bring peace to the world.

CNS photo from Reuters

### Pope John Paul II Names Bishops To Dioceses Of Yakima, Bismarck

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has named auxiliary bishops of San Francisco and St. Louis to head the dioceses of Yakima, Wash., and Bismarck, N.D. Auxiliary Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla of San Francisco was named bishop of Yakima and Auxiliary Bishop Paul A. Zipfel of St. Louis was named bishop of Bismarck on Dec. 31. Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro-nuncio to the United States, announced the appointments in Washington. Bishop Sevilla, a 61-year-old Jesuit, has been an auxiliary bishop in San Francisco since December 1988. Bishop Zipfel, also 61, is a native of St. Louis.

### Bonuses To Cut Medical Costs Not Necessarily Wrong

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — Giving financial bonuses to physicians who control medical costs is not intrinsically wrong, as long as it doesn't limit proper care, said a moral theologian who advises the Diocese of Providence. Father Robert J. McManus, vicar for education and chairman of the diocese's Biomedical Ethics Commission, said questions on the morality of giving bonuses for limiting care must be balanced with the need to keep costs low enough to be able to provide fundamental care to the greatest number of people. New federal policies were to take effect Jan. 1, restricting bonuses that reward physicians for cost-cutting. Health maintenance organizations, known as HMOs, will be prohibited from making specific payments to encourage physicians to reduce or limit services.

### 31 Catholic Missionaries Flee Homes Await Airlift Out Of Zaire

ROME (CNS) — Thirty-one Catholic missionaries who fled their homes when Zairian government troops began sacking them on Christmas were awaiting an airlift to safety one week later. "They are together and in fairly good condition," Father David K. Glenday, superior general of the Comboni Missionaries, told Catholic News Service Dec. 31. Retreating Zairian government troops systematically looted the north-eastern town of Isiro Dec. 25, forcing missionaries based there to flee into the forests with many townspeople, according to a press release from the Comboni's Rome headquarters.

### Group Defies Iraq Embargo To Deliver Medical Supplies

CHICAGO (CNS) — As their families and friends shopped for Christmas presents in early December, members of a group called Voices in the Wilderness prepared a gift delivery of a different sort. The group formed to challenge U.S. and U.N. economic sanctions against Iraq defied a federal ban on travel to Iraq to deliver a load of medical supplies. In the five years since the end of the Persian Gulf War, the organization has sponsored several trips to Iraq to deliver supplies they say are severely needed. "The Persian Gulf War never ended," said Chicagoan Kathy Kelly. "It just turned into another type of war where the children of Iraq are the casualties." The former Catholic school teacher quoted U.N. statistics showing 567,000 children have died in Iraq since 1990.

### Catholic Representatives' Congress Held In Beijing In 1997

HONG KONG (CNS) — Plans that will see the government-approved Chinese Catholic Church into the third millennium will be mapped out at the Sixth National Catholic Representatives' Congress in Beijing in the second half of 1997. A joint December meeting of the government-sanctioned Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in China and the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association's standing committee set some congressional guidelines and the tentative time frame, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.



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**MOORESVILLE** — When Redemptorist Father Francis Funk celebrated Mass in a Mooresville home for the first time in January 1946, about a dozen Catholics joined together to worship in the south Iredell County town.

The pastor of St. Joseph Church in Kannapolis, along with his successors, celebrated Masses in homes and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars hut until 1949. Then, with help from the Catholic Extension Society, a pre-World War II chapel was purchased from Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville and was relocated to Mooresville piece by piece. The town had its first Catholic church.

By that time, the church family had adopted the name St. Therese, in honor of the late-1800s French Carmelite nun from Lisieux. Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh dedicated the building in June 1950.

Redemptorist clergy continued to serve the Mooresville church until August 1954, when diocesan priests assumed pastoral care. During the pastorate of Father Edward Beatty, from

1956-59, St. Therese became a parish. Right away the parish took on St. Dorothy Church in Lincolnton as a mission, and the church received its first expansion: an extension serving as the pastor's quarters and, later, as office space.

With the arrival of the 1960s came further growth. Membership had grown to more than 120 people, and additional property — complete with a home for use as a rectory — was acquired in September 1961. St. Therese parish added another mission, in Cherryville, to its pastorate as well. The parish's responsibility for the missions continued into the late 1960s.

By the time the parish had added another building to its church grounds — a duplex providing classroom space — in 1967, the pastorate of diocesan priests in Mooresville was nearing its end. Father Vincent Erb, pastor from 1966-70, was the last diocesan priest to serve St. Therese parish before Father John Radaelli, a member of the Consolata Society for Foreign Missions, tended to parish operations for several months in 1970.

Jesuit priests arrived at St. Therese

later that year, beginning their pastorate that continues today. Parish-level activities were developed and refined, and a Knights of Columbus council was founded with help from Jesuit Father Paul Gilvary in September 1979. The church was renovated to include pews obtained from St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte. The remodeling allowed room for 168 parishioners.

Ministry to the community continued to broaden during the 1980s. Responsibility for campus ministry — first at Davidson College, later diocesan-wide — was assumed by St. Therese pastors beginning in 1981.

Several church beautification projects highlighted 1982, including the addition of stained glass windows. The congregation also began to realize the need for additional room to better accommodate parish life.

By April 1983, plans for constructing new facilities had reached a milestone: The parish bought 25 acres of land on Brawley Road on which to build. The church property was placed on the market in September 1986, and the final liturgy was celebrated in October of the following year. During the interim pe-

riod between the closing of one church and the completion of another, the St. Therese congregation was welcomed to celebrate Masses in Central United Methodist Church in town.

The new church facility was dedicated by Bishop John F. Donoghue of Charlotte and Father Frank O'Rourke, then-director of the office of parish life and worship, in January 1988. By the close of the 1980s, parish membership numbered almost 400 families.

With the advent of the 1990s came rapid and continued parish growth. The present pastor of St. Therese, Jesuit Father Robert Wiesenbaugh, arrived in Mooresville in June 1994. He has seen a tremendous increase in the number of parishioners, and when he joined in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Therese Church — and the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination — in 1996, more than 1,110 families made up the church family.

With plans for additional expansion and a host of active parish and community programs, including a vibrant evangelization commission, St. Therese Church continues to reach out to the faithful in western North Carolina.

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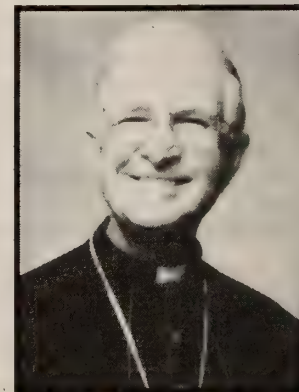
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Maryvale Sisters Mary Francis and Mary Clare share a moment with Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley during Sunday's Jubilee Celebration at St. Matthew Church.

## Diocese Celebrates Jubilee, Anniversary Of First Bishop

By MIKE KROKOS And  
JIMMY ROSTAR

CHARLOTTE — Hailing its first leader and the people who have shaped the Catholic Church in western North Carolina, Bishop William G. Curlin and other dignitaries gathered at St. Matthew Church Jan. 12 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte and the jubilee of the Episcopal Ordination of its founding shepherd, Bishop Michael J. Begley.

"On this day, 25 years ago, Bishop Begley was ordained a bishop and the pilgrim people of the Diocese of Charlotte began their journey of faith," Bishop Curlin told the more than 500 people who attended the Jubilee Mass.

Building a parish is no easy task, Bishop Curlin said, but the task of establishing a diocese is monumental. "It takes great faith, love, much patience, and many gifts. And these gifts were

richly evident when Bishop Begley established this diocese."

From a 46-county area of 34,200 Catholics in 1972, the diocese has grown through the leadership of Bishop Begley, Archbishop John F. Donoghue of Atlanta (who was Charlotte's second bishop, from 1984-1993) and Bishop Curlin. It serves more than 104,000 registered parishioners today.

The diocese's history includes new churches, schools and ministries, but most important for the future, Bishop Curlin said, is a continued growth in spirituality. "Our diocese will only be successful if it is built on Jesus Christ."

"I hope in the future," he added, "our diocese will continue to witness Christ through service, love, and action."

Also present for the Jubilee was Archbishop Donoghue, who still recalls

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## Bishop Begley Honored At St. Patrick Cathedral

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — The diocesan Jubilee commemoration continued with a Jan. 13 Mass honoring the life's work of the founding shepherd of the Church in western North Carolina.

In the ceremony, Bishop William G. Curlin several times referred to Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley's episcopal motto, "Diligimus Fratres," or "We Have Loved the Brethren." It epitomizes Bishop Begley, said Bishop Curlin during the Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral. "In the name of the diocese," he added, "I say the feeling is mutual: Bishop Begley, we all love you."

During a Mass the day before at Charlotte's St. Matthew Church, Bishop Curlin presided over a celebration for the diocese — its history, its future, and the people who have made it a reality.

But the Jan. 13 gathering at the cathedral focused on Bishop Begley. With Bishop David B. Thompson of Charleston, Bishop Kevin Boland of Savannah and Abbot

Oscar Burnett of Belmont Abbey — as well as priests and clergy from both North Carolina dioceses — Bishop Curlin concelebrated a liturgy recognizing the most humble example of faith.

"If anybody were to ask me to describe Bishop Begley, I would say two things," said Bishop Curlin during his homily. "He is man of the Church, and a man of great love."

Bishop Curlin urged priests, clergy, religious and everyone present to center their existence around the Eucharist. "How can any of us live our lives if we do not believe that the Eucharist is the heartbeat of the Church?" he asked. "It is what keeps us going and what makes us mindful to find Christ in our life. Certainly this is evident in the life of Bishop Begley."

Paying tribute to Bishop Begley as the heart of the celebration, Bishop Curlin also addressed the importance of vocations and ministries in this diocese and in the world today. "You are wonderful people," he told the priests, religious and

lay ministers in the congregation. He continued with an anecdote praising his brother clergy. "On a retreat last week, the bishops were talking about the things that make them the happiest. I said, 'My priests are the joy of my life.'"

Calling the founding shepherd a selfless man of the people, Bishop Curlin referred to Bishop Begley as a "blessed comfort" and "constant encouragement" not only for himself, but for all those who dedicate their lives to priestly or religious ministry.

Bishop David Thompson, shepherd of the Charleston Diocese since February 1990, agreed, saying Bishop Begley "was always very kind to me, especially when I was a new bishop."

"I take it very seriously to be an active member of our province," Bishop Thompson added. "Certainly within the province, there is a bonding here. And Bishop Begley is responsible for a bonding of love with us."

The admiration for Bishop Begley extends to the ecumenical community as well. Lutheran Bishop Michael McDaniel, former

bishop of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, thanked the Catholic community of western North Carolina, and its retired bishop in particular, for being "so gracious and hospitable" over the years.

"It's been a great opportunity for my wife Marjorie and me to take part in these celebrations," said Bishop McDaniel. "We love your diocese and your bishops. We've had wonderful experiences over the years, experiences of unity, love, mutual service and witness to Christ."

Serving as a witness to Christ is a gift that Bishop Begley counts as a blessing. He expressed his appreciation for all those persons making his life as a priest and bishop joyful. "This has been a great moment, a time for reflection, a time to reminisce," Bishop Begley said. "With God's help, His glory and His gifts, it's been 60 years in the priesthood for me. And I thank God for the privilege of sharing this with His people."







CNS photo from Reuters

Pope John Paul II receives diplomats at the Vatican Jan. 13 following his yearly state of the world address to envoys accredited to the Vatican. The pope said the Vatican will be watching closely how religious rights in Hong Kong are treated after the British colony is handed over to China this year.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society Founder To Be Beatified

PARIS (CNS) — The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has announced that its founder, Antoine Frederic Ozanam, will be beatified by Pope John Paul II this August in Paris.

The ceremony is to coincide with a planned papal visit to Paris for World Youth Day 1997, the society said. It listed Aug. 21-24 as the dates of the papal trip. It said Ozanam's beatification will be the first such ceremony held in Paris.

Last June the Vatican approved a miracle attributed to Ozanam's intercession, paving the way for his beatification.

A 19th-century French scholar, Ozanam founded the Conference of Charity with fellow university students in Paris in 1833 to provide practical assistance to the poor. Two years later it was renamed the Society of St. Vincent

de Paul.

The society today has about 850,000 members in 130 countries, including 64,000 members in the United States. In the United States, where it is represented in every diocese in the country, it reported that it provided more than \$100 million in aid to those in need last year.

Ozanam, who had three doctorates and taught law, literature and history, was a significant force in Catholic intellectual life in mid 19th-century France as well as a widely admired model of the Catholic lay apostolate. He died in 1853 at the age of 40.

In a letter shortly before Christmas the society's International General Council informed member councils around the world that 60 percent of those who responded to an international consultation on the beatification site asked that it be held in Paris.

## Jubilee Mass Celebrates Bishop's Life Of Service, from page 1

Bishop Begley's one piece of advice for him after Archbishop Donoghue was named his successor. "He told me, 'Remember the Holy Spirit runs this church, not you. So stay out of His way.'"

"I always tried to follow that advice," the archbishop added. "As a result, some people think I didn't do any work while I was here — it was all the Holy Spirit."

Bishop F. Joseph Gossman, who has served the Diocese of Raleigh since 1975, has maintained close friendships with all three Charlotte bishops. "When I received the invitation, I knew I needed to be here for this special celebration," he said.

Charlotte Rutherford Taylor, a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury, claims she is one of the few who can reminisce with Bishop Begley about his early days as a priest. "I bet I'm the only other one here who also remembers Bishop Hafey. I grew up in Raleigh and Bishop Hafey was my first bishop," she said. "Bishop Begley was my pastor when I was a girl."

Taylor, who attended Bishop Begley's ordination in 1972, called the

Diocese of Charlotte's first shepherd "a very kind, down-to-earth, saintly man."

Dr. William Rabil and his wife, Rosalie, have known Bishop Begley for nearly all their adult lives. "He was our first pastor at St. Leo Church when we moved to Winston-Salem in 1946," Dr. Rabil said. "We also traveled with the bishop on his first 'ad limina' visit to Rome to meet with Pope Paul VI in 1974." Heads of dioceses are required to make "ad limina" visits every five years to the Vatican to report on the status of their dioceses.

Always very humble, Bishop Begley pointed to his flock when discussing the diocese and its accomplishments. "To all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I must say what has been achieved has been achieved through your help," he said.

After thanking God for his health during his 60 years as a priest, Bishop Begley also thanked the congregation, who he said made his work all the more possible.

"I appreciate your prayers, and I ask God to continue to help and bless us all," he said. "God love and bless you all."

## Archbishop Decries Atlanta Abortion Clinic Bombing

ATLANTA (CNS) — "We are appalled and saddened at this affront to life," Archbishop John F. Donoghue of Atlanta said Jan. 16 after two explosions rocked an abortion clinic in an Atlanta suburb, injuring several people.

"We deplore and condemn the cowardly and pointless act of violence at the clinic in Sandy Springs, regardless of who bears responsibility," he said.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, said, "Our bishops' conference and all its members have repeatedly, exhaustively and publicly denounced violence as a growing cancer in our society."

"On behalf of all the Catholic bishops in the United States, I strongly denounce today's senseless violence," he added. "Such violence is the opposite of everything we stand for.... We pray for those who were injured."

The first explosion at the clinic, the Atlanta Northside Family Planning Services Center, occurred at 9:30 a.m. It shattered one side of the five-story building, which also houses offices of lawyers, dentists and other professionals on upper floors. No injuries were reported from that blast.

An hour later, however, when police and fire officials and news crews were gathered at the site, a second explosion destroyed a trash container in a parking lot next to the building. Several people were injured.

"The evil is compounded by the application of a second blast designed to injure officials who selflessly place their lives on the line in these kinds of incidents," Archbishop Donoghue said.

He said no such violence can be condoned by those committed to "the sanctity of human life" and urged that all people of good will "dedicate themselves anew to the dignity and sanctity of the gift of life."

The Associated Press reported that about a half-hour after the second explo-

sion, another abortion clinic half a mile away received a bomb threat and was evacuated.

Mary Boyert, executive director of Georgia Right to Life, said, "We are deeply saddened and concerned about the terrorism this morning. None of these — violence, bombing, terrorism — are ever pro-life, and they are never the solution to social problems."

Other pro-life leaders around the country joined in condemning the Atlanta bombings, for which no individual or group immediately claimed responsibility.

"Murder, or attempted murder, is never acceptable," said Carmen Pate, vice president of Concerned Women for America, a pro-family group that claims a half-million members.

"The majority of American women believe that abortion should not be legal and mourn the deaths of the 36 million babies who have died since the legalization of abortion in America," Pate added. "But those same women would never justify the killing of a human being responsible for those deaths."

David N. O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee, said, "NRLC strongly opposes any use of violence as a means of stopping the violence that has killed more than 35 million unborn children since 1973."

"The goal of National Right to Life is to break the cycle of violence which includes abortion, not perpetuate it."

Brian Johnston, an NRLC board member and executive director of a state affiliate, the California ProLife Council, said, "Just as the Unabomber is not representative of environmentalists, the perpetrator of this act in no way represents the sentiments of pro-life citizens or the purposes of the pro-life movement."

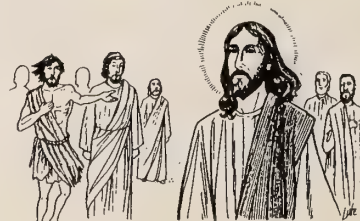
## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
January 19 - 25



Sunday:	1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42
Monday:	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Hebrews 6:10-20 Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Mark 3:1-6
Thursday:	Hebrews 7: 25--8, 6 Mark 3: 7-12
Friday:	Hebrews 8:6-13 Mark 3:13-19
Saturday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18

## The Lamb of God



"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by, He said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus." (John 1:35-37)





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The Chancery

January 17, 1997



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The weekend of January 25-26, 1997, has been designated for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. You may wonder how your contribution might create significant change anywhere, but when many small contributions are combined nationwide, they add up to sums that can make a real difference to hundreds of thousands of people in Latin America. Even modest grants can provide things that we might take for granted, such as paper, books, etc. Collection funds are also used to support leadership training for seminarians, men and women religious, permanent deacons, catechists and lay leaders in Latin America, where there is an average of only one priest for every 7,000 Catholics. For the Church to continue as a source of hope in this region, formation of laity in community leadership is essential.

The act of reaching out to another, whether to ask for or to offer help, is an act of solidarity; it is a way of saying, "You and I are part of the same Body of Christ. Let us work together to find solutions to this suffering."

Thanking you for your generosity and wishing you and yours the blessings of this New Year, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
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## Super Bowl Decision Is No Contest For Green Bay Bishop From Boston

GREEN BAY, Wis. (CNS) — Even though he's a native of Boston, Green Bay Bishop Robert J. Banks says his choice to win Super Bowl is no contest.

"To put my sentiments as simply as possible — Go, Pack, Go!" the bishop wrote in a column for The Compass, Green Bay diocesan newspaper.

The 1997 Super Bowl Jan. 26 pits the Green Bay Packers against the New England Patriots.

Responding to those who have asked which team he will root for, Bishop Banks used a familiar line from the Gospel: "Have I been with you all this time and still you do not know me?"

"As soon as I opened my letter appointing me to Green Bay, I became a Packer-backer," he wrote. "It was easy because I had been a Packer fan years before as a youngster."

Bishop Banks, who has headed the Green Bay Diocese since October 1990, said he has bet Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston 12 pounds of Wisconsin cheese against a dozen live lobsters that the Packers will beat the Patriots.

"I really should have given him some points too, but why rub it in," he wrote.

Bishop Banks said his biggest Super Bowl-related problem is that he will be flying to a meeting with bishops from Latin America on the day of the game.

"That means I shall be in the air while the game is going on, and then I shall miss all the celebrating when the victorious Pack returns," he said.

### Groups Endorse Principles For Care Of The Dying

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Ten principles aimed at improving the quality of care for dying people have been endorsed by 40 groups including the American Medical Association, the Catholic Health Association and the National Council of Catholic Women. The principles address patient care, advance planning, quality of life, family interests and bereavement and are directed at holding health care workers and institutions accountable for the care patients receive.



His Excellency,

The Most Reverend William G. Curlin, is pleased to announce the following appointment in the Diocese of Charlotte:

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin  
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3 p.m.

Charlotte Area Mass for the Unborn  
St. Gabriel Church, Charlotte

January 21  
8 p.m.

Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life  
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington, DC

January 22  
10 a.m.

Mass for Diocese of Charlotte "March for Life" Participants  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Women Key In Spreading Christ's Message, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Jan. 8.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis on the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, we have considered Mary's role in the saving mission of her son. The words of Simeon also shed light on the role of women in Christ's work of redemption. Like Mary, all women are called by Christ to share in his mission and his suffering for the salvation of the world. The unique role of women in the economy of salvation is reflected in the prophetess Anna. Anna represents all those women who, by their holiness of life and vigilant prayer, rejoice in the coming of Christ and share with others (cf. Lk 2:38) the hope of salvation offered by the Gospel.

I am pleased to greet all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from Korea and the United States. I also thank the choirs for their praise of God in song. Upon you and your families I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

### Pope Urges Scientists To Consider Ethics, Morality Of Their Work

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged scientists to consider the moral and ethical implications of their work in order to serve humanity. The pope made the remarks Jan. 11 to about 100 scientific experts attending a Vatican-sponsored International Conference on Space Research. The pontiff said he believed recent advances in outer space research

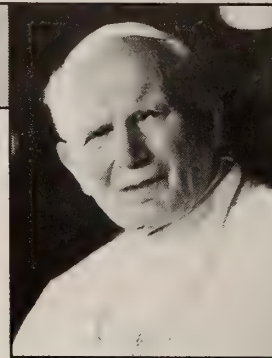
had deepened the appreciation people have for the human being and the Creator. "As never before man's gaze is open to the wonders of the universe. And the marvel of it all is a constant call to ponder ever more seriously the greatness of man's own destiny and his dependence upon the Creator," he said.

### Pope Tells Diplomats World Needs A Moral Code To Advance Peace

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II told envoys to the Holy See that the world needs a coherent moral code to keep stronger and bigger nations from dominating others and to further gains in global peace. The pope told 164 diplomats assembled for his annual new year's address in mid-January that perhaps the greatest need of the international community today "is not written conventions or forums for self-expression ... but a moral law and the courage to abide by it."

### Pope Welcomes New African Ambassadors To Vatican, Urges Dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humanity suffers when peace, justice and respect among peoples are denied in any part of the world, Pope John Paul II told four ambassadors from Africa. "Dialogue is the most effective means of promoting peaceful coexistence in the world and of eliminating the scourge of violence, war and oppression," the pope said Jan. 11.



## Guest Column

By Antoinette Bosco

### When Friends Meet Again

I had one of the happiest possible experiences when I met two of my teachers after a separation of nearly 50 years. Both are Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the wonderful community of nuns who taught me from elementary school through college in my hometown of Albany, N.Y.

Sister Jerome Joseph, my high school music teacher, gave me a love for classical music that brought joy to my life, a gift I passed on to my children.

Sister Emily Joseph my college Latin teacher, had a charism that made this "dead" subject come alive.

Both of these nuns had a special talent that I long ago knew came from their souls. They were two very alive women who never rationed their smiles. Just being in their classes made me feel like smiling too.

They invited me to dinner at the villa for retired nuns. We were like three school girls, so excited at seeing each other again after nearly a half century.

The stories kept coming back, and I was astounded at how much they could remember. I was only one of thousands of students they had taught in their careers, yet they remembered me.

That's probably the underlying reason they were so special to me. I think they communicated how much they cared for their students in many ways that I could feel.

In the past few years I have had the wonderful surprise of seeing many people from my past who were dear friends. The years had separated us, but when we got back together, even after many decades, it was as if layers simply fell away, and there we were, young and excited again.

Perhaps this means that when someone becomes a true friend in our youth, the bond always remains fresh.

I have asked people how they feel about seeing someone they had known well after a separation of 20 or more years.

The answers vary, usually starting with, "It depends on whether I really liked that person."

One woman said that meeting old friends after long separations excites her. She feels "new" again because seeing them reminds her of those fresh years when life was spread out like a smorgasbord, with so many wonderful choices and experiences ahead. In those fresh years, she hadn't considered the "down times, the dark times." She appreciated the joy of remembering those pre-wounded days.

One man told me that seeing old friends is a reminder that we are anchored, not alone and drifting. Remembering a strong relationship renews the power we feel when we connect with another person.

When we are young it is so much easier to connect to friends. Perhaps that is because life is simpler then, and we trust others more.

My wonderful evening with the two Sisters who had deeply and permanently impressed me in my teen years was a lesson in itself.

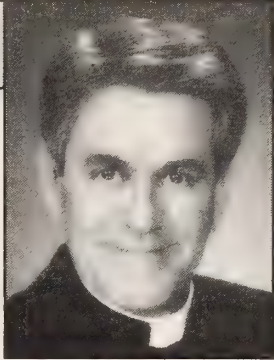
It taught me how important each of us is when we encounter another. The impact we leave can range from love to destruction. Every impression we make on another is precisely that — an impression formed for life.

I was fortunate, after so many years, to be able to tell these two beautiful women that the impression they made on me was the best. They gave us love and an excitement for learning. It was not surprising that the memory of this gift made for a great reunion!



Light One Candle

Father Thomas McSweeney



“Oh, You Again!”

“The business of loving another human being is the most challenging of all human enterprises because of the demands it makes on us.” That’s what a well-known psychologist believes.

Perhaps because of these demands many have never loved another person deeply. Or, having loved someone, been hurt and so have retreated. Yet one of the greatest needs today is the strength for all of us to be able to love another person at a very deep level. For so many, it doesn’t happen.

In the novel *Dearly Beloved* by Ann Morrow Lindbergh, there is a moving passage in which Deborah is adjusting the wedding veil for her daughter Sally. They have lived in the same house for twenty-some years but never really enjoyed intimate sharing or communication.

The mother is feeling this very deeply now on the wedding day. Deborah goes to her daughter, kisses her lightly on the forehead and hesitates for a mo-

ment, looking urgently, almost pleadingly into her wide eyes. Isn’t there something she could say at this moment, mother to daughter, something real? Sally, too, seems to be pleading, asking for something, some connection.

“Your father will be up in a moment,” Deborah blurts out in a rush. That is all she can say.

The intimate words never came. The real things never got said.

That’s the commentary on life for so many in marriage, in the family and with friends. We go places and do things together, but the real thing never gets said, the real communication never happens.

The Bible tells us over and over again that once we know how much God loves us, we come to a point where we should no longer be afraid to move into deep relationships with other people.

God made us “to be full of love.” And the fullness of love begins with God’s first having loved us. Because of God’s love, incomparable riches are

available to us in our loving relationships with those with whom we would draw close.

Alberto Giacometti, the Swiss sculptor, used only four models in his whole lifetime: his wife, his sister, and two other friends. When asked why he didn’t use more models to enrich his art, he said, “Oh, the great joy to me is to look at the same face every day and see something new there.”

Now most of us have just the opposite reaction: “Oh, the same face, day after day! That same old face!” But here is a man with marvelous insight: to see the face of your wife, the face of your husband, the face of your child, the face of a close friend, every day and to see something new there. To delight in what you see and to rejoice in it and to move deeper and deeper into love.

What tragedy it is when year after year you love together, only to discover that the most intimate friends and lovers are strangers. We don’t know who they are. We have never broken through.

But, my friend, because God loves us so much, it is possible to move into unfathomed realms of loving. We can miss this fantastic adventure by thinking that it couldn’t be any better, but whole new worlds of love and sharing and understanding — absolutely unlimited possibilities — grow out of one stunning recognition. As St. John put it, “We love, because He first loved us.”

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Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of *The Christophers*.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



How to Become a Catholic

Q. I am a lifelong Protestant, with a good bit of background in Sunday school and other Christian education.

After much thought and prayer, I am interested in becoming Catholic. Where do I start?

A. It’s not hard. The first step is to contact a parish or Catholic center near you which regularly conducts programs for people like yourself. Many are located near you in Manhattan. If you get stuck, look in the Yellow Pages under “Churches, Roman Catholic.”

In my view, the best, most readable and scholarly one-volume history covering the church from its beginning all the way to our own generation is “Pilgrim Church,” authored by Father William Bausch, published by Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, Conn. It is avail-

able through bookstores.

People in other parts of the country will not, of course, have the same large numbers of Catholic churches immediately available. But they may approach a priest or other parish minister in any nearby parish for the same assistance.

Q. My 22-year-old grandson and his steady girlfriend are expecting a baby in three months. They are both Catholic, and have received all the necessary sacraments up to now.

The priest they went to for marriage said to them that a couple who has a child out of wedlock cannot get married in the Church.

I’m sorry about the circumstances, but am happy about my new great-grandchild. So is the baby’s father, who has a fine new job to support his family.

Can you give me some information

about this rule?

“God is fair, but the world is cruel.”

A. I don’t know what source the priest quoted, but there obviously is no basis for such a statement in Catholic teaching or policy.

At least two possibilities occur to me that could explain what happened. The couple, who are dealing with a number of stressful circumstances, may simply have misunderstood the priest. If so, it’s unfortunate they didn’t get the matter straightened out at the time.

Or the priest may have perceived some serious problems in their relationship, and unfortunately chose simply to

tell them they couldn’t (in his view of the situation) get married.

Unwise and confusing as this may be, it seems that some priests, out of desperation and without explanation or advice about further steps, use this route to discourage couples from marrying.

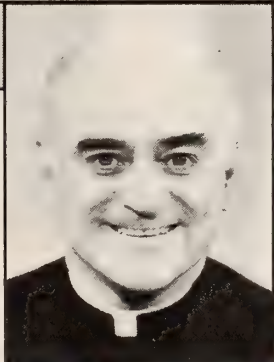
If he has not done so already, please suggest to your grandson that they approach another priest to assist their preparation for marriage.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir



Limbo

What is the future destiny of all the aborted infants? They number more than 40 million a year worldwide. That’s more than 400 million babies in the last 10 years alone. This is a question of enormous importance, and it deserves our special consideration.

“Since Christ died for all, and since all are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers of the paschal mystery, in a way known to God.” This quote is taken from the Vatican Council II document “Joy and Hope” (No. 22). Read this quote again, and let it sink in.

Under the heading “The Necessity of Baptism,” in Pope John Paul II’s new Catholic catechism, we read, “As regards children who have died without baptism,

the church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them.

“Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all ... should be saved, and Jesus’ tenderness toward children which caused him to say: ‘Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,’ (Mk. 10:14) allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism.

“All the more urgent is the church’s call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy baptism” (No. 1261).

“The Lord himself affirms that baptism is necessary for salvation (Jn. 3:5). He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them” (No. 1257).

“Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his church, but

seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity” (No. 1260).

In other words, baptism is necessary for salvation, but there are different ways it is accomplished. The Holy Spirit elicits from the preborn a holy desire for God, in other words a baptism of desire. This is a beautiful and consoling thought.

The word “limbo” has disappeared from the more recent theological sources. I didn’t find it in the index of

the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nor was it listed as a category in the *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*.

The *Catholic Almanac* defines it this way: “The limbo of the fathers was the state of rest and natural happiness after death enjoyed by the just of pre-Christian times until they were admitted to heaven following the ascension of Christ.... This belief is implied in the Apostles’ Creed” (p. 318).

It always bothered me that innocent babies were in some way ineligible to receive the fullness of God’s love. Now I know better.

Catholics today do not have to believe in limbo. There is one place of eternal rest, and that is heaven. Jesus is in charge, and he says, “Let the little children come to me.”



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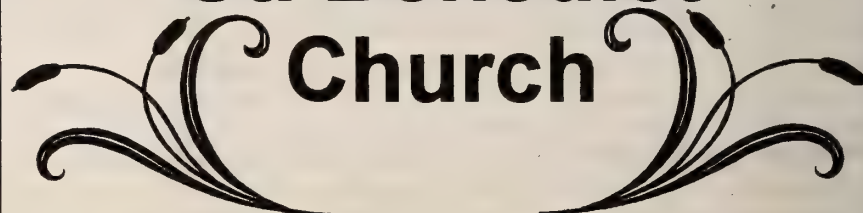


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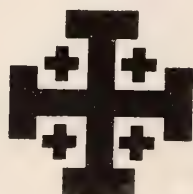
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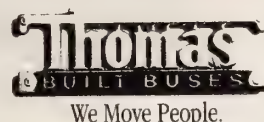
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# *Tribute to the founding shepherd of the Diocese of Charlotte A Man of True Faith*



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*Photos, clockwise from top:*

*Bishop William G. Curlin, bishop of Charlotte, offers words of praise for Bishop Michael J. Begley, bishop emeritus (seated).*

*Light streams into St. Matthew during the celebratory Mass.*

*"What has been achieved has been achieved through your help," said Bishop Begley.*

*Knights of Columbus honor guard during the celebration.*

*Bishop Curlin, Bishop Begley and Archbishop John F. Donoghue of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Bishop Begley was founding bishop, Archbishop Donoghue served the diocese as second bishop, and Bishop Curlin was installed as third bishop in 1994.*





## *Diligimus Fratres* *We have loved the brethren*

*"This motto selected by Bishop Begley epitomizes his life," said Bishop Curlin. "In the name of the diocese, I say the feeling is mutual. We all love you."*



*Above: Celebration for Bishop Begley on January 13 at St. Patrick Cathedral.  
Below: Jubilee cake for Bishop Begley during a luncheon in his honor.*



*Above: Bishop J. Kevin Boland, bishop of the Diocese of Savannah, Bishop Curlin, and Bishop David Thompson, bishop of the Diocese of Charleston join Bishop Begley for his jubilee celebration.*



*Below: Director of Catholic Social Services, Elizabeth Thurbee presents Bishop Begley with a token of their appreciation for his years of service and dedication.*





## For The Love Of The Brothers And The Sisters ...

By **FATHER FRANK O'ROURKE**  
Greetings and peace!

As we celebrate the jubilee of the Diocese of Charlotte and Bishop Begley's ordination, I am reminded of how our retired bishop has always invited all of us to be "partners" with him in proclaiming the kingdom of God here in our little corner of the world.

His episcopal motto, "Diligimus Fratres," Latin for "We Have Loved the Brethren," expresses that at the heart of his ministry is a profound devotion to all of us, who are brothers and sisters in the Lord.

He indeed has a special way of making everyone feel invited, and he continues particularly to support vocations in the priesthood and religious life by his eagerness to listen and encourage. Bishop Begley is so fond of sharing his own experiences, and his story of being called to the priesthood as a missionary in North Carolina truly inspires us. He conveys his excitement about the Church's mission when he speaks with our seminarians of his personal history.

One of my fondest recollections of Bishop Begley stems from a simple statement he made years ago: "There I go but for the grace of God." He spoke those words with such honest humility, and he has always understood the dignity of every person. He truly has been a

friend to all our seminarians, urging them to keep their faith and live their call to the priesthood.

I am invigorated by the bishop's sincerity, his openness, his acceptance of all people. He has been a great model all of us who have been privileged to share in ministry to the Diocese of Charlotte.

Just as Bishop Begley's own story began — his calling was nurtured in his parish community and through a family connection — so too are there stories to be written in our own lives. Let us all continue to build on his example by finding in our families and parishes those men possessing the gifts for priesthood that will share in keeping the treasure of faith alive in the Diocese of Charlotte.

*Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Charlotte. He was ordained to the diocesan priesthood by Bishop Begley in 1975. For information on vocations in western North Carolina, call Father O'Rourke at (910) 766-1822.*



## Mother Teresa Decides To Step Down As Missionaries Of Charity Head

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa has said she will step down as superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, Archbishop Henry S. D'Souza of Calcutta announced Jan. 13.

"This time Mother Teresa has finally decided to leave the post of superior general, as her health is coming in her way," the archbishop said.

Missionaries of Charity nuns began arriving in Calcutta Jan. 13 to attend the order's chapter and to prepare for Feb. 2 elections for the order's next superior general and four councilors.

Jesuit Father Edward le Joly, spiritual advisor to the order for more than 30 years, said the 120 sisters in the order's electoral college are scheduled to begin a retreat Jan. 20. The Jesuit said the sisters need time to discuss candidates' qualities and to get acquainted before the election.

Reportedly, one of seven nuns — Sisters Frederick Lewis, Andreas Boenke, Priscilla Lewis, Agnes Das, Camellia Pereira, Dorothy Francis and Shanti D'Souza — may be the likely successor if Mother Teresa steps down.

The Missionaries of Charity constitution requires election of a superior general every six years by a representative electoral college of the order's members.

"The archbishop of Calcutta, Henry D'Souza, will direct the retreat and over-

see the elections," said Father le Joly.

Mother Teresa was released from Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center Dec. 19 after being treated for life-threatening heart problems and bronchitis.

"She is in very bad condition and this week she could not even go to chapel across her room in the Missionaries of Charity headquarters," Father le Joly said Jan. 11.

"There is no other choice. It would be foolish if Mother Teresa is re-elected ... The sisters will have to ask the Vatican for Teresa to continue, and the Vatican will not give permission," Father le Joly said.

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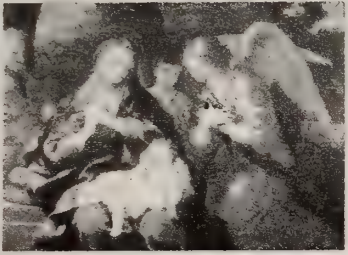
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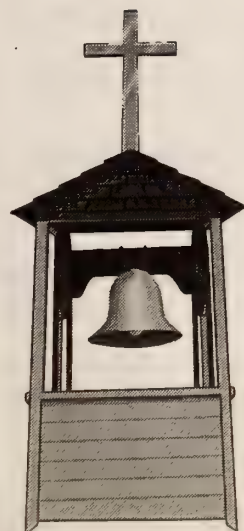
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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Bishop of Charleston Diocese to Lead Knights Retreat

FORT MILL, S.C. — Knights of Columbus across the region are being invited to congregate in camaraderie with Bishop David B. Thompson of the Diocese of Charleston, when the bishop will serve as master of a retreat Feb. 7-9 at the Radisson Grand Resort.

Bishop Thompson has served the Charleston Diocese as spiritual leader since February 1990. His fellow shepherd, Bishop William G. Curlin of Charlotte, called the retreat an occasion for Knights to share in their dedicated ministry.

"This retreat provides an excellent opportunity for the Knights of both Carolinas to come together in prayer and fraternity," Bishop Curlin said. The gathering is being sponsored by Fourth Degree George L. Gettier Assembly #780 of Charlotte.

The retreat begins with an 8 p.m. conference led by Bishop Thompson on Feb. 7, followed by the sacrament of reconciliation. Activities on Feb. 8 include the rosary, Mass, workshops led by the bishop, and a social. Participants conclude the retreat on Feb. 9 with Mass.

Participating Knights hope that both current and potential members of the order — and any men seeking spiri-

tual nourishment — will take advantage of this enriching opportunity.

"One of the most beneficial events we have as Catholics is the 'retreat,'" said Ed Childers, past faithful navigator of Council #9560 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Charlotte. "It is the heritage of our faith which provides us with that time away from the worldly activities so we may reflect upon our God and renew our commitment to Him."

The cost for the retreat itself is \$75. Send checks, payable to Knights of Columbus Retreat, to Msgr. Felix Kelaher at 7401 Ashfield Court, Charlotte, N.C. 28236. Please include your parish, council and telephone number with your correspondence. Traveling participants can make reservations for overnight stays at the hotel by calling (800) 374-1234. The Radisson Grand Resort is located at 9700 Regent Parkway, Fort Mill, S.C.

For further details, call Msgr. Kelaher, (704) 541-8679.



Bishop David B. Thompson

### Secular Franciscans Meet

ASHEVILLE — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets to share in commitment to the apostolic life of the Gospel the second Saturday each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence's St. Justin Center. For information, call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

### Scott Hahn To Visit Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Scott Hahn, a Catholic convert and scriptural scholar, presents "A Faith Journey with Jesus," a three-part evangelization series, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church. Program times are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31, and 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Feb. 1. No admission will be charged, and donations will be accepted. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte. For information, call Andy Getz, (704) 364-5431, ext. 276.

### Engaged Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter, a weekend for engaged couples to discern and assess their suitability for marriage, is Feb. 7-9 at the Catholic Conference Center. For further details, call Geoffrey and Ann Hoffman, (704) 483-3258.

### Respect Life Workshop

HICKORY — The Respect Life Office presents a workshop focusing on the sanctity of human life, "God's Plan for Love and Life," Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. and March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church. The Friday session is for parents, and the Saturday session is for teen-agers. For registration information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — Marian Father Mark Lamprich presents "Personal Prayer or 'Pilgrimage,'" a discussion of how even our daily walk of faith can be considered a pilgrimage, on Jan. 28 at 7:30 at Our Lady of Grace Church. For information, call (704) 274-0415.

### Barbecue Dinner Sale

HAMLET — St. James Church presents its 10th Annual pit-cooked pork and chicken barbecue sale Feb. 7 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church. Eat in or

carry out. For delivery of 10 or more plates, call (910) 582-0207 after 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 7.

### Ultreya and Leaders' Schools

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

South Charlotte area Ultreya meets every fourth Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in the St. Matthew Parish Fellowship Hall for potluck lunch, meeting, and Leaders' School.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "From the Ashes to the Fire" is a Feb. 7-9 retreat, directed by Father Eric Houseknecht, tracing the origins of Lenten practices.

"The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat, directed by Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak, focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media.

The cost for each retreat is \$90 per person. To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Jazz Quintet To Perform

FAYETTEVILLE — The Todd Wright Jazz Quintet presents a benefit performance on Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville. Suggested donation is \$6. Proceeds go to Catholic Social Ministries. For more information, call (910) 323-2410.

### Focus on the Family President Featured in Video Seminar

HICKORY — St. Aloysius Church presents noted psychologist and author Dr. James C. Dobson's two-part video seminar for parents, "How to Prepare for Adolescence," Feb. 2 and 9 from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Dobson is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization that produces his nationally syndicated radio programs. He is also featured in two award-winning film series aimed at strengthening today's families.

Rev. Mr. Tom Rasmussen, who is currently working towards his degree in family counseling and guidance at Appalachian State University, is program facilitator. Baby-sitting is provided.

For information, call the church office at (704) 327-2341.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.

### CSS Presents Day of Reflection

HICKORY — Catholic Social Services offers the first Day of Reflection for widowed, divorced and separated persons and their children Feb. 15 at the Catholic Conference Center. Reservations are required, with a \$20 per adult, \$10 per child fee needed to hold spaces. Some financial aid is available, and installation payments will be accepted. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, ext. 314.

### Evenings of Recollection

CHARLOTTE — Father Dean Stasell of the Legionaries of Christ presents Evenings of Reflection at St. Vincent de Paul Church Jan. 21 and 22. The Jan. 21 presentation is for women, and the Jan. 22 gathering is for men. Both presentations are from 7-9 p.m. For reservations and further information, call Ann Potter Gleason, (704) 599-4558 in the evenings.

## A Retreat for Widowed, Separated, Divorced and their Children Catholic Conference Center February 15, 1997

\$20 Adult/\$10 Children of which one-half is a non-refundable deposit required to confirm reservation. Continental breakfast from 9-10 a.m. and lunch are provided. Installment payments accepted. Some financial assistance available, confidentiality respected.

For information, call Suzanne Bach at (704) 377-6871 ext. 314.

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PLEASE CIRCLE: Widowed Separated Divorced

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## World And National News Briefs

### Catechists' Work Is The Teaching Work Of Jesus, Says Keynoter

NEW ORLEANS — The catechist's work is the teaching work of Jesus, and Christ will see that it gets done, said Carole Eipers, director of the Chicago Archdiocese's Office of Religious Education, in an address Jan. 10 at the annual Hofinger Conference. The conference drew catechists and religious educators from around the country to New Orleans Jan. 10-11 for workshops on spreading the Good News. "It's a tremendous challenge to you and me that we point always beyond ourselves to the Christ," Eipers said in her keynote address.

### Ohio Diocese Prays, Sings To Open Millennium Celebration

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (CNS) — With pageantry, praise and prayerful worship, some 1,200 Catholics from across the Diocese of Youngstown

joined in a nearly two-hour prayer service opening the three-year diocesan preparation for the third millennium of Christianity. Youngstown Bishop Thomas J. Tobin began his remarks at St. Columba Cathedral Jan. 5 by noting the large number of young Catholics at the gathering. "In a special way, the third millennium belongs to you," he told them. He pledged that the diocese would "work very hard in these next three years and into the millennium to come, to make the church as good and strong and purified and faithful as it can be because this church is your heritage."

### Protestant Leader Joins Catholics In Vigil At Besieged Church

ARMAGH, Northern Ireland (CNS) — The head of Northern Ireland's largest Protestant fraternity took part in a vigil of solidarity Jan. 11 with Catholics whose church had been blockaded for 18 weeks. On the night of Jan. 11, Robert

Saulters, grand master of the Orange Order, and other prominent Orangemen carried a banner reading "Orangemen support civil and religious liberty for all" at a vigil of solidarity outside Our Lady's Church in Harryville, County Antrim, while Mass was being celebrated. Our Lady's Church has been picketed by Loyalists, who are predominantly Prot-

estant, in protest against the rerouting of parades by Protestant fraternities like the Orange Order. Parishioners have needed a police escort to make their way to Mass on Saturday nights, petrol bombs have been thrown at police and parishioners have been assaulted making their way to and from the church.



CNS photo by John Burger, Catholic New York

**BISHOP LYNCH ARREST** — A police officer arrests Bishop George E. Lynch (back to camera) as Franciscan Brother Fidelis Moscinski looks on May 13, 1995, at the Women's Medical Pavilion in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. Lawyers attempting to overturn an injunction forbidding the two men from protests at abortion clinics are considering taking the case to the Supreme Court.

### Employment Opportunities

The Diocesan Accounting Office is accepting applications for a temporary, part-time accounting individual to assist our department with the annual Diocesan Support Appeal Campaign from February to April 1997. Responsibilities include sorting, batching and totaling deposits and data entry. Applicants must be proficient using a 10-key. The position pays \$7.50 per hour. Our office is located on East Morehead Street in Charlotte. Please forward letters of interest to Tracy Clark at the Catholic Center, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207 or call (704) 377-6871 ext. 322.

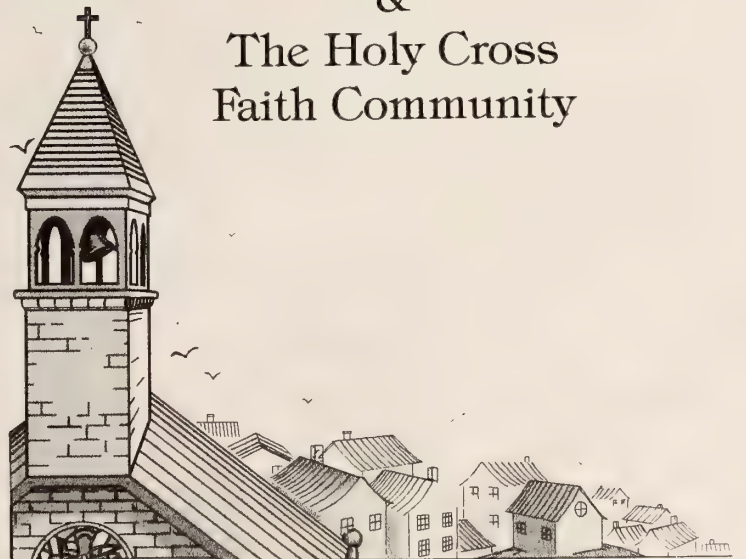
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## Parish Profile

**MURPHY** — In a state where today Catholics compose just 3 percent of the population, the faith was thriving even in the western extremes of North Carolina more than 60 years ago.

In 1936, one Father Lane assumed the pastorate of the Waynesville parish of St. John Church. The parish included the seven westernmost counties in the state. Father Lane offered a weekly lecture series at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy for two months in 1937, after which several other Diocese of Raleigh priests periodically offered Masses in Murphy.

A resident's home, a funeral par-

lor, a theater and a hotel dining room all served as sites for Masses in Murphy over the years. In the early 1950s, local parishioners — with St. John pastor Father Lawrence Newman — began a church building campaign. A call for help was issued to all the families across the nation with the surname Murphy to assist in building a Catholic church in the mountain town. The campaign raised \$5,000, which the Catholic Extension Society doubled with a matching contribution.

Construction was underway in 1952, and the new St. William Catholic Church, including a parish hall and priest's living quarters, was dedicated by Bishop Waters in August of that year.

In December 1954, Glenmary Father Joseph Dean became the first Glenmary Home Missioner to serve the parish. Father Dean — the first resident pastor of Cherokee County — and his successors went to the work of evangelizing throughout the western mountain region of North Carolina. They established sev-



eral missions during the 1950s and '60s, including Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hayesville, which today remains in the pastoral care of St. William parish.

Sisters of Providence of Holyoke, Mass., arrived in Murphy at the invitation of Father Dean in January 1956. They managed and staffed Petrie Hospital, which was blessed and dedicated as Providence Hospital by Bishop Waters in November 1956. The Sisters remained in Murphy until 1978.

Glenmary Sisters also served the area starting in 1958. They established a home nursing service — today's Good Shepherd Home Health & Hospice Agency — and assisted in fervent missionary work.

St. William parish and the surrounding Catholic population continued to grow markedly during the 1960s into the late '80s. The Glenmary Missioners offered their spiritual leadership to many people, and were instrumental in evangelizing, educating and ministering to mountain folk across the western extremes of the state. Churches were built or enlarged, a Bible Center was constructed, a parish in Andrews was estab-

lished, and a pastoral center was opened to instruct Glenmary priests and brothers.

In autumn of 1984, at the earlier direction of the Diocese of Charlotte's founding shepherd, Bishop Michael Be-gley, ground was broken for a new church in Murphy. The new St. William Church, complete with a parish hall and offices, hosted its first Mass on Christmas Eve, 1985. Almost 300 people attended then-Bishop John Donoghue's dedication ceremony in April 1986.

Father Bernard Manley in June 1987 became the first diocesan priest to serve as pastor of St. William parish. He remained until June 1991, when Father Edmund Kirsch, current pastor, succeeded him.

The Catholic population continues to grow in Cherokee County, with dozens of visiting faithful from Florida and elsewhere spending their summer months in the mountains. As a member of the Cherokee County Ministerial Association, Father Kirsch strives to maintain a healthy spirit of ecumenism as well in the western mountains.

### St. William

P.O. Box 546, Andrews Rd. Murphy, N.C. 28906  
(704) 837-2000

Vicariate: Smoky Mountain

Pastor: Father Edmund Kirsch

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Anthony Marini

Masses: Sat.: 6 p.m.; Sun.: 11 a.m.

Number of parishioners: 350 year-round; 435 summer

Number of Households: 164 year-round; 196 summer



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Visit the Marian Shrines of France with Bishop William G. Curlin April 7-17, 1997

Join Most Reverend William G. Curlin, Bishop of Charlotte, on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of France and Northern Spain. Your 10-day journey begins in Paris and concludes in Barcelona. Three days are devoted to shrines and churches in Paris, with day trips to Lisieux and Chartre. Then board France's famous TGV (rapid train service) south to Lourdes for a day-and-a-half of devotion at the Shrine and Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Winding through the spectacular Pyrenees mountains, you will spend the night in the tiny country of Andorra. Wake the next morning for a bus ride to the Monserrat for a tour of the towering Benedictine Monastery and Shrine of the Black Madonna.

Your final destination is the Spanish town of Barcelona, where we conclude this pilgrimage.

Marian Shrines with Bishop Curlin is priced at \$2,350 per person based on double occupancy and includes:

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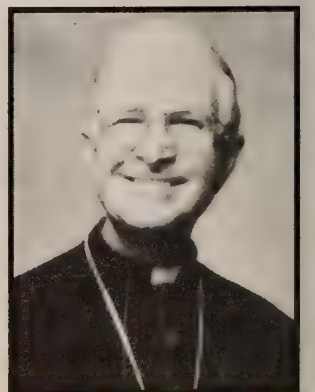
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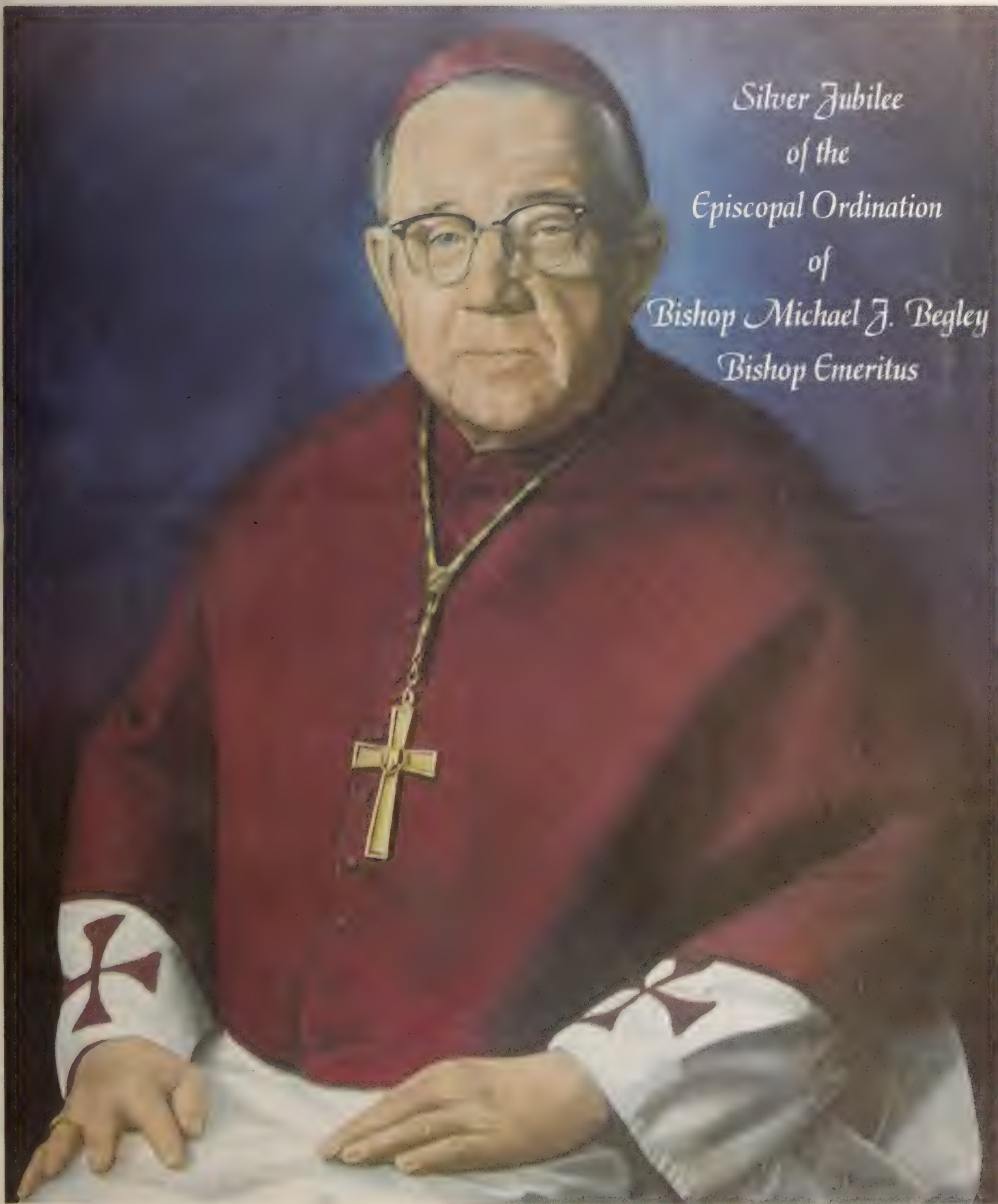




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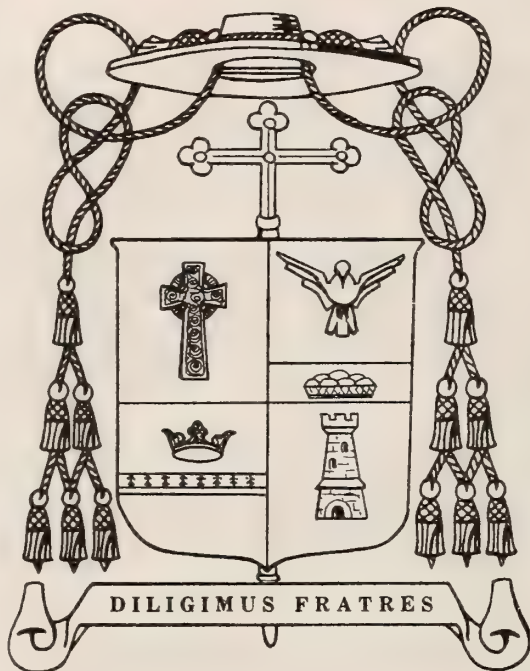
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## BISHOP BEGLEY'S COAT OF ARMS



The coat of arms chosen by Bishop Michael J. Begley expresses his love, service and dedication to the people of the Diocese of Charlotte.

His motto, "Diligimus Fratres," symbolizes his love for others. The New American Bible translation of the phrase is "We have loved the brethren."

The shield itself is divided into quarters: two blue and two green, each containing a silver symbol. The upper left quarter shows a Celtic cross to symbolize the bishop's Irish ancestry.

The upper right quarter holds a bird designed by Mercy Sister Theophane, who constructed the coat of arms. The animal is a composite of three different kinds of birds: the dove to represent the Holy Spirit; the raven, a symbol for St. Benedict; and the eagle for St. John the Evangelist. A red band at the base of the quarter contains a bread basket and rolls to signify Catholic Social Services.

The lower right quarter shows a tower with a parapet, a symbol found in the Begley family's coat of arms and also found on the old orphanage building of Nazareth, where the bishop once served as director. The tower also represents the Virgin Mary's titles "Tower of David" and "Tower of Ivory."

The fourth quarter on the lower left holds a crown that signifies the Queen City of Charlotte, the see city of the diocese. A band of silver below the crown shows eight ermine marks which, according to the Manual of Heraldry, signifies dignity. For Bishop Begley those marks also signify his eight years of involvement in the Cursillo movement.

Across the bottom of the coat of arms is a scroll upon which his motto appears. Bishop Begley retains his seal. A new bishop for the diocese will designate his own seal at the time of his installation.



*Bishop Begley and Msgr. John McSweeney meet with Pope Paul II.*



*Mercy Sisters Donna Marie Vallaincourt and Jean Marie Davis chat with Bishop Begley.*

### About the Artist:



John Rosato, a native of New York, developed an interest in portraiture at an early age.

Starting with sketches of his sports heroes, he developed his skills during Catholic elementary and high school. During his senior year at Chaminade High on Long Island, he was admitted into the advanced placement program in fine art at St. John University in Queens.

He proceeded in his studies at State University of New York, Oswego College, where he graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree. He went on to join Mendola Artists as an illustrator, and his talent also earned him jobs with publishers and a variety of other companies.

Rosato moved to North Carolina in 1991, and maintains a studio in Kernersville where he accepts commissions for commercial and portraiture work.

After meeting with Bishop William G. Curlin in April 1996, Rosato was commissioned to paint a portrait of retired Bishop Michael J. Begley.

His oil portrait of Bishop Begley, as seen on the cover of this section, was completed in the age-old tradition of Da Vinci and Michelangelo. He began with a line drawing on paper, transferred it to linen, and finished the painting with a series of burnt sienna and burnt umber washes followed by layers of dark to light colors.

Rosato is a member of the American Society of Portrait Artists and is a parishioner of Holy Cross Church in Kernersville.



**Twenty-Five Years****Recent Chapters In North Carolina Catholicism**By **JOANN KEANE**

Associate Editor

**B**EFORE THE FORMATION OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE IN 1972, THE LATE BISHOP VINCENT S. WATERS WOULD REGULARLY TRAVEL 2,400 MILES THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA TO VISIT the parishes and missions in his far-flung Diocese of Raleigh. Between the two farthest points in the state — Murphy (in the westernmost corner) to Manteo (on the Outer Banks) — the span is 450 miles.

With the exception of the area under the jurisdiction of the Benedictine abbot of Belmont Abbey, North Carolina was one diocese. By the early 1970s, that jurisdiction of the Benedictines — which had once covered much of the state — had diminished to cover only Gaston County.

North and South Carolina originally were part of the Diocese of Charleston, serving about 5,000 Catholics with 17 churches and 16 priests. The Second Council of Baltimore in 1866 proposed to the Holy See the designation of North Carolina as a vicariate. It remained a vicariate for almost 60 years.

It was the consecration of William Joseph Hafey on Dec. 5, 1925, as first bishop of Raleigh that began the journey to the future of the Catholic Church in North Carolina. The youngest bishop in the United States at the time, Bishop Hafey served as bishop for the state until 1937, when he became the bishop of Scranton, Pa.

Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness was appointed as his successor, and served the state from 1937 until his taking over the Oklahoma-Tulsa diocese in 1944.

In 1945, Bishop Waters was installed as third bishop of Raleigh. It was under his direction that the formation of a second North Carolina diocese was accomplished.

Shortly before the bishops met in Rome

for the 1971 synod, Pope Paul VI said it was his intention to divide the larger dioceses of the world into smaller units, "on human scale." Pope Paul's desire was to make the office of bishop more pastoral than administrative.

On Nov. 30, 1971, Bishop Waters wrote a letter to Catholics in North Carolina announcing, "Our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, through the Most Reverend Apostolic Delegate, has made known to us that he has in mind very soon to erect from the territory of the Diocese of Raleigh, a new Diocese of Charlotte. He has chosen the first bishop of the prospective Diocese of Charlotte, our own Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Begley, pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish, Greensboro, North Carolina."

The new diocese would encompass the 46 western counties of North Carolina from Reidsville and Hamlet in the east to the Tennessee state line in the west. It also would include the territory formerly under the jurisdiction of Belmont Abbey.

And so, on Jan. 12, 1972, the Diocese of Charlotte was born. Bishop Michael J. Begley was ordained as the first bishop for the new diocese. By coincidence, Bishop Begley is a cousin of Bishop Hafey, first bishop

of Raleigh.

At the formation of the Diocese of Charlotte in 1972, statistics showed a Catholic population of 34,255 with 39 diocesan priests, 27 religious priests and 249 sisters, which included Sacred Heart Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont. There were 53 parishes and 22 missions.

In 1996, the Catholic population is calculated at about 104,000. Eighty-two diocesan priests, 62 religious priests, 192 sisters and 60 deacons serve the area. By 1996, the diocese had grown to 66 parishes and 24 missions.

Bishop Begley served the diocese until his retirement in 1984. Bishop John F. Donoghue was consecrated and installed as second bishop in 1984, serving until his elevation to archbishop of Atlanta in 1993. Bishop William G. Curlin was installed as third bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte on April 13, 1994.



*Bishop Begley and long-time friend, Father Pat Jones of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, were both very involved with Appalachian Ministries.*



*Bishop Begley concelebrates Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral.*

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# Four Chancellors Guide Diocese Through First 25 Years

By PAUL FREDETTE  
Correspondent

**F**OR NEARLY THREE YEARS, THEN-FATHER JOSEPH SHOWFETY TRIED TO CONVINCE Bishop Vincent Waters that Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville needed to be expanded. It was not easy, but by July 1971 he succeeded. Father Showfety's excitement was rising now, keeping pace with the building fund that was edging its way toward a goal of \$200,000.

On the first day in December, he was outside shoveling 15 inches of new-fallen snow when the unforeseen phone call came. Msgr. Michael Begley, bishop elect for the recently designated Diocese of Charlotte, was on the line asking him to become the first chancellor of the diocese. "But I want to build this church in Hendersonville," Father Showfety said. "I know you do," replied Msgr. Begley. "It will be built, but not by you." That task would belong to then-Father William Pharr.

Within a few days, Father Showfety was on his way to Raleigh to begin an extensive briefing by Msgr. Morton, then chancellor of the Raleigh Diocese, initiating the transfers necessary for the start of the new Diocese of Charlotte.

"I was so grateful for Msgr. Morton's assistance since it was all completely new to me," said Msgr. Showfety in a recent interview. He still marvels at the smoothness of the transition, in some ways resembling a surgery which split the assets of the Raleigh Diocese "right down the middle" to give the fledgling Diocese of Charlotte a fair shake.

It was only later that Msgr. Showfety learned of Bishop Waters' satisfaction with their decisions and appointments. "Once the announcement came, Bishop Waters never interfered in any way in the operation of the Charlotte Diocese," he recalls. "He never gave us any advice unless we asked, and kept a hands-off approach, which I admired considering the amount of personal hard work he had done in this area. Bishop Waters was good to us, and fair to us."

With so much organizational work to be done, it might have been easy to settle for a nuts-and-bolts approach to his work, but Msgr. Showfety wanted the tenor of the chancery to be "pastoral in its outlook." Experience had taught him that a good relationship between the bishop's office and the priests of the diocese was important. Despite the challenges that acquiring new property and establishing a diocesan administration presented, assessments to the parishes remained the same.

Initially the chancery consisted of Msgr. Showfety and his secretary, Mrs.



*Msgr. Joseph Showfety and Bishop Michael Begley outside St. Patrick Cathedral before rededication Mass in 1979.*

Madelyn Sullivan, and Mrs. Aloha Linhares, the secretary to Bishop Begley. For the first three months they all worked out of the rooms in the rectory of St. Patrick Cathedral. The diocese's first chancellor retains vivid memories of those early days: "Father Richard Allen, then rector at St. Patrick's, did so much to help us get ready for ceremonies, including the repainting of the cathedral."

Msgr. Showfety found his ministry as chancellor "stimulating yet demanding, and difficult but enjoyable." He thanks God that the diocese has grown the way it has, and is confident that "solid foundations have been laid for further growth and development." Believing that one of the greatest challenges facing the diocese today is sufficient vocations to the priesthood, he reminds the congregation at St. Benedict Church in Greensboro where he is currently pastor that "it is the praying church that produces vocations."

Nurturing the vocation of Msgr. Joseph Kerin, who succeeded Msgr. Showfety as chancellor, however, was largely the work of Bishop Waters. "He expressed himself very strongly about the missionary character of North Carolina, calling it the China of North America," recalls Msgr. Kerin, a native of Scarsdale, N.Y., who was ordained for the Diocese of Raleigh in 1957.

When Father Kerin was appointed chancellor of Charlotte in July 1979, he had already been exercising both pastoral and business skills as rector of St. Patrick Cathedral and as vice-chancellor for two years.

What was surprising to him was the changing face of the see city. From a modest southeastern retail town, Charlotte was becoming a financial and corporate center. "Companies were relocating here, and the number of people moving in was unlike anything we had ever

anticipated," recalls Msgr. Kerin.

He remembers the chancery of that time as very small and compact. "It was just a handful of people doing very hands-on administration," he says. "Until then we kept things going much in the way of an extended family, but the structures were taking shape rapidly."

During Msgr. Kerin's tenure as chancellor, Jim Kelley joined the staff as director of development. He and Jesuit Father Tom Gaunt, director of the planning office, conducted the first real studies of growth patterns throughout the diocese. The expansion of diocesan departments to meet the needs of a growing Catholic population meant a larger and more professional lay staff.

Also, Rev. Mr. Guy Piche, presently director of properties and the Catholic Conference Center, was appointed the first financial administrator to manage the business affairs of the diocese.

Msgr. Kerin considers the expansion of the diocesan social services, particularly the establishment of an independent office for the resettlement of refugees, to have been one of the most satisfying achievements in the late 1970s and early '80s. During those same years, greater numbers of men and women religious located in the diocese and significantly broadened the scope of ministry, especially among the rural poor.

Although many of the present diocesan structures had not yet been formalized, the direction was clear, and Msgr. Kerin could already see some of the challenges looming on the horizon. "With the diocese growing so rapidly, maintaining the delicate balance between structural efficiency and actual service to the people would require greater effort," he said. "The institution can too easily become an end in itself. The purpose of structures is to enable worthwhile ministry to God's people."

One of his chief joys as chancellor

was the overall vision of the diocese which his work afforded him, but in 1986 Msgr. Kerin asked Bishop John Donoghue, currently Archbishop of Atlanta, to reassign him so that he would not lose touch with the pastoral perspective at the local level. "As chancellor, my purpose was to help the priests in the parishes and I've always enjoyed their tremendous cooperation and support," Msgr. Kerin said.

The first of those priests to be ordained by Bishop Begley for the new Diocese of Charlotte was Father John J. McSweeney, a native of Oneida, N.Y. Having held administrative positions in the diocese since shortly after his ordination,

Father McSweeney was prepared for the ministry when appointed chancellor by Bishop Donoghue in October 1986. At the time he was pastor of St. Ann Church in Charlotte and vice-chancellor, as well as director of planning and development and director of vocations.

The tremendous growth in the diocese that marked Msgr. McSweeney's term as chancellor squares well with the ministerial model of gardener that he so enjoys. The image, a favorite of Pope John XXIII, suggests that clergy need not be caretakers of a museum, but rather gardeners who plant and reap. One of his perennial concerns as chancellor was how specific decisions would affect the local parish. "I spent much time convening groups of people, and building motivation," says Msgr. McSweeney, who coordinated 35 major buildings.

During his term as chancellor, Our Lady of the Hills Camp in Henderson County was sold and the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory was built. The Catholic schools in Mecklenburg County were regionalized, and much of the chancellor's time was focused on demographics and consultations about property acquisitions. His concerns ranged from the establishment of the Catholic Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte to help insure future financial resources and stability to the expansion of ministries for the ever-growing Hispanic population.

In view of the extraordinary growth taking place in the diocese, more serious and deliberate attention was focused on the recruitment of personnel from various religious orders. Msgr. McSweeney involved himself in the recruitment of seminarians for the diocese.

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# Bishop Begley Witnesses Changes During Career

By JOANN KEANE  
Associate Editor

**I**N THE YEARS SINCE HIS ORDINATION IN 1934, RETIRED BISHOP MICHAEL J. BEGLEY HAS SERVED SIX POPES. HE HAS WITNESSED THE CHANGES IN priestly assignments, and laid the groundwork for a new diocese.

During this time, he has seen a nation change. Ten presidents have served the country. He saw the civil rights movement unfold. He has served the people throughout times of uncertainty with warm spiritual direction.

Throughout his service, Bishop Begley retained the warm, humanitarian spirit that still glows today. In virtually every article written about him, the word "amiable" can be found.

In May 1984 the *North Carolina Catholic* newspaper paid tribute to Bishop Begley with a 24-page special edition. In honor of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, the supplement was "but a footnote to the life of this missionary priest of the Diocese of Raleigh, and first ordinary of the Diocese of Charlotte."

Hundreds of pages could be written on Bishop Begley and some things would still be left unsaid.

When then-Msgr. Begley was assigned to St. Ann parish in Charlotte in 1955, he became pastor of the city's second parish. Today, there are a dozen parishes in the Queen City.

Then Father Begley was a priest of the Diocese of Raleigh. This new assignment landed him in the geographical parameters of what would become the Diocese of Charlotte.

Ordained on May 26, 1934 in Springfield, Mass. as a priest for the Diocese of Raleigh, Father Begley's first assignment was at St. Mary's in Wilmington. Over the next three-and-a-half decades, he transferred within the state, serving in pastoral roles at eight parishes. He served the former Nazareth

Orphanage in Raleigh and was diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

In 1971, he was transferred to Our Lady of Grace in Greensboro. His assignment was brief. On Nov 30, 1971, Pope Paul VI appointed Msgr. Begley as the first bishop of the new Diocese of Charlotte. He was ordained on Jan. 12,



Bishop Begley and his dog "Meown."

1972 in St. Patrick Cathedral.

Throughout the years, retired Bishop Begley has been there for those in need. Shortly after his ordination as bishop, he accepted an active role with Appalachian Ministries. Twenty-six counties within the Diocese of Charlotte are considered part of Appalachia. Fifteen years have passed since Bishop Begley led 26 bishops, representing 13 states, in issuing a joint pastoral letter, *This Land Is Home To Me*. The pastoral attracted national attention for its forthright approach to the problems of the people of that economically depressed region. Today, he enjoys life as a self-proclaimed gentleman of leisure. At 87, Bishop Begley may move a bit slower, but he's sharp as ever, recanting the stories that shaped the Diocese of Charlotte as if the events happened yesterday.

# Diocese Blessed With Dedicated Leaders

By MARY COYNE WESSLING  
Correspondent

**T**WENTY-FIVE YEARS AS A CATHOLIC DIOCESE IS HARDLY A BLINK OF THE EYE IN A CHURCH HISTORY THAT DATES BACK 2,000 YEARS. But in two-and-a-half decades the Diocese of Charlotte has established itself as a vibrant, growing home for Catholicism.

The successful growth of the diocese is due in large part to the steady, dedicated leadership of its three bishops — Michael J. Begley, John F. Donoghue and William G. Curlin. While their style of leadership varies, these men have much in common when it comes to serving as the spiritual and pastoral leaders of the Diocese of Charlotte. In recent interviews, the bishops reflected on their service to the diocese.

## Bishop Begley

Bishop Michael J. Begley, now retired, began his service in 1972 as the first bishop of the diocese. Considered a friend to fellow priests and a dedicated pastor, he was a good choice to lead the newest diocese in the Atlanta Province.

Weeks before his ordination and installation as ordinary, Bishop Begley began setting up diocesan offices and handling the transfer of ownership of property and institutions from the Diocese of Raleigh.

Surrounding himself with 10 priest consultants, Bishop Begley completed the transition with few glitches. But that was just the beginning. In the succeeding 12 years he would be challenged with a growing Catholic population which in turn required establishment of new parishes and expansion of existing parishes, institutions and agencies. How did he manage it all? "I always kept in mind that I needed other good people to help me," he said.

During his tenure, Bishop Begley also established the Catholic diocese as a nurturing place for spiritual growth, a helping hand to the poor and oppressed, a welcoming evangelizer, and a strong partner in ecumenical endeavors and dialogues.

As leader of his priests, Bishop Begley was considered a fair, open man who invited healthy debates. His love for them was readily admitted and observed. "I knew they were good men," he said.

As graciously as he entered, Bishop Michael J. Begley left active duty in 1984.

## Bishop Donoghue

Bishop Donoghue came to the Diocese of Charlotte with a wealth of administrative talents and experience gained in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Like his predecessor, Bishop Donoghue faced the challenge of a growing diocese. "It was a good challenge to have," he said, "and one that could be met because people were enthusiastic. Because we were a minority, they tended to stay together better and the Church became

much more important to them than it might have been up north."

Bishop Donoghue recalls being impressed with the Catholics he came to serve. "It grew apparent that here in the south, Catholics tend to make the Church an important part of their life. To many it is the center of their life. That's why the Church was and is growing. It makes people feel welcome. The people are understanding, accept the diversity and are so hospitable."

Of course, no amount of Southern hospitality could solve the growing pains he encountered. Like Bishop Begley, Bishop Donoghue surrounded himself with people who knew the diocese. "I know my own strengths and weaknesses. Whatever I can't do, I find talented people who can," he said.

During his tenure, the Diocese of Charlotte continued to grow rapidly. Bishop Donoghue sought to provide the places of worship and institutions that could accommodate his people. (In 1991, he established the diocese's weekly newspaper, *The Catholic News & Herald*.) He also promoted the growth of ministries which fed people's spiritual needs.

"We opened a number of churches. We tried to provide more for the growing Hispanic and Vietnamese communities that continue to grow. We opened the Catholic (Conference) Center in Hickory which proved a worthwhile endeavor," he said.

Bishop Donoghue credited his predecessor with laying a strong foundation on which to build. He added, "Bishop Begley never interfered with what I was doing. He was, from the very start, very supportive of everything. He never criticized, never told me he disagreed with what I was doing."

And for the 95,000-plus Catholics he guided, Bishop Donoghue left a healthy diocese for Bishop William G. Curlin.

## Bishop Curlin

"It is a grace and a blessing to be in an area that is expanding while so many places up north are struggling," said Bishop Curlin. "I find the Catholics here very Church-oriented. We are still a minority, despite our growing numbers. But perhaps it is because we are a minority that we have a reason to be proud and identify closely with the Church. It is a great blessing as a bishop to serve such devoted people."

Thus sums up how the Diocese of Charlotte's third and present bishop views his challenge as leader. "We have strong commitment to shared ministry," he added. "Laity are a vital part of this ministry. They are recognized for their readership roles, as spiritual directors, for conducting education classes and more. There's a rich variety of shared ministry."

Bishop Curlin is equally impressed

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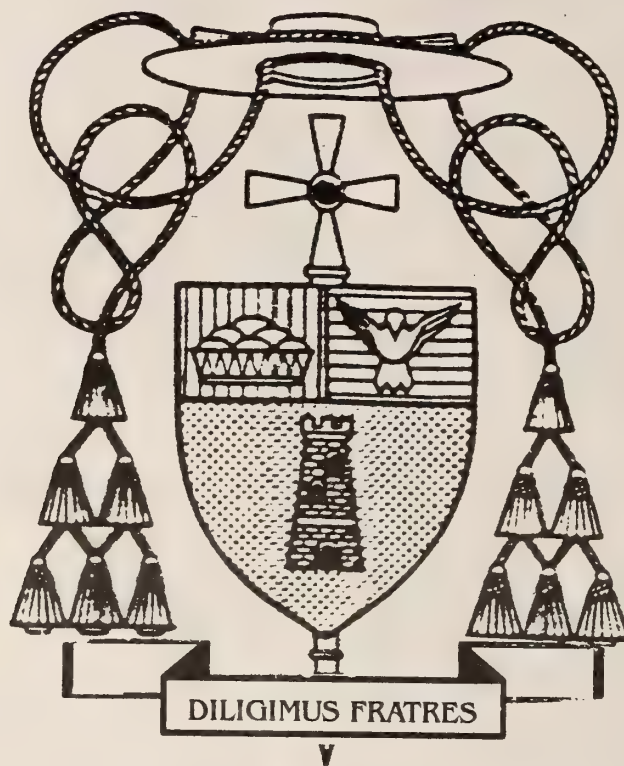


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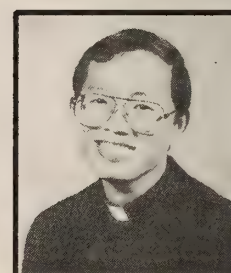
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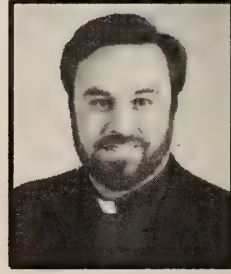
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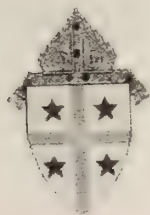
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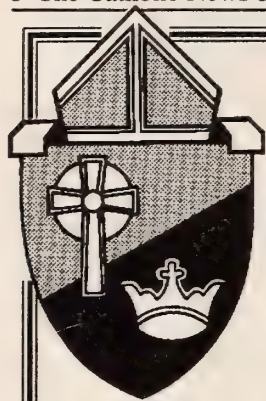
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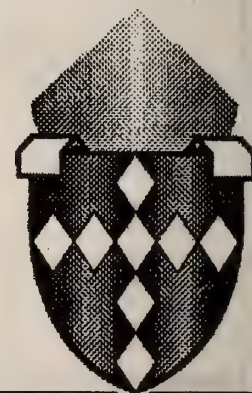
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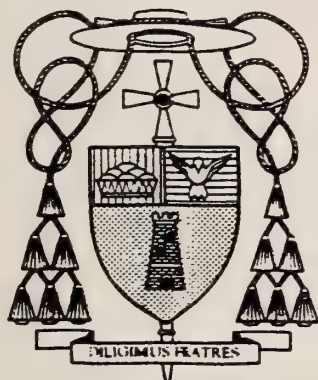
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# Priests Reflect On 25 Years In Charlotte Diocese

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

**I**N RETROSPECT, FATHER GEORGE KLOSTER STILL SMILES WHEN RECALLING THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED TO THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP Michael J. Begley for the newly-formed Diocese of Charlotte. In fact, Father Kloster claims he was only "trying to protect his boss" when Bishop Vincent S. Waters made that fateful telephone call in late 1971.

"It was a week before Thanksgiving when we got a call at Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro for then-Monsignor Begley. It was Bishop Waters of the Diocese of Raleigh," recalled Father Kloster, who was serving as associate pastor. "Msgr. Begley was in Spain, and neither the secretary nor I knew if he had permission to leave the diocese. We were very general when Bishop Waters asked about when he would be back."

Pressed to talk to Msgr. Begley, Bishop Waters phoned again and asked where he could reach him. "We went ahead and told the bishop Msgr. Begley was out of the country, hoping we weren't getting him in trouble," Father Kloster said.

When he arrived back in the states a few days later, Msgr. Begley met with Bishop Waters, who told him of plans to split the Raleigh Diocese and form the Diocese of Charlotte. He also posed the question he had waited several days to ask: Would Msgr. Begley serve as the first bishop of the new diocese? The answer was yes, and a new diocese was born Jan. 12, 1972.

Father Kloster, who now serves as pastor of St. Michael Church in Gastonia, says much has changed in the diocese's 25 years of existence. "Everything started out so simple. Our diocesan office was the rectory at St. Patrick Cathedral," he said. "With the diocesan structure's growth, we now have The Catholic Center on Morehead Street."

In the early days, there was also a close relationship between the priests of the Charlotte and Raleigh dioceses, but a natural evolution into two dioceses has taken place, Father Kloster added. "I feel a sense of loss of camaraderie between the priests in the dioceses," he noted.

Like many of his brother priests, Father Joe Kelleher, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Lexington, remembers the day Bishop Begley was installed as the diocese's first shepherd. He also treasures an image that remains with him from the following day at the new church office. "There was Bishop Begley in short sleeves, putting his desk together himself," he said. "He was always a humble man, and greatly loved as a priest and bishop."

Although most view the increasing Catholic population in 25 years as a positive trend, Father Kelleher says even more important is the growth in spirituality that began under Bishop Begley and continued under Bishop Donoghue and Bishop Curlin.

Another reason for the spiritual growth, he added, is the priests who

serve the diocese. "I told this to Bishop Donoghue when he was here, and I've also shared it with Bishop Curlin, there are very dynamic men in the background working very hard for the Church," Father Kelleher said.

Father Thomas Clements, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury, also remembers Bishop Begley's "great pastoral concern" for all people.

"That showed up in his work with Catholic Social Services and his bringing the Trinitarian Sisters into the diocese," said Father Clements, who was appointed the diocese's first CSS director in 1972.

Bishop Begley's commitment to Appalachian Ministries and to the economic problems of people in the region was shown in his co-authoring of the pastoral letter, "This Land Is Home To Me," Father Clements added.

For Monsignor Richard Allen, pastor of St. Ann Church in Charlotte, the Catholic Church in North Carolina has evolved from a "mission diocese" of unchurched people that greeted his arrival 40 years ago. "There were few Catholics back then, and we were misunderstood to a degree," he said.

Despite growth in recent decades and the formation of the Diocese of Charlotte, Msgr. Allen says he feels the Church has the same mission today: ministering to people who still do not know Christ. "I really believe we are more missionary than we've ever been," he added. "We need to be concerned about the people who haven't experienced the love of Jesus or presence of God in their lives."

When the Diocese of Charlotte was formed and Bishop Begley named its shepherd, there was a "euphoria in Western North Carolina," according to Monsignor Bill Pharr, pastor of St. Vincent De Paul Church in Charlotte.

Over the years, the diocese has seen great progress in lay ministry and collaboration in the sense of teamwork of clergy, laity and religious, he added. "This positive thrust has continued to develop as the diocese has grown under the leadership of Bishop Donoghue and Bishop Curlin," Msgr. Pharr said.

Father Ed Sheridan, pastor of St. Gabriel Church in Charlotte, also points

to the emergence of lay people in parishes and on parish staffs when discussing changes in the diocese over the past quarter-century.

What began as the diocese with the fewest Catholics in the nation has been transformed by a population explosion, Father Sheridan added. "Even though we are still in the minority, we've come a long way," he said.

Father Sheridan, who served as the diocese's first school superintendent from 1972-76, says the school system has evolved as well. "Catholic Schools are facing different challenges today, but we're in a much better position now than we were back then." Among the tasks currently facing schools is the need to expand at several facilities, he added.

All three shepherds have been instrumental in meeting challenges that come with diocesan growth, Father Sheridan noted. "Bishop Begley founded the planning office, Bishop Donoghue ordered the Synod, and Bishop Curlin continues to build and follow-up on things started," he said.

Like others, Father Francis Cintula, pastor of St. John Baptist De La Salle Church in North Wilkesboro and St. Stephen Mission in Elkin, calls the growth of the diocese since 1972 "phenomenal."

Father Cintula's memories include a keepsake of Bishop Begley being honored after celebrating Confirmation at St. Mary Church in Shelby in 1972. "I have a photo of the bishop with a cake one of the parishioners made that included a miter on top of it," he said.

Father Joe Waters, pastor of Holy Trinity Mission in Taylorsville, has witnessed various changes in the diocese over the years, including continual growth in the migrant population.

"During the 1960s, a Hispanic migration began to North Carolina, principally from Mexico," said Father Waters, who has served in the diocese since its inception and ministered to migrants for many years.

With nearly 30,000 immigrants in the area, the Diocese of Charlotte began its Hispanic ministry in 1972. "Father Alex Ducci directed the Charlotte-based office. Later that summer, Father Joseph McCarthy began working with migrants

in the Reidsville area," Father Waters said.

Over the years, doors have been opened to greater migration, which is very evident today, Father Waters added. "Since most immigrants from Mexico and Central America are at least nominally Catholic, it can be said that every parish in the diocese has Hispanic Catholics in their midst," he said.

Msgr. Joseph Showfety and Msgr. Joseph Kerin, former chancellors, have both also served the diocese since 1972. They are featured in a separate story in this issue.

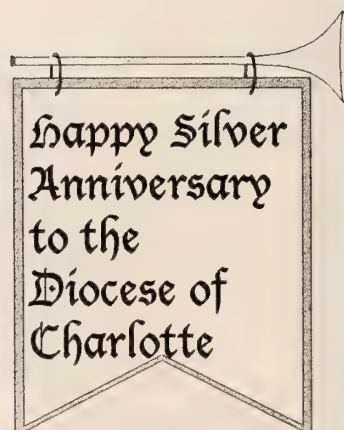
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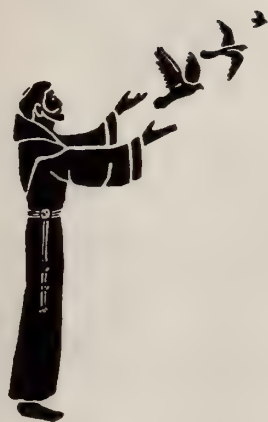
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# 25 Years: Reflections Of The First Diocesan She



*Msgr. William Pharr, Bishop Begley, and Father Ed Sheridan.*



*Bishop Michael J. Begley blesses the congregation after concelebrating with Auxiliary Bishop George Lynch, both of the Diocese of Raleigh.*



*Above: During his 50 years of active priesthood, the bishop always enjoyed spending time with his people.*

*Right: Bishop Begley's active role with Appalachian Ministries led him to West Virginia, where he eventually met with striking coal miners.*



*Bishop Begley with...*



# nerd, Bishop Michael J. Begley, Bishop Emeritus



Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral with Bishop Vincent Waters and



Concelebrating the Diocese of Charlotte's 10th anniversary Mass with Bishop Begley at St. Vincent De Paul Church are Abbot Peter Stragand of Belmont Abbey (second left) and Bishop Joseph Howze of the Diocese of Biloxi, Miss. (far right)



ets with Pope Paul VI in Rome.



Bishop Begley chats with a priest in this 1979 photo.



## Diocese Blessed With Dedicated Bishops, from page 5

with his priests. "They are very generous in serving the people," he said. "They take on added burdens and do it graciously. I am proud that they are open to team ministry."

Still, their numbers hardly keep pace with the booming Catholic population. That is why Bishop Curlin continually promotes vocations and it seems to be paying off. "Right now we have 23 seminarians and with God's blessings we may have 30 by the spring," he said. "The prospects are good."

Bishop Curlin sees other good prospects for the diocese, including its growing outreach ministries. "This diocese has accomplished marvelous things," he said. "Catholic Social Services does an outstanding job. Outreach to the migrants grows stronger. Even ecumenical outreach is amazingly strong here."

His pastoral leadership led Bishop Curlin to travel some 55,000 miles last year in the diocese and strengthen his bond with the people. "I go out as much as possible to celebrate Mass, have lunch

with the school children, or attend special events. I go because I like to be with the people I serve."

Bishop Curlin's philosophy is simple: Serve others. "I remind my priests and others who work for me that it is not the job of the people to support us, it is our ministry to support them."

Above all, Bishop Curlin prays that his work will inspire and encourage people to grow closer to God. "I hope when I retire that someone might look back and say, 'He taught me how to find God in my life.' I am called to build Christ in people."

In putting the last 25 years of leadership in perspective, Bishop Curlin said, "Bishop Begley had the tremendous task of building this diocese from the start. He laid the foundation. Bishop Donoghue added to that by building on Bishop Begley's accomplishments. He brought the rich experience of his years of working in the chancery in Washington and updated this diocese with changes that kept pace with the current

times. My task is to build on their work and emphasize the pastoral approach and shared ministry."

He added, "I believe that each pope seemed to fit the time in which he served. I believe we've done the same here. I like to think I'm adding another layer which is fitting of my time in serving this diocese."

It is curious to note that all three men answered a call that they would have gladly passed on to another. But their dedication of service to others and love of God compelled them to accept it. Fortunately for them and for all who have benefited from their leadership, it has been a rewarding experience, a welcomed challenge.



*Bishop Begley lays hands on Bishop John Donoghue at his ordination Mass for the Diocese of Charlotte in 1984.*

## Chancellors Reflect On First 25 Years,

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cesse, giving special attention to the needs of ethnic communities in western North Carolina, such as Hispanics, African Americans, Koreans, Hmong and Vietnamese.

One of the challenges facing the diocesan administration, says Msgr. McSweeney, was careful stewardship of time, talent and treasure when considerable sums and efforts were being consolidated to respond to growth in the Catholic population by expanding parishes and ministries of the diocese.

Another growing concern during the late 1980s and early '90s was the ever-decreasing number of religious personnel and the increasing number of lay people employed by the diocese. The time had come to respond more systematically to issues involving the fair and just treatment of lay employees. This meant developing adequate personnel procedures and uniformity in hiring policies and practices.

Today, as rector of the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville, Msgr. McSweeney's energies seem undiminished. As the diocese celebrates its jubilee, he concentrates on the need to solidly evangelize Catholics who no longer practice their religion, and the need to respond creatively to what he calls "family in-fighting" that pervades the Catholic community in our time.

Father Mauricio West, a native of Columbia, S.C., had already administered in the diocese for 20 years as a religious order priest member when Bishop Curlin appointed him as chancellor in December 1994. Shortly before that time, he was incardinated into the diocese as well.

Having served as a college administrator for 10 years, and for six years as associate pastor of St. Gabriel parish in Charlotte, Father West was "excited about the possibilities and the challenges" this new ministry offered. He has

come to understand his role as helping the diocese to identify its values and to assess how accurately diocesan policies, practices and programs reflect those values. "As we step into the community to serve those in need, we must do so with a cohesive message of His word," he says.

Father West does not use exalted terms to describe his work as chancellor, preferring to say that he is regularly in the role of asking hard questions about whether the work of the Church is on the right track at any given time. Grappling with issues in Catholic education, or deciding which parishes need to be expanded, or consulting on ways of exercising responsible stewardship and providing ministries are all duties Father West attends to in his work.

As the diocese continues to grow and develop, so do its formal structures. Father West shares the concerns of his predecessors that organizations and entities are not maintained simply for their own sake. "As the administration becomes more complex, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are the Church, and we must continually ask what this has to do with building up the Kingdom of God." Just having programs is not enough, says Father West. Rather, the question, "How do they help people and change their lives?" is one he continually asks.

Father West's excitement remains high as the diocese celebrates its 25th anniversary. "We need to find better ways to harness all the talent and energy there is in the diocese," he adds. "How can we better assist pastors and become more valuable resources to them?"

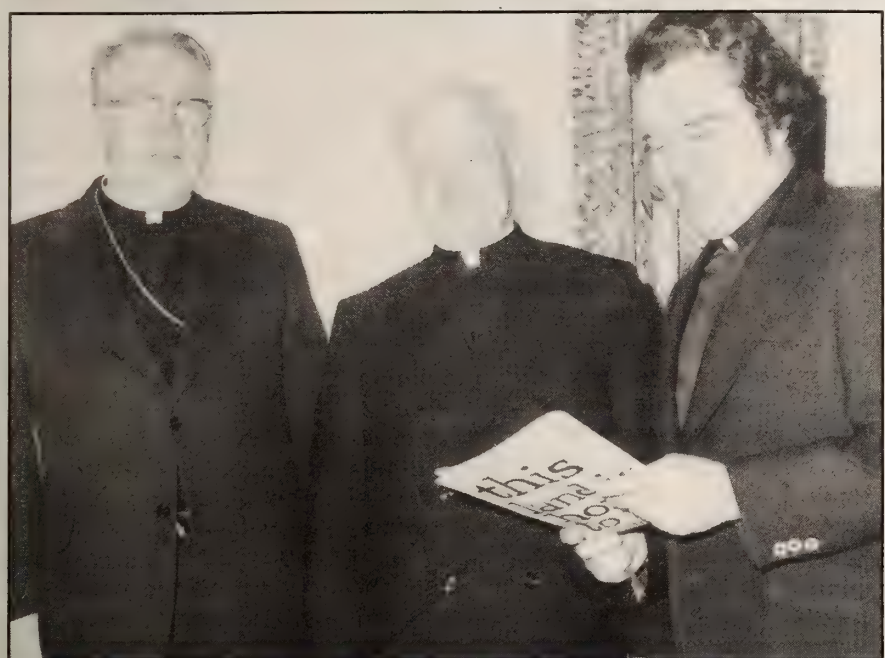
At present, one of the biggest challenges, says Father West, is devoting more time to planning so that less time need be spent reacting to situations that could have been anticipated. "We must act today," he said, "in view of what we want the diocese to look like 10 or 25 years from now."

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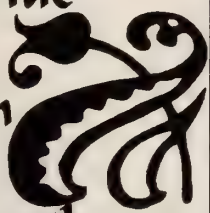
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Bishop Begley co-authored the pastoral letter "This Land Is Home To Me." He is shown with the late Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Father Pat Jones of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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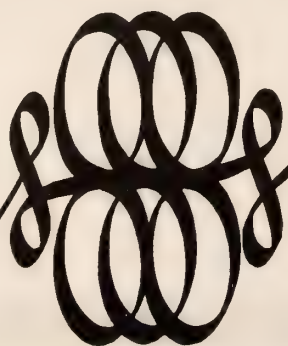




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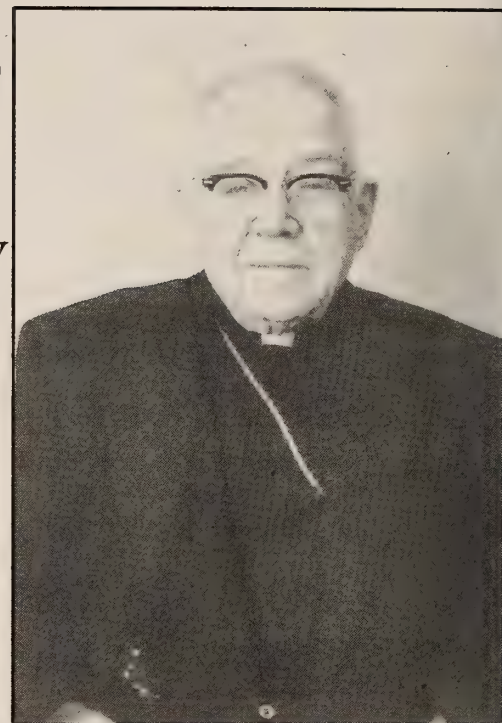
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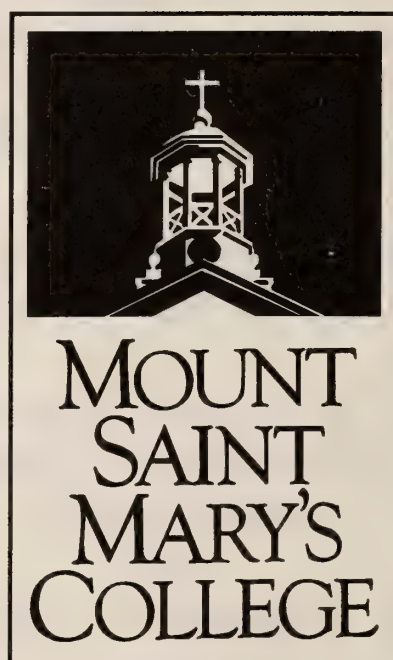


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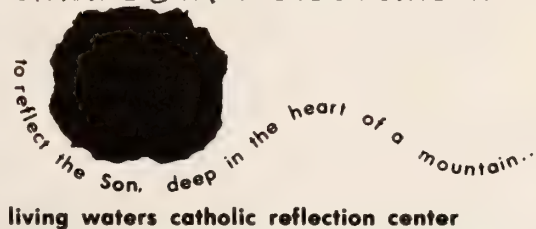
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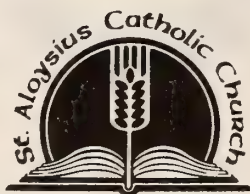
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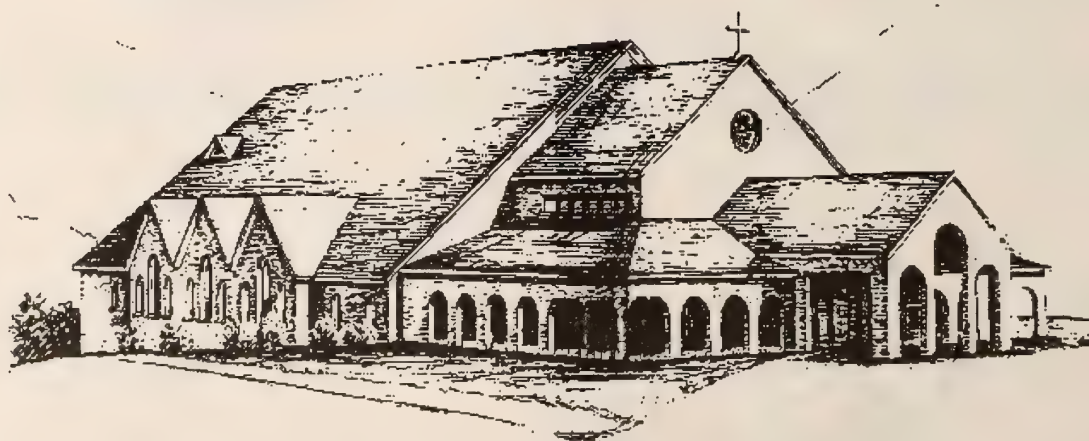
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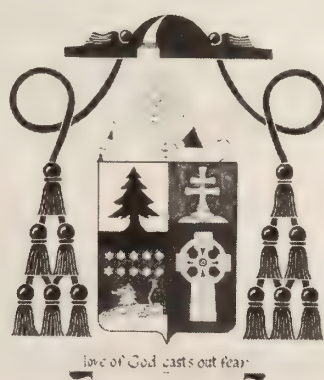
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Jesuit Father Joseph Brown and Our Lady of Consolation parishioner Sandy Murdock share ideas at the annual diocesan celebration honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Photo by MIKE KROKOS

## Catholics Honor Legacy Of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — Jesuit Father Joseph Brown is on a mission. Since 1988, the New Orleans priest has traveled the country encouraging African-American Catholics to reclaim their culture by building memorials to their past.

"We need to stand on the rocks of our history ... the foundation of our Church," said Father Brown during the diocese's 12th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Jan. 18 at Our Lady of Consolation Church. "As people of faith and culture, we need to see the things that show us what freedom and liberation mean."

While many American cities have memorials to the Holocaust, there are no memorials to slavery, Father Brown said. "There was a group of African-Americans a few years ago who did not want a Smithsonian (Institute) exhibit on slavery," he said. "People need to remember where they come from. We don't know our strengths because we refuse to remember our past."

Nearly 60 people took part in the event sponsored by the African-American Affairs Ministry. For those in attendance, the day was an educational experience. Father Brown's sessions touched not only on Dr. King's legacy, it also focused on African-American culture in the Catholic Church.

"I'm sure most of you have heard Dr. King's famous 'I Have a Dream' speech. That is not all Dr. King was about. He was a preacher and an organizer," Father Brown said. "He was about organizing unions ... and about protesting

the war in Vietnam."

In his workshop "To Stand on the Rock: Developing a Culturally Rooted Church Community," Father Brown called for all Catholics to accept leadership roles in the Church.

"Church is supposed to teach us how to live," he said. "If there are lost people, we need to lead them to the Church. It's our right and responsibility as Christians."

Mary Ward, a parishioner at St. Benedict the Moor Church in Winston-Salem, listened intently to Father Brown's message. "We need to communicate the importance of assuming the responsibility of keeping the Church alive and passing our faith on to children," she said.

James Bingley, a parishioner at St. James Church in Concord, said he learns more about his heritage every time he attends a workshop. "I've also come to realize lay people need to be more involved in the Church," he said. "We can't leave it all to our priests."

During his session "Joshua Fit the Battle at Jericho: Anointing the Young for Service," Father Brown stressed the need to encourage black teens to consider vocations. "The answer I hear from them is nobody ever asked us," he said.

The celebration concluded with a Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin. During his homily, the bishop praised African-Americans for keeping their faith despite the many crosses they have carried. "You have walked a painful journey, yet you keep Christ in your heart. Never forget the journey of tears and sorrow," he said. "Bring that heroic faith to the Church where we can walk with one heart, one mind, and one voice."

## Cardinal Reiterates Need To Be 'Unconditionally Pro-Life'

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston reasserted Catholics' need to be "unconditionally pro-life" during his homily at the annual "Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life" celebrated on the eve of the March for Life.

"The pro-life movement is about the sanctity of every human being, at whatever point on the continuum of earthly existence. We must be unconditionally pro-life," Cardinal Law said during the Jan. 21 Mass, which kicked off the National Prayer Vigil for Life.

"The state's compelling interest, we insist, is not a fictitious right to die, but rather in the fundamental, God-given, inalienable right to life," he added at the Mass, celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

His homily, punctuated more than a dozen times by applause, took note of the dangers to life at different stages.

"After 24 years, and the destruction of 30 million-plus lives through abortion, how can we but cry out that abortion is robbing this nation of its soul?" asked Cardinal Law, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

Commenting on recent Supreme Court oral arguments on physician-assisted suicide, the cardinal said, "The inexorable logic which leads from abortion to euthanasia is at work. Ideas lead to their inevitable conclusions."

"First it is life at its beginning. Then it is life at its end. And finally it will be any life that a committee, an agency, a state decides is not worth living."

Cardinal Law said, "To be here with integrity it is essential that we be unconditionally pro-life. We reject as simply false the notion that one can be personally opposed to abortion but nonetheless supportive of a public policy which provides abortion on demand."

He added, "It cannot be 'I am personally opposed to abortion but.' It must be, 'I am personally opposed to abortion and am, therefore, unconditionally pro-life.'"

The cardinal spoke of how the gift of faith leads people to respect life.

"It is not surprising, then, is it, that

the Catholic Church in witness to that fullness of faith which is her divine gift, is singular in her affirmation of the right to life and of human solidarity, particularly with the poor and those most vulnerable in our society?" he said.

"It is Jesus who taught us this! It is Jesus who revealed his very presence in those who stand before us in need."

Cardinal Law added, "Listen again to what he said. 'I myself am the bread

of life.' Jesus is life. In Jesus we celebrate the birthday of life. The Eucharist is given us for life."

He said, "We are pro-life because we have learned from Jesus never to claim to be the master of another's life but to be ready ... to give our lives, without counting the cost, so that others might live."

Not even the national shrine, which is often billed as the United States' largest Catholic church, had enough seats for those in attendance, many of whom came with sleeping bags to spend the night there.

At the beginning of Mass, Cardinal Law told the assembly that a television commentator had asked him, "What do you say to young people about pro-life?"

"I said, 'Look at the crowd out there and ask instead what do the young people say to us who are older about pro-life?' ... We are grateful to you who are the pro-life movement.... This is it. We are grass-roots."

Cardinal Law was principal celebrant of the Mass. Among the 200 concelebrants were two dozen of his fellow bishops.

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Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

CHARLOTTE — Father James Hawker, vicar for education of the Charlotte Diocese, recently gathered campus ministers from the diocese to review and discuss their mission and their goals. Pictured, standing left to right, are Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Gilvey; Barbara Neff-Hutchison; Conventual Franciscan Father Michael McCaffrey; Ed Alton; Dr. Robert Ludwig of DePaul University, Chicago; Benedictine Father Fred George; Father Hawker; and Alberta Hairston. Seated are Gloria Schweizer (left) and Shawn Adams. Not pictured is Jesuit Father Robert Wiesenbaugh. Dr. Ludwig is assisting the group as a consultant in their review of campus ministry from the diocesan and local perspectives.

## “Catholic Schools — Schools You Can Believe In” Is Theme For 23rd Annual Catholic Schools Week

WASHINGTON, DC — “Catholic Schools — Schools You Can Believe In” is the theme for the 23rd annual Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26-Feb. 1, and for the seventh National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools on Wednesday of that week, Jan. 29.

The celebrations are part of a year-round marketing campaign to showcase the quality, value-added education provided in 8,300 Catholic elementary and secondary schools nationwide.

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) co-sponsor the campaign which provides Catholic educators with marketing tools ranging from billboards and posters to camera-ready ads and radio commercials. This is the third and final year featuring the “Schools You Can Believe In” theme.

In addition to the four-color logo depicting a figure holding aloft a Bible, the National Marketing Campaign features an illustration from award winning artist Bill Keane, creator of *The Family Circus*. A multicultural cast of characters join Billy and Dolly in Catholic school this year, pictured first as hard-working students and later as successful adults.

Since 1974, Catholic Schools Week has served as a celebration of both U.S. education and Catholic schools in particular.

“In recent months the media has put a spotlight on Catholic schools, highlighting our success in character development, academic achievement and graduation

rates,” said Leonard DeFiore, NCEA president. “These results underscore that Catholic educations are providing an exceptional service to our Church and to the country. Catholic Schools Week celebrates their courage and commitment.

According to Msgr. Thomas McDade, USCC secretary for education, the marketing campaign has been integral to enrollment increases in Catholic schools over the past four years. “Through active marketing efforts in our schools and dioceses, more parents are learning about the values-based education in Catholic schools and are making that choice for their children.”

For the past two decades, Catholic educators and students have conducted parades, academic assemblies, community service projects and many other activities during Catholic Schools Week to recognize the schools and their role in the Church and community. National Appreciation Day was founded in 1990 as an opportunity to reach out to legislators and other community leaders to encourage their support for Catholic schools. On Jan. 29, Catholic student representatives will journey to Capitol Hill to speak with members of Congress about the value of a Catholic school education. They will also deliver background on the Catholic school network to every congressional office.

USCC is the national public policy organization of the U.S. bishops. NCEA represents more than 200,000 educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic education at all levels.

## In Brinks Spree, Recognition For Boy And His Catholic School

WASHINGTON (CNS) — For Herbert Tarvin, a sixth grader at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School in Miami, goodness has turned out to be much more than its own reward.

Since the 11-year-old schoolboy returned 85 cents of an estimated \$550,000 in cash and food stamps that spilled out of an overturned Brinks truck Jan. 8, he has received praise from local officials; calls from TV talk shows, Disney and a pro sports team; and rewards enough to begin a college trust fund.

Herbert and a single mother of six were the only people to return money during an amnesty period that ended Jan. 11. A Miami firefighter had turned in a bag containing \$330,000 within minutes of the accident in the Overtown neighborhood.

Herbert, who had found the 85 cents under the Interstate 95 overpass where the truck overturned, said he returned the money “because my mom and my teacher taught me to be honest.” His mother, Valerie Stovall, said Herbert was excited but was staying focused.

“There have been a lot of good things happening for him,” said Herbert’s principal, Sister Michele Dolyk, a member of the Allegheny Franciscans. But more importantly, she suggested, his celebrity has prompted some rethinking.

At a time when “people just think negatively about what happens in the inner city,” she told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview Jan. 15, the boy’s “actions speak loudly about many children in our school. Herbert put a face on all the children in the inner city.”

Sister Dolyk said St. Francis Xavier — “in one of the poorest sections of Miami” — has 156 students, mostly African-American and Hispanic, with some of Haitian and Filipino origins. “We try to get them to ask, ‘What would Jesus do? What’s the right thing to do?’” she said.

In one of the 100 calls the school has received about Herbert, the principal said a woman reported that, through his ex-

ample, she had decided to honor a contract she was about to break. Sister Dolyk observed that, regarding today’s “indifference to things that are wrong, a child is leading them.”

The nun said school classes in Montana and Virginia have sent 85 cents from each student. “The Montel Williams Show” and “Leeza” have called, as have Disney World and the Miami Heat basketball team.

Herbert’s parents set up an education trust fund for him. The boy, who hopes to become a prosecutor, wants to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta.

He was presented with a framed certificate of recognition by Dade County commissioners in a City Hall ceremony. “He wore his school sweatshirt,” Sister Dolyk said proudly.

And despite his youth, Herbert was invited by State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle to become an intern next summer; she made an exception to the age requirement of 16. His class also was invited to attend an upcoming swearing-in ceremony.

Sister Dolyk described him as a typical boy. “He loves school, loves sports; he gets into some scrapes, but he’s a conscientious youngster,” she said.

Though not a Catholic, Herbert “comes from a good Christian family,” she said, adding that “his parents share their faith and values with him.” Herbert has been a student there since first grade. His older brother and younger sister do not attend St. Francis Xavier.

Oblate Father Jack Lau, pastor, told *The Florida Catholic*, Miami’s archdiocesan newspaper, that “the hype surrounding” Herbert’s action “seems to point to a lack of morals in our nation.”

“It’s taken a child,” he added, “to bring us a sense of hope and honesty.”

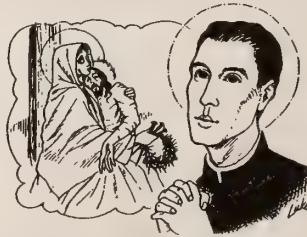
## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
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Monday:	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25
Friday:	Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Mark 4:35-41

### Gabriel Possenti



Gabriel was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1838. At age 18 he entered the Order of Passionists. He was given the name Brother Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. His life was not extraordinary. However, his fidelity to the rule, a joyful spirit, consideration for others and his devotion very much impressed those around him. Just as Gabriel was finishing his studies for the priesthood, he fell ill and died at age 24. He was canonized in 1920. His feast is Feb. 27.



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## Catholic Schools Week

# Season Of Giving Never Ends For OLM Students

By MARY COYNE WESSLING

Correspondent

WINSTON-SALEM — If Christmas is the season of giving, then the students of Our Lady of Mercy School can boast that they celebrate it all school year long.

Carrying on a tradition begun several years ago, OLM students launched the first campaign of this school year in September. By October, they raised enough money to buy tickets to the Dixie Classic Fair for residents of a local AIDS Care Center.

"They brought in over \$340 of their own hard-earned money," boasted Principal Sandra McMonagle. The best part came when the residents came to the school to tell the children how much they enjoyed the fair. It was, McMonagle said, a chance for the students to meet their beneficiaries firsthand.

With the Dixie Fair experience still fresh in their minds, the students pitched pennies into baby bottles located in their classrooms to benefit the mothers and children at Room at the Inn. They also sponsored a "blue jeans for babies" day, giving \$1 to wear blue jeans with the proceeds going to the March of Dimes. By November they collected enough dry and canned goods to fill 68 Thanksgiving baskets. And in December they raised another \$651 for Christmas gifts for two local groups. In between campaigns, students often helped with other parish programs — everything from baby-sitting during a parent workshop to helping load up trucks with food for charity.

"Outreach is a powerful thing here," McMonagle said. "It's an ongoing lesson of the corporal works of mercy."

As part of their learning experience, the students are urged to earn the money they give rather than ask their parents for it and collect goods for donations on their own.

"Sometimes a child from a comfortable middle-class family doesn't understand how the needy live," the principal said. "This can be a humbling yet gratifying experience for them. My kids love to do this work."



Whenever possible, the money and goods are given to local organizations, allowing the students to learn more about their community and ways in which to support it. Going to local charities also enables them to meet the people they aid. "Our students show respect for these clients. I'm proud of that," McMonagle said.

The school also benefits from the lessons in giving, she added. "The support for this type of giving comes from the parents of students as well as the parish community. The students see it and respond in kind. The caring transfers to the clients but also to the playground. We have students who genuinely help each other."

McMonagle credits St. Joseph Sister Gertrude Flynn with involving students in outreach. As pastoral associate of the parish, Sister Gertrude knows the needs of the community and how the children can help.

"These children are more aware of the world than I was as a child," Sister Gertrude said. They have a wonderful, open attitude toward the people we help. It's almost as if they consider these clients their friends."

The OLM students like being givers, even if it requires a sacrifice on their part. "It's hard to give up my pennies sometimes," admits third-grader Jackie Dalession. But give

them she does, including the ones she collects from her grandfather.

Jennifer McMonagle and Trey Kitchum, both eighth-graders, enjoy the giving campaigns, especially when classes compete against one another to raise the most funds. Jennifer's contributions this year have come largely from baby-sitting earnings. Trey has donated funds he earned from doing household chores.

"It doesn't bother me to give the money," Trey said. "The AIDS patients we gave tickets to really appreciated it. They don't get to do much as a group."

Second-grader Katheryn Lyons also donated earnings from doing household chores to the pennies campaign, and last year was chosen to help sort food donations. The smile on her face was evidence that both experiences were good ones.

"At Our Lady of Mercy School we have always taught you take what you have and use it for the good of others because it wasn't given to you alone," McMonagle said. "Christ made us for a reason. When we ask what Christ does about poverty in Winston-Salem or about the homeless, we tell the students His answer is: 'I made you.'"



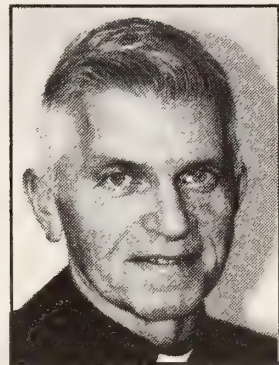
Jackie Dalession, Katheryn Lyons, Trey Kitchum, and Jennifer McMonagle are among the Our Lady of Mercy students who enjoy taking part in the school's giving campaigns.

## Vicar for Education Discusses Mission of Diocesan Schools

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Father James Hawker, diocesan vicar for education, likes what he sees in western North Carolina when it comes to Catholic schools. The former director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Boston arrived "on loan"



more than a year ago at the request of Bishop William G. Curlin to enhance the religious educational life of the diocese's youth.

At the dawn of Catholic Schools Week, Father Hawker chatted with *The Catholic News & Herald* about Catholic schools: their importance, their mission, their contribution to the lifeblood of the Diocese of Charlotte. Following are excerpts of the conversation.

**Q. What is the significance of Catholic Schools Week?**

A. One of the purposes of Catholic Schools Week is to remind people of the role and responsibility of Catholic schools within the mission of the Church. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the existence and the contribution of these learning environments.

**Q. How does the mission of Catholic schools fit into the overall mission of the Church?**

A. Catholic schools perform a unique service within the educational mission of the Church. The Catholic school is a learning environment within which the vision and values of Jesus are proclaimed and explained, reinforced and lived. It is

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# St. Patrick Cathedral



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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Message: "Please vote for pro-life policies in the  
105th Congress: 1) Support the Partial-Birth  
Abortion Ban Act; 2) Support bans on abortion  
funding; 3) Cosponsor the Assisted Suicide  
Funding Restriction Act."  
When: The earlier Members hear from you the  
better. Do not delay. Thanks!

## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin  
will take part in the following

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>January 26</b><br>11 a.m.<br>Mass<br>St. Patrick Cathedral<br>Charlotte                                  | 7:30 p.m.<br>Mass for the Unborn<br>St. Pius X Church<br>Greensboro                      |
| <b>January 28</b><br>11 a.m.<br>Smoky Mountain<br>Vicariate Meeting<br>Sacred Heart Church<br>Brevard       | <b>January 30</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Mass<br>Our Lady of the<br>Assumption School<br>Charlotte |
| 7 p.m.<br>Penance Service<br>St. Barnabas Church<br>Arden   | <b>January 31</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Assembly Speaker<br>St. Gabriel School<br>Charlotte       |
| <b>January 29</b><br>11:30 a.m.<br>High School Visitation<br>Charlotte Catholic<br>High School<br>Charlotte | 6:30 p.m.<br>Meeting with prospective<br>seminarians<br>Charlotte                        |

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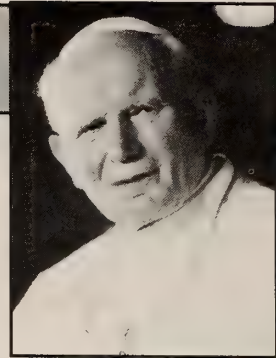
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Pope Says Adolescent Jesus Helped His Mother Become A Disciple

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican  
text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his  
weekly general audience Jan. 15.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, we consider the finding of Jesus in the temple.  
Mary and Joseph, concerned at the absence of Jesus,  
discover him after three days in the temple of Jerusa-  
lem, talking with the teachers of the law. All who heard  
him were amazed at his understanding and answers (Lk  
2:47). In response to Mary's anguish, Jesus declares  
that he must be about his Father's business (cf. Lk 2:49).

This Gospel episode shows us the young Jesus as  
already conscious of his identity and mission. It also  
sheds light on Mary's growing participation in the life  
and work of her son. By contemplating the mysteries of  
Christ's life (cf. Lk 2:51), she associated herself ever  
more fully with his mission. Mary is not just the one  
who gave birth to Jesus; she is the woman who, by her  
personal obedience to the Father's plan, cooperates in  
the Son's work of bringing salvation to the world.

### Diversity Can Work For Common Good, Pope Tells Kyrgyz Ambassador

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Diversity and devel-  
opment can work for the common good at the hands of  
enlightened leaders, Pope John Paul II told Kyrgyzstan's  
first ambassador to the Holy See. Omar Sultanov, also  
Kyrgyzstan's envoy to Germany, presented his creden-  
tials to the pope Jan. 11. The Vatican established diplo-  
matic relations with the former Soviet republic that bor-  
ders China in August 1992. All the member-states of

the former Soviet  
Union now have  
such ties to the  
Vatican. In his  
greeting, Pope

John Paul said Sultanov's arrival in Rome "marks an-  
other step forward in your nation's journey of freedom"  
and congratulated him on Kyrgyzstan's progress.

### Vatican Publishes Collection Of Papal Speeches On Penance

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has pub-  
lished a collection of papal speeches about the sacra-  
ment of penance to promote interest in the sacrament  
and increase the desire of the faithful to go to confes-  
sion, said U.S. Cardinal William W. Baum. The cardin-  
al, head of the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary, a  
church tribunal that deals with matters of conscience  
and questions arising from the sacrament of penance,  
presented the second edition of the collection Jan. 14.

### Unity Requires Dialogue, Says Pope

ROME (CNS) — Dialogue and self-examination  
among Christians must be intensified if progress is to be  
made toward complete communion in the faith, Pope  
John Paul II said during the Week of Prayer for Chris-  
tian Unity. The pontiff spoke at the Sunday blessing in  
St. Peter's Square Jan. 19, the second day of the an-  
nual commemoration, which this year was conducted  
under a motto taken from St. Paul's second letter to the  
Corinthians: "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be  
reconciled to God."

## Guest Column

Amy Welborn

### Time Management for Teens

How do you balance your life?

Many, if not most, teens I know have busier sched-  
ules than I do.

In the high school where I teach, students take seven  
classes every day. In addition, almost every one of them  
participates in extracurricular activities. Many work, too.

Frankly, I don't know how they juggle it.

Teens and parents: Just pause for a moment and  
consider the time management challenges in such a  
schedule. Even if you have just 15 minutes of home-  
work in every class, that adds up to almost two hours of  
school work a night. If you're participating in sports or  
drama or some equally intensive activity, you can count  
on another two hours of practice, performance or game  
every week night.

If you're employed, you undoubtedly work the no-  
torious 5 to 9 shift, so well-known to teen-agers.

It's a tough call, isn't it?

You want to do well in school, but you also love  
playing soccer or being involved in drama, music or  
dance. You also need money, not only for the moment,  
but also for the future.

How in the world can you do everything at once?  
Welcome to life.

Teens have a wonderful enthusiasm for life. Some  
of my students recently brought to class songs that they  
thought captured who they are and their sense of what  
life is all about.

The students brought in music from Iggy Pop to  
Garth Brooks, but every one of the songs had essen-  
tially the same theme: Make the most out of life, and  
get everything you can out of the time you've got.

I think that is what drives teens in their endless round  
of activity.

What takes up their time is not meaningless.

Rather, it's an expression of that lust and excite-  
ment for life we expect from the young, experiencing  
as much as they can in what time they have.

What inevitably follows is the next lesson life has to  
teach us. Life is full to the brim of experiences that  
bring us joy and growth, but we human beings have  
only 24 hours a day to live and learn.

It all comes down to what my students will tell you,  
perhaps even in chorus, is one of Ms. Welborn's basic  
guidelines:

Life is a trade-off. You can't do it all. Or, at least,  
you can't do it all at the same time.

There are few of us who can be exemplary stu-  
dents, spectacular athletes, stunning actors and make  
enough money to afford that cool new car all in the  
limits of our junior and senior years in high school.

No, for most of us something has to give.

It can be a hard choice. You want to do well in  
school. You want to get into a good college. But it is  
difficult to keep up your grades because you've got soc-  
cer practice two hours a day, an activity which takes up  
time and energy.

What do you do?

No one can tell you. You must do some honest think-  
ing for yourself.

What do you want out of your future? What's go-  
ing to get you there? Scholastic achievement or playing  
on a mediocre soccer team? Getting up that GPA or  
making a few dollars an hour working at the local gro-  
cery store?

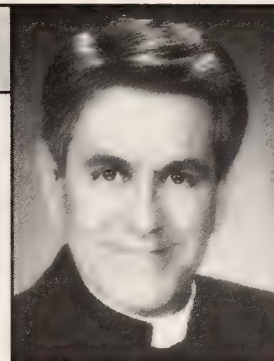
You can't do everything, so maybe it's time to think.  
What do you really want to do, and what is going to help  
you do it?

Amy Welborn is a CNS columnist.



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### When Do You Feel Most Alive?

One of the great joys of being Director of The Christophers is the opportunity to host our television series, *Christopher Closeup*. It has the distinction of being the longest running religious affairs program in the U.S. In fact, it airs around the world.

I am coming to realize what accounts for its continuing appeal for so many viewers. *Christopher Closeup* keeps the focus on the person being interviewed. Our point of view is that each person, including every TV guest, is unique and makes a difference. Each one of us is faced with the choice to light a candle with the gift God has given us, or to yield to the darkness by holding back and ignoring our abilities.

So far in my first season I have had memorable conversations with talented and articulate men and women from many different fields. Among them: Tim Russert, broadcast journalist and host of

NBC's *Meet The Press*, jazz great Dave Brubeck, author Fr. Richard McBrien of Notre Dame University. Each touches the Christopher theme by sharing the intimate, vital connection between their active careers and their spiritual convictions.

Another was Laurie Beechman. She is a singer and actress in New York's musical theater whose career is a catalogue of Broadway hits — "Cats," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," *Les Miserables*, and "Annie."

Recently she recorded a CD of favorite tunes with an unusual theme. It's called *No One Is Alone: Songs of Hope and Inspiration from Broadway*. She did this out of very special circumstances. Laurie has been fighting ovarian cancer for the last eight years.

She explained that she did this album because "I work very hard to be optimistic and to be hopeful. These times have

been very difficult and changed my life in every possible way, yet I can't say it's all been terrible. I like to say to people that where cancer changes your life, you decide how you're going to live that life. That's your choice.

"There are many, many people like me walking around who are actively dealing with a chronic illness and yet what we tend to read most about is the tragedy of people who lose their lives to it. People assume if you're not cured, you won't live."

She is indeed. The sheer force of her faith illuminates her craft. "I feel most alive when I'm using the gifts God gave me," she says.

Laurie Beechman's story is a parable of hope that Father James Keller, the founder of the Christopher movement, would have appreciated. He understood

that pain and suffering and uncertainty are a part of the human experience. And so is keeping hope alive in our hearts. That's why his words still ring true:

"Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what we

cannot. Hope opens doors where despair closes them. Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit. Hope cherishes no illusions nor does it yield to cynicism. Hope lights a candle instead of cursing the darkness."

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Hold On to Hope," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Precepts of the Church

Q. I accompanied a young woman acquaintance to her Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. At no time were what we used to call the "six precepts of the Church" mentioned. Do we still have them? If so, what are they?

A. The juridical obligations and rights of all members of the Catholic Church are in the Code of Canon Law and generally described in one section (208-223). The section following (224-231) spells out specific responsibilities and rights of lay people.

These regulations simply reflect what our faith already teaches about our obligation to work cooperatively to build and sanctify the body of Christ. They can briefly be summarized as follows:

1. To lead a full sacramental life, especially to participate in the Mass each Sunday and holy day, sharing at the same time in holy Communion; and receive the

sacrament of reconciliation regularly, at appropriate times.

2. To provide proper religious education for oneself and one's children, especially by use of Catholic schools and other educational programs.

3. To observe the marriage laws of the Church.

4. To strengthen and support the Church, including one's own parish community and clergy, and the worldwide Church.

5. To practice penance and self-denial in the Spirit of Christ, including fast and abstinence on days appointed by the Church's leaders.

6. To share in the missionary spirit and apostolic work of the local and universal Church.

It is just coincidence that this group numbers six. In the RCIA program you speak of, these duties and rights were probably not listed in one neat order, but I'm sure they were all explained at ap-

propriate times.

Q. A friend often watches Mass on television rather than go to church. She says it is the same. Is she right?

I told her no, but cannot explain why.

A. Many Catholics still do not realize that the practice and obligation concerning Sunday eucharistic liturgy does not require that we hear or watch someone else do something, but to be there to do it personally.

The Eucharist is an action, a celebration of the Catholic community, and cannot be substituted for by watching a television program, even if it is a picture of the Mass.

If one cannot be present for Sunday Mass with one's parish or other community, a television or radio Mass may help

one to pray and to be united spiritually with the Mass being celebrated everywhere.

But such listening or viewing is never a substitute for being there. The American bishops are currently studying new policies that will make this

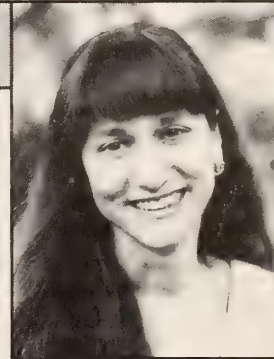
clear and establish guidelines governing how and when Masses should be celebrated for television.

A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on inter-Communion and other ways of sharing worship with people of other faiths, is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

## Family Matters

Eileen Marx



### Take it to The Limit

A few weeks ago, my six-year-old son Bobby, came home from a neighbor's house and said, "At Joey's house he's allowed to call his sister 'stupid' and tell her to 'shut-up' without getting in trouble. How come those are bad words in our house but not at 'Joey's'?"

As a parent, this line of questioning makes me very uncomfortable as well as nostalgic for the days when my kids were toddlers and could barely speak, never mind ask probing questions. It's important to my husband and me to be very clear about what's acceptable behavior in our house without putting down another parent or making a judgment about their parenting style. This is a real challenge for moms and dads because it's our job to make sure that our kids understand respect, courtesy and kindness in a soci-

ety that often emphasizes disrespect, selfishness and power.

I know that even with some of my closest friends we have each staked out our own limits regarding language, toys, movies and behavior. I'll never forget one summer night during our vacation when my husband and I discussed this subject with four of our closest friends. As our kids played I the next room and one child used a certain word, a discussion followed about the parameters of acceptable and unacceptable words in each of our homes. It quickly turned into a session of laughter and teasing "we allow the word *blank* but not *blank* in our home." "You let your kids say *blank* but not *blank*?" "You say *blank* but don't allow your kids to say *blank*?" And on it went. Although there are differences in each of our homes, each of us had clear limits with

our kids. This doesn't mean our children have never tested those limits!

As parents we established boundaries and rules based on our own upbringing, the uniqueness of our kids and our life and faith experiences. One of my closest friends often tells me what a struggle it is for her not to swear around her two boys because she grew up in a home where four letter words were the norm. Some of my close friends who have children with special needs, hyperactivity and attention deficit, have helped me to understand that they're basically having a good day if "shut up" and "stupid" are the worst words that comes out of their child's mouth that day.

Still, it's upsetting to hear young children use foul language. About a year ago there was a TV program on this subject. A reporter followed young children around and recorded their bad language and swear words for all America to hear. The par-

ents of these kids either threw up there hands or laughed every time their child uttered another word that was bleeped during the interview. One mother said, "They are only words; it could be much worse." It could be worse and for many children it is. But I wonder why it didn't concern the parents that these words are often charged with hostility, anger and dis-

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## Catholic Schools Week

### Join In Celebrating The Good News In Catholic Education

By DR. MICHAEL SKUBE

The 23rd annual national Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 26-Feb. 1, and our 14 elementary, one middle school and two high schools look forward to celebrating the good news of Catholic education with activities ranging from community service projects, assemblies and school Masses.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Schools You Can Believe In," holds a dual meaning. In addition to offering students the opportunity for excellence in education, Catholic schools prepare our young people with the rudiments necessary to live a very worthwhile Christian life.

Catholic Schools Week is a local celebration happening at 8,000 Catholic schools in every area of the country. These individual observances combine to make a national celebration.

The four colors comprising this year's Catholic Schools Week logo are very meaningful as well. Each color represents an element of nature: blue for water and sky, green for plant life, orange for fire and yellow for sun. The figure represents all those touched by Catholic schools: students, teachers and parents. The book the figure holds represents the academic excellence of Catholic schools and the Bible. The sunburst behind the figure represents the dawn of a new day. The logo emphasizes the positive, futuristic view of Catholic schools.

Thousands of buttons bearing the logo have been distributed and people are encouraged to wear them on "National Appreciation Day," which is Wednesday (Jan. 29) of Catholic Schools Week.

I would like to share with you a few facts about the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Charlotte:

- There are 14 elementary, one middle school (grades 6-8) and two high schools.

- Enrollment for the last eight years has increased as follows:

1989-90	4,560
1990-91	4,818
1991-92	4,873
1992-93	5,159
1993-94	5,614
1994-95	5,857
1995-96	6,207
1996-97	6,546

- A total of 1,986 students have been added to the enrollment since 1989. En-



rollment has increased by 339 students since last year. There are 5,462 elementary and 1,084 high school students.

- The student body consists of 3,367 girls and 3,279 boys.

- Sixteen women religious, seven priests, brothers and deacons, and 66 lay men and 369 lay women teach in our schools assisted by approximately 200 support staff.

- Of the five largest diocesan schools, four are in Charlotte and one is in Greens-

boro. Holy Trinity Middle School has 838 students, Charlotte Catholic High School has 729 students, All Saints has 574 students, St. Gabriel has 552 students and Our Lady of Grace in Greensboro has 455 students.

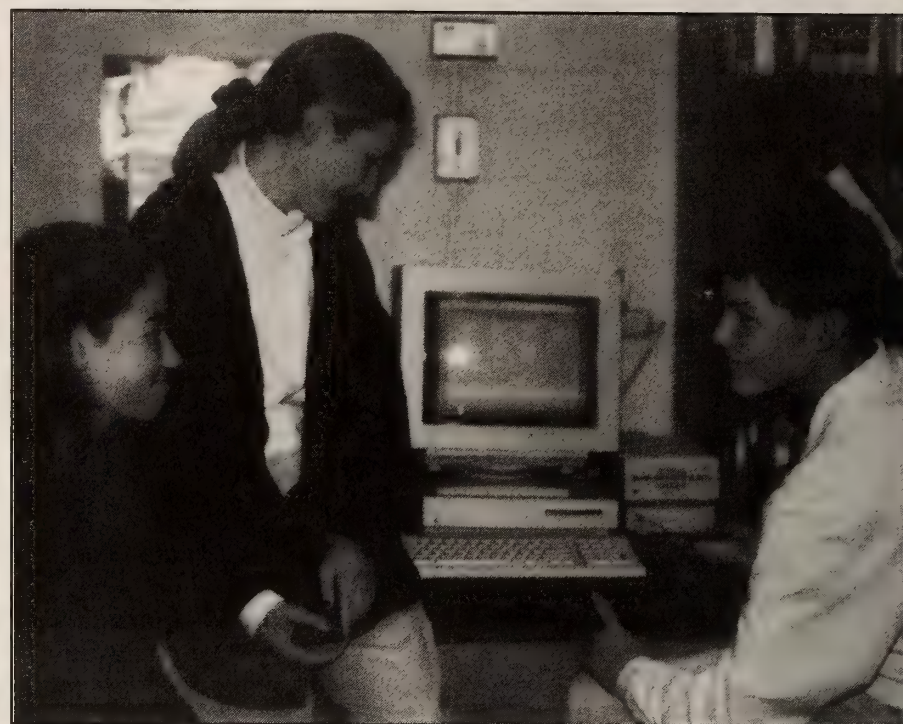
- Members of the Diocesan School Board are: Joseph Marinello, president; Hussein Sadek, vice-president; Janet Smith, secretary; Father Dennis Kuhn, pastors' representative; Richard Martinez, principals' representative; Georgette Schraeder, teachers' representative; Al Albert; Paul Fedorkowicz; Martha Gallagher; David Morgan; Marianne Misko; Brigitte Ruggiero; and Michael Skube.

- The average annual cost to educate a student in North Carolina public schools is \$5,147. With 6,506 students in our Catholic schools, parents have saved N.C. taxpayers more than \$33 million this year alone. This does not include the additional expense of building more schools to accommodate our 6,000 students.

What our students learn lasts a lifetime. Tradition, morality, faith, hope and love reinforce those values already established at home. That is why "our Catholic schools are schools you can believe in."

*Dr. Michael Skube is superintendent of diocesan schools.*

## At Asheville Catholic, "Real Life" Connection Given Top Priority



Asheville Catholic School students Courtney Sinsky, Katie Bridgman and Robbie Kimbrough work in the computer resource room.

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — More than 75 percent of the students at Asheville Catholic School are Roman Catholic, but don't ask Principal Judy Cavallo to tell you which is which.

"I don't see Catholic or non-Catholic," she says emphatically. "I see family." Fostering family unity in an environment of diversity and nurturing the growth of personal faith is how Cavallo expresses the challenge of Catholic education.

Spelling out the "Catholic" features of such a school depends on whether one uses an uppercase or lowercase C. Not surprisingly, students who are not Catholic tend to focus on the more noticeable religious practices and formalities. A Presbyterian sixth-grader comments on the frequency with which Catholics receive Communion at school liturgies. A Jewish seventh-grader is excited by the opportunity to learn for herself which religious traditions are a common heritage. Episcopalian students are surprised at similarities in the ways Catholics worship.

Students at Asheville Catholic from other religious traditions say they are there because their parents believe they will be more challenged academically. All of them find the homework load heavier and the testing more frequent than in public school. None are fond of wearing uniforms. Yet, given their own choice in the matter, the students would elect to stay at Asheville Catholic. Their reasons, in this case, align more closely with the views of their Catholic classmates. "The school is small enough that everyone gets the chance to know one another; we have good friends here; we know our teachers and they get to know us very well," said an eighth grade non-Catholic who has attended Asheville Catholic since pre-kindergarten.

A family feeling does pervade the

classrooms and corridors — an easy and congenial atmosphere, not lacking in order or purposefulness, but relaxed as well as respectful. Religion is definitely a subject in the classroom curriculum, but religious values pervade the whole daily schedule. The religious implications of secular matters are discussed, and as one 8th grader put it: "My teacher tries to make connections between religion and 'real life.'"

Not only making connections, but actually erasing that line between religion and "real life" is given top priority by Cavallo and the staff at Asheville Catholic. The physical education teacher is as likely to explore connections between good sportsmanship and the Sermon on the Mount as the teacher of religion. The propriety of behavior at recess is no less significant than in the classroom.

Donna Gibson, who has taught sixth grade — including the religion class — for seven years, attributes much of the school's "Catholicity" to the leadership and personal example of principals in recent years. "They have expressed their spiritual convictions strongly," she says, adding that "they have instilled in all of us a sense that we are to be living the Gospel and sharing it with the students."

Denise Mead, the school's religion coordinator, points out that although Catholic members of the faculty teach religion classes, all the teachers share the responsibility "to make it clear that religious values and morals are an everyday matter."

Both Mead and Gibson agree that teachers at Asheville Catholic must be as creative as they are dedicated because they have fewer financial resources at their disposal. Despite the generosity and hard work of parents and staff, says Gibson, "It's very difficult to have all we'd like to educate our students because our funding cannot match what is available in the public system."

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# Entertainment



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A psychotic killer commandeers a 747 at 36,000 feet on Christmas Eve in the suspense thriller "Turbulence." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## The Relic

### Despite Flaws, Film Offers Suspenseful Moments

NEW YORK (CNS) — A mutant creature who needs human brain matter to survive crashes a party of swells at a Chicago museum in the gory monster flick, "The Relic."

Opening in the Brazilian rain forest, the movie is often so dark it's unclear if one or several monsters are percolating once a wooden crate from South America arrives at the Natural History Museum and evolutionary biologist Penelope Ann Miller gets curious about its strange organic contents.

Meanwhile, grumpy police detective Tom Sizemore is stumped by the deaths of all the seamen on a freighter from Brazil, especially in light of their scooped-out brains. The two events seem connected when a museum guard is found murdered and minus brain tissue, so the cop orders a full search of the huge museum and its milelong tunnels, just as museum officials are about to host a gala party for rich patrons.

Pressured by the mayor into OK'ing re-opening the museum for the society shindig, the cop orders his team to continue the search. This turns up a humongous beetle-lizard-human more than willing to upgrade its feeding frenzy

to rich food — as in billionaires' brains.

Director Peter Hyams loads his horror movie with much babble about genetic mutations, evolution and myth, and shots of decapitated heads are unnerving (but clearly animatronic models). Despite its flaws, there are suspenseful moments, especially in the last 40 minutes when the grotesque creature is fully revealed and the hunted are forced to flee through flooded tunnels.

Still, many will justly feel "The Relic" borrows shamelessly from the "Alien" movies and "Jurassic Park" throughout the murky narrative.

Adding some polish to this sleek monster movie are appearances by Linda Hunt as the museum director undaunted by a murderer when contributions are at stake, and James Whitmore as a veteran researcher who accepts his fate with a tranquility only a truly curious scientist could muster.

Because of graphic fantasy violence with shots of decapitated heads, some rough language and intermittent profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996)

Thin sequel about the problems of the now-teen-age hockey team at a posh prep school where they encounter hostile students and their old coach (Emilio Estevez) is replaced by a grim new one (Jeffrey Nordling). The formula story is a contrived mixture of youthful pranks and emotional struggles leading up to the big game and its bone-crunching physical contact. Some dangerous stunts, vulgar humor and a few coarse expressions. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**

### "Escape from L.A." (1996)

After being separated from the mainland by an earthquake, Los Angeles in 2013 serves as a prison island for undesirables into which a war hero-turned-criminal (Kurt Russell) is sent by the president (Cliff Robertson) to retrieve a doomsday device from a power-mad anarchist (George Corraface). Director John Carpenter's derivative sequel to "Escape from New York" (1981) is chock full of gunfights, chases and sleek special effects that add up to mindless escapism. Recurring stylized violence, some rough language and an instance

of profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "He Walked by Night" (1948)

Case history of a cunning cop-killer (Richard Basehart) who evades the Los Angeles police department for months until routine legwork by a persistent detective (Scott Brady) leads to his apprehension. Though dated by a heavy-handed narration, director Alfred Werker's dramatization effectively stages the action scenes in semi-documentary style with notable success, especially the climactic chase through the city's storm drains. Stylized violence. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Latcho Drom" (1994)

Dramatically unstructured presentation of Gypsies performing their music, song and dance as filmed in such diverse locales as Romania, Spain and India. In stringing together this sampling of musical performances, director Tony Gatlif provides a broad sense of Gypsy musical traditions from joyous celebrations of

life to lamentations of their persecution through the ages, but gives little insight into their history and culture. Subtitles. Fleeting nudity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Naked City" (1948)

Crime picture filmed on the streets of New York City follows the painstaking methods of a veteran homicide detective (Barry Fitzgerald) in linking the murder of a model to a gang of jewel thieves. Directed by Jules Dassin, the bustling city landscapes add a human dimension to the drama of a sordid murder investigation with occasional narration by producer Mark Hellinger and a thrilling chase climax atop the Williamsburg Bridge. Stylized violence. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "T-Men" (1947)

Gritty tale of Treasury Department agents (Dennis O'Keefe and Alfred Ryder) infiltrating a Los Angeles counterfeiting ring by masquerading as gangsters from Detroit. Directed by Anthony

Mann, the story is narrated in semi-documentary style as the undercover agents try to get the goods on hardened criminals (notably Charles McGraw, who kills informer Wallace Ford in a steam bath), with tension mounting from moody visuals and credible plot twists. Stylized violence in realistic underworld situations not for young children. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The White Balloon" (1996)

A 7-year-old girl living in Teheran goes to buy a plump goldfish for the Islamic New Year's celebration but loses the money down a streetside grate and enlists the aid of harried passers-by to retrieve it before nightfall. Producer-director Jafar Panahi's Iranian production tells its simple tale in real time from the youngster's perspective with much of its appeal coming from the varied reactions of those called upon to help the child. Subtitles. Distraught youngster. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**



# At home in my pilgrim cosmos

**FAITH**  
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By John F. Haught  
Catholic News Service

The sense of being on pilgrimage is essential to a robust religious faith.

Christian spirituality instructs us that excessive attachment to "this present age" ties us down and enchains our spirits. For this reason, the wandering figure of Abraham remains the exemplar of our deeply religious need to pull up our roots when a glorious destiny calls.

Thus Christianity sees our life here as an exodus journey, at times even a desert wandering:

—In the New Testament, Jesus the "Son of Man" is portrayed as having

**"What is problematic is a view of our planet as little more than a way-station that we simply pass through, and which we mindlessly trash on our way to a 'better home.'"**

"no place to lay his head."

—In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' followers are challenged to move steadily toward Jerusalem. They must not look back and should even "leave the dead to bury the dead."

If we turn to the East we notice that the Buddha also had to forsake the luxuries of home, to become detached from all clinging desire in order to find enlightenment. And in Hinduism the "sannyasin" finally forsakes home and hearth altogether to be closer to God.

Much of the world's religion requires that we accept the "homeless" character of our existence.

Today, however, the ecological crisis forces us to think in a new way about this religious ideal.

For a fundamental condition of ecological responsibility is that we learn to treat this world as our home. But how can we reconcile faith's pilgrimage ideal — the religious ideal of a "homeless" pilgrimage — with the call to embed our lives and actions more deeply than ever in this earth and its ecosystems?

I suggest that what is problematic is a view of our planet as little more than a way-station that we simply pass through, and which we mindlessly trash on our way to a "better home."

I fear that many of us harbor the deep suspicion that we really don't belong here, and so in the name of religion

we distance ourselves from passionate concern for the well-being of nature.

In other words, the ideal of religious homelessness does not inevitably entail an ideal of "cosmic" homelessness in which the earth becomes a place to get

the ethical need to feel at home in nature so as to conserve our habitat for future generations of living beings.

How do we hold these two persuasions together?

Fortunately, the new scientific no-

be squeezed out of this new way of understanding the world. But if the universe has a finite past — and quite likely even a definite beginning — then it becomes possible for us to understand the whole of the cosmos as a still-un-



away from in order to find salvation.

We are torn, or so it seems, between two values:

—The religious ideal of being on a journey is very compelling, and so we are reluctant to see ourselves as truly belonging to the cosmos.

—But many of us also take seriously

tion of an expanding and evolving universe can come to our aid here.

If science has taught us anything over the last century and a half, it is that the natural world itself is a restless adventure. Nature is not static, eternal and necessary, as scientists and philosophers used to think.

The cosmos is a still-unfolding story with a finite past and an incalculable future.

Hence, for us to embrace the natural world means that we must also welcome its inherent restlessness. Taking the scientific picture of the world seriously requires that we embed our own unsettled lives of pilgrimage within the much larger context of a cosmic pilgrimage.

By accepting nature's own fundamental homelessness, in other words, we can be at home in this universe.

At first glance you may wonder what theological significance could possibly

folding story.

This would mean that it is not just the human spirit that has embarked upon an immense journey. Rather, the entire cosmos may be understood as a pilgrimage into the great mystery we call God.

Therefore, we do not need to abandon the natural world in order to follow the religious advice to live homelessly. The cosmos is our fellow traveler.

Indeed, we may even be permitted to say that the universe's own homelessness is the root system of our religious restlessness.

Our spiritual hunger for the divine, therefore, can be satisfied by attuning ourselves more intimately to nature, not by extricating ourselves from it.

(Haught is professor of theology at Georgetown University in Washington and author of "Science and Religion" and "The Promise of Nature.")

## THIS EDITION IN A NUTSHELL

*Our universe expands. But as it expands, it also shrinks. Science and technology bring an entire human universe to our doorstep. Science even brings to light the needs of the Earth itself — its need for care. The human family is now accustomed to crossing new frontiers of understanding. Yet contradictions abound. For example, great advances are made in medicine, but disease proliferates all over the globe. As each new frontier is crossed, we are challenged yet again not to neglect the frontier of the spirit within.*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Where is the new frontier of human discovery today?

There is a new frontier in space. Scientists long to understand how galaxies come to be. Currently they hope to discover whether life ever existed on Mars.

There is a new frontier in medicine. The Human Genome Project hopes to find genetic cures for many diseases, while avoiding potential abuses of its work, the project's director told a group of U.S. Catholic bishops recently.

A different kind of frontier is crossed as instant communications "relocate" the earth's most distant points, making knowledge of them immediately accessible. No longer will any "far-off" human needs be obscured from the larger human family's view.

As each new frontier is crossed, knowledge of the world "out there" takes a quantum leap forward. But here is another noteworthy point:

The exploration of each new frontier challenges us to understand ourselves better, to explore the world within. The world of the spirit always represents a new frontier in its own right.

This question must always be asked:

Will our expanding awareness of the universe outside us activate an expansion of the universe within and cause our universe to evolve as a place of greater love and care?

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

Knowing the direction  
of your journey

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

Scientists have come up with all sorts of theories about how our universe came into being and some fascinating evidence to support those theories.

A much more practical question, however, is why we exist.

The question supposes that there is an intelligent being behind it all, one who could create with a purpose and guide people toward the achievement of that purpose.

Actually, people cannot intelligently embark on a journey — in this case the journey through life — without knowing where they are going or what new frontiers they are meant to cross.

The Israelites were convinced that God had a purpose in creating them. But the people were not always clear about its precise nature.

At first they thought their most important goal was to reach the Promised Land, a land they could call their own. With God's obvious help they had crossed that frontier — taking possession of the land of Canaan and settling down.

And they felt at first that their goal was the enjoyment of physical life: health, reasonable comfort, large families, continued life. The people followed God's directives in hopes of securing a long life, which they regarded as God's blessing.

Death, however, was an undeniable fact, and what happened after that was shrouded in mystery. The people believed in an afterlife, but it was shadowy to them. It was centuries before the Israelites conceived of an eternal reward.

The first clear indication of this belief was in the book of Daniel, written

about 175 B.C.: "Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake. Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But ... those who lead many to justice shall be like the stars forever" (Daniel 12:2-3).

Here was a positive goal giving bright meaning to life.

The author of the Book of Wisdom (75 B.C.) spelled this purpose out graphically: "But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them" (Wisdom 3:1).

Jesus' resurrection, however, gave final and definite meaning to all existence. It guaranteed an eternity of sharing in his victory over all evil, including death, in a realm where God will wipe away our tears and where there will be "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain" (Revelation 21:3-4).

So life is eminently worth living. The road we're on leads somewhere. But it's not an escape route from the here and now.

Instead, we discover that the "way" we're following represents a new frontier of love and justice, always needing further exploration, but always possessing ultimate meaning in light of the resurrection and always able to look ahead with hope.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

Expanding universe brings  
world to our doorstep

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

People say our universe is expanding, not just the astronomical universe, but our scientific and technological universe.

Whoever thought human beings would visit the moon and send a spaceship on a planetary expedition? It is awesome.

But the expanding universe is filled with contradictions:

—At the very time the universe is expanding, I have a strong feeling that it is shrinking.

—While we may be able to conquer space, we are not making much headway with poverty. As some become fabulously rich, more become wretchedly poor.

—We are making great advances in medicine, but disease continues to proliferate all over the globe.

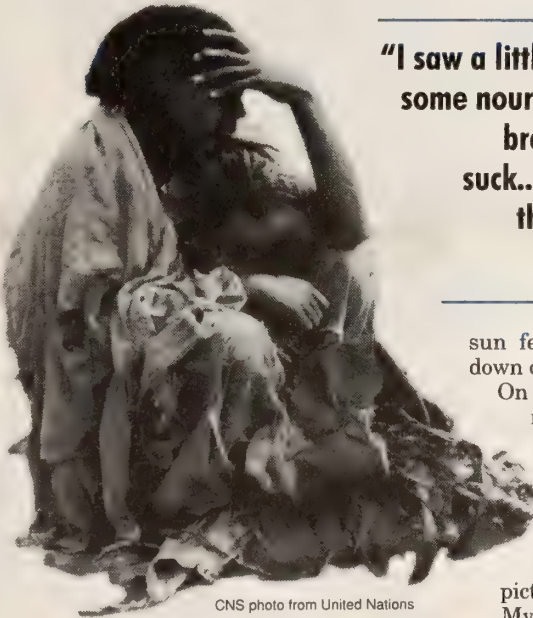
When you see pictures on television

ment. I spent my last afternoon in Nairobi visiting a slum that houses thousands of people, many of whom gravitated to the city when there was no longer enough agricultural land for an expanding population. You can only divide and subdivide a plot of land so many times!

In the company of Maryknoll Father John Lange and a group of wonderful African women dedicated to the poorest of the poor, I visited some 15 homes. Perhaps I should call them family shacks.

The homes were built of tin on wooden frames, with dirt floors. They had a bed, a couple of stools, a little table, a few boxes and a kerosene lamp. Each house had a door but no windows. Spaces between the sheets of tin let in mosquitoes. Outside, the goats, chickens and dogs scrounged for scraps along the open sewers.

There was no heat, though because of the altitude Nairobi can be quite cold at night. During the day the equatorial



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"I saw a little infant trying hard to get some nourishment from his mother's breast. But he was unable to suck.... A little human symbol of the wretched, helpless poor of the world!"

sun ferments the sewage and beats down on the tin roofs.

On the edge of the slum you can see modern factories and office buildings. Close by, you pass rows and rows of houses where the middle class and the affluent live.

I am sure you can picture the environment. But can you picture the people?

My first thought was of a parable in Luke's Gospel, that of "a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen, and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door there was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table" (Luke 16:19-21).

When it is read in a slum, the parable's description of the rich man and poor Lazarus sounds very realistic.

I met people in that Nairobi slum with all kinds of wounds and ailments, including a broken pelvis, infected sores, knife wounds, ulcers, AIDS and the ever-present malaria. The most heart-rending scene I saw was a little infant trying hard to get some nourishment from his mother's breast. But he was unable to suck and in need of medical attention.

He tried. And he cried. And he tried again. The cry of the poor! A little human symbol of the wretched, helpless poor of the world! I wish I knew his name.

Thank God our scientific and technological universe is expanding. It brings our shrinking human universe to our doorstep.

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of Emmanuel magazine.)

FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

In your own ever-new and changing "universe," what is the value of faith? Why?

"Without faith, where would be the meaning in my life? What would there be to look forward to, to be hopeful about? Faith gives me a sense of security, a sense of a base in this changing world." — James Keiser, San Jose, Calif.

"Faith is ... my anchor because it gives me stability and a place of refuge. It's my rudder because I can't just stay in one place and faith helps me know where I'm going." — Mary Frost, Laramie, Wyo.

"I work as a nurse, and faith is important for all of our patients. In fact, I'd say it's the No. 1 value here at the hospital." — Susan Larsen, Baudette, Minn.

"In the world today, it's hard to find stability.... My faith in the church and in Jesus is necessary to help me be grounded." — Tim Ritchey, Thornton, Colo.

An upcoming edition asks: When have you turned to God for "protection"? How was your prayer answered? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.





## People In The News



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Kathleen Mullen and her daughter, Beth, attend the National Prayer Vigil Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mullens are parishioners at Holy Spirit Church in Denver, N.C.

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### Cipriani To Join Commission To Aid In Hostage Crisis

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — A Peruvian archbishop who has played a leading role in the hostage crisis at the Japanese Embassy is to serve on a new commission aimed at bringing the situation to a peaceful end. Archbishop Juan Louis Cipriani of Ayacucho "has been called to participate in the Commission of Guarantors by the Peruvian bishops, with the assent of the Holy See and with the hope that a solution can be reached quickly," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Jan. 16 at the Vatican.

### Network Correspondent To Anchor PBS Show On Religion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bob Abernethy, who has been in semi-retirement status at NBC News, will again get into the full swing of the news business as the man in charge of a new PBS weekly news program on religion and ethics. "Religion Newsweekly," as the show is tentatively titled, will debut sometime this summer. No date or time has been set, but the Lilly Endowment has fully funded the program to the tune of \$5 million.

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### Peruvian Cardinal Landazuri Dies Of Cancer

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Retired Peruvian Cardinal Juan Landazuri Ricketts died Jan. 16 at Stella Maris Hospital in Lima after suffering from pancreatic cancer. He was 83. Sending condolences to the Archdiocese of Lima, which Cardinal Landazuri led for 36 years, Pope John Paul II praised the concern he had shown for the whole church. The pope said Cardinal Landazuri dedicated the "long years of his episcopal ministry" to the people of Lima with "generosity and self-sacrifice."

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# Diocese Welcomes Director Of Religious Formation For Schools



Sister Maureen Meehan

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — When Mercy Sister Maureen Meehan initiated her role as diocesan Director of Religious Formation for Schools in November 1996, she assumed a four-tiered responsibility to young Catholics across western North Carolina.

Sister Maureen brings an extensive background of training and experience that aids her approach to word, worship, community, and formation. Those elements, she said, form not only the core of her position, but the very basis of the Catholic school model itself.

"I would suggest my role as being a developer, a listener, a provider for the educators and the children within the Catholic schools system," she said of her vocation. "I'd like to stress an awareness within our schools of the ongoing invitation to make Christ come alive today as well as into the 21st century."

As a student and educator, Sister Maureen has centered her life around Catholic instruction within schools for more than 20 years. In addition to her bachelor's degree in education, she has

also earned master's degrees in religious education administration, theology, and spirituality. She holds a doctorate in ministry as well.

She has taught at the elementary, high school and college levels in Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut, including having served as principal for a time in a Connecticut elementary school. In Harrisburg, Penn., she was a member of the team that opened four religious education centers — a development she called "most valuable" in her experience in a diocesan setting.

After the ravage of Hurricane Hugo in 1989, Sister Maureen spent time in Charleston, S.C., in a coordinating capacity for a parish's religious studies program and other diocesan work.

Those experiences — and, even more so, her work today — stem from what she referred to as "Gospel values" whose presence is vital to the mission of Catholic schools.

Through her implementation of "the word," Sister Maureen devotes particular attention to assisting religion teachers in their purpose and to assist in carrying out the schools' evangelical aspirations. In the realm of prayer and worship, she serves as a resource to personnel as they plan, present and evaluate liturgies and prayer experiences in the schools.

As a cultivator of community, Sister Maureen meets with members of diocesan agencies, pastors, parish coordinators and other personnel to address mutual areas of concern. In each of the schools, she talks with principals to address ways of developing faith formation of individual faculties.

While her role does include such prescribed elements, Sister Maureen said she is always amazed at the infinite examples of seeing Gospel values in action.

She talked of students' "looking at the world through eyes of awe, seeing the beauty of creation, and taking ownership to care for this creation."

Sister Maureen looks for other ways of enhancing the Catholic school as a formative community as well. An emphasis on multiculturalism will be placed in liturgical preparations and in textbooks during 1997, and she said studies into bringing such mediums as the Internet into the classrooms are underway.

Ensuring the well-being of the Catholic school setting is a responsibility of students, teachers and parents alike, she said, calling the collaborative effort between parents and school faculties "very positive and motivating." She added that the role of the teacher is one whose bounds are limitless.

"The teachers are symbols of the Church," she said. "They are teachers of prayer, and they are companions for young people as they journey in the light of faith."

That journey is one Sister Maureen holds in the highest regard, and she said the warm reception she has felt in this diocese has been inspiring. "There is such a strong focus on making Church come alive here," she said, "and Catholic identity is very much present in the schools of this diocese."

## Employment Opportunities

The Diocesan Accounting Office is accepting applications for a temporary, part-time accounting individual to assist our department with the annual Diocesan Support Appeal Campaign from February to April 1997. Responsibilities include sorting, batching and totaling deposits and data entry. Applicants must be proficient using a 10-key. The position pays \$7.50 per hour. Our office is located on East Morehead Street in Charlotte. Please forward letters of interest to Tracy Clark at the Catholic Center, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207 or call (704) 377-6871 ext. 322.

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At a recent assembly at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School in Charlotte, Keegan Federal, an eighth grade student, was named winner of the first annual Megan Healy Washington Scholarship. The award was presented by Father Richard Allen of St. Ann Church and Jerry Healy, the school principal. A plaque designating Keegan as the winner will be placed in the school hall. He also received \$500 to be used for his class trip to Washington, D. C. this spring. Keegan is the son of Molly Federal. Pictured left to right: Molly Federal, Jerry Healy, Keegan Federal and Father Richard Allen.

## Retired Bishop, Paralyzed Officer Honored With Pro-Life Awards

By TRACY EARLY

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS) — Retired Auxiliary Bishop George E. Lynch, a native of the Bronx who returned to his home after serving in the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C., was honored by the Diocese of Brooklyn at its annual Sanctity of Life Mass Jan. 18.

The bishop, who will turn 80 in March, was praised for continuing his active involvement in abortion protests, including getting arrested and being jailed, at a time when many people would be seeking the comforts of retirement.

Although Bishop Lynch has been jailed several times, a federal judge recently acquitted him of violating an injunction on the grounds that he had religious motivation for his actions.

The Pro Vita Award of the Brooklyn Diocese, presented at St. James Cathedral, was also given to former New York police Detective Steven McDonald, his wife, Patti Anne, and their son, Conor, who was born after the detective was shot in 1986 and left paralyzed from the neck down.

McDonald, who was shot by a teenager in New York's Central Park, is a native of the Brooklyn Diocese who now lives in the Rockville Centre Diocese.

McDonald, supported by his family, has remained a public presence in New York. In 1995 he spoke about his faith at a eucharistic congress held by the Brooklyn Diocese.

Evelyn J. Aquila, director of the diocesan Respect Life Office, said the

McDonalds had "taught this city" by the Christian courage they exhibited as a family.

At the Mass, the Parish Respect Life Award was given to St. Rocco's Parish of Brooklyn for its "long involvement in the diocesan Sanctity of Life Program and the tremendous variety of parish programs that directly enhance the lives of Catholics and non-Catholics in their community."

Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J., celebrant and homilist for the Mass, called Bishop Lynch "a special sign to our generation and to our American society."

Speaking just two days after the bombings at the Atlanta abortion clinic, Archbishop McCarrick praised Bishop Lynch for rejecting the path of those who engaged in a "misguided effort to use the tools of evil to fight evil."

He commended Bishop Lynch for "courageously persevering" in his witness at public demonstrations and in prison cells.

The Old Testament reading for the Mass was the story of the young Samuel being awakened in the night by a call from God (1 Samuel 3:1-10).

Keying the homily to that story, Archbishop McCarrick said God was calling "men and women of our nation," and telling them, "Do not continue sleeping in this sleep of death."

"America is not hearing today's call," he said. "How many times must the Lord call?"

## Private Funds Promised For Children In Religious Schools

By EUGENE HORN

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — Continued private support has been promised to children from low-income families attending religious schools after a Wisconsin court ruled the schools are ineligible to take part in a state-funded school choice voucher program.

A Milwaukee group called Partners Advancing Values in Education, known as PAVE, announced it plans to raise \$4.5 million by August to enable children currently receiving PAVE tuition scholarships to remain in Milwaukee's religious schools for the 1997-98 term.

The group's announcement came after Madison Circuit Judge Paul Higginbotham ruled Jan. 15 in a 51-page decision that expanding the school choice program to church-run schools violated the state constitution.

The judge ruled it was also unconstitutional to expand the nonreligious school portion of the program from the 1,650 schools currently participating in it to the 15,000 allowed by legislation approved in 1995.

The school choice program was begun in 1990 and is limited to schools within the city of Milwaukee. A temporary injunction against religious schools participating in the program had been in place before Higginbotham's ruling.

Higginbotham's ruling is expected to be appealed to the Dane County Circuit Court of Appeals, then back to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which had sent the case to Higginbotham without rendering an opinion, and eventually to the U.S. Supreme Court.

About half of the 4,153 children from low-income families who received PAVE funds for the current school year had enrolled in religious schools through the Milwaukee School Choice Program.

PAVE initiated an emergency fund for the choice-eligible students last August after Higginbotham refused to allow children from low-income families to attend religious schools under the choice program. The judge said the program passed by the state Legislature was unconstitutional.

The education group's executive director, Dan McKinley, told the Catholic Herald, Milwaukee's archdiocesan newspaper, that "considering that we're in the midst of a strategy-planning process, the ruling came at a good time to work into our plan for the next year."

He said his organization's fund-raising goal for the next year is \$200,000 higher than the amount raised last year to provide partial tuition grants for recipients.

"Our goal is to have all kids currently enrolled in religious schools who are receiving PAVE funding remain there," he said. "We'll have to make a case to our past supporters and seek new supporters to raise \$4.5 million by mid-August."

McKinley described Higginbotham's ruling as "one more step along the road to the Supreme Court."

"The whole question is whether the primary effect is to help a family or to

aid a religious society or organization, and this had to be cleared up," he said.

"It will take a couple of years to get it done but I'm confident that we're working for fair legislation and it takes a while for the law to catch up."

Richard Mason, principal of St. Anthony Elementary School in Milwaukee, where half of the 260 enrolled receive PAVE funds, said school choice is good for both private and public education because "the competition helps fine-tune your own school."

Mason said in addition to the competitive advantage there also is a need for alternative models of education for low-income families.

Capuchin Brother Bob Smith, principal of independent Catholic Messmer High School, said he was saddened by Higginbotham's decision because he believes that the judge failed to look at the totality of the program and the impact on children and their families.

Predicting that school choice eventually will be legalized, Brother Smith said, "I thought it was interesting that the ruling came on the birthday of (the Rev.) Martin Luther King."

"Considering what he stands for, I'm wondering what kind of message it sends to people, especially those who are poor and disenfranchised," he said.

Brother Smith called Higginbotham's ruling "just a small piece of the large battle that will take place."

In Washington, National Education Association president Bob Chase commended Higginbotham's ruling.

"We all want the very best education for our children," said Chase, "but using tax dollars to support private or parochial schools is not the answer. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the private choice of individual parents."



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important to recognize that in the Catholic school, all subjects should be presented and reinforced from the perspective of Catholic Christian values.

There is very clear interrelationship between the message that is shared — specifically the religious message — and the formation of community. That formation is also very much influenced by liturgical worship in the school, and the involvement of the participants in service.

The objective of Catholic schools, of course, is to be involved specifically with education. But education deals with much more than cognitive knowledge. It includes formation, which is concerned with attitudes, values and behavior as well. That really goes to the very core of a person — mind, heart, spirit and soul.

*Q. How do Catholic schools play a role in society itself?*

A. The contribution of Catholic schools is in preparing persons to commit themselves to building up the kingdom of God. That upbuilding of the kingdom, which is one of peace and justice, is always going to be beneficial to the transformation of our society.

The Catholic school prepares young people to continue their journey of faith according to their age, state and ability. The school, then, contributes to the common good of society in that those beneficiaries of Catholic education within the school setting are prepared to take a responsible role as citizens.

*Q. Certainly, Catholic Schools Week is a means of celebrating and promoting who Catholic schools are. How do those involved in the schools maintain that awareness year-round to better meet the needs of students?*

A. It is essential that all school personnel be better prepared personally as witnesses of the Lord and professionally as educators whose teaching incorporates the values of our faith.

One key to that goal is the annual retreat day for all of the school personnel in the diocese. They have the opportunity to gather for reflection, for conversation, for prayer. It is a very participatory experience. There are semi-annual workshops as well, which are also very important in assisting our personnel professionally and personally to fulfill their role.

Secondly, the individual faculties meet frequently during the course of the school year. There, too, is a prayer component that is integral to their identity and to the fulfillment of their mission.

A key responsibility of our diocesan office is to ensure that religion teachers in the schools have a very clear grasp and understanding of the teachings of the Church. That is crucial if they are to share the authentic message of the Church with young people. And again, it's vital to continue programs of formation for faculties in general so that they will be able to better share from the value perspective of the Church and the Lord.

Also, it's always valuable to assist parents to come to a deeper understanding of the relationship between the home and school. We strive to promote spe-

cific ways by which that partnership can be strengthened.

The overall point is that while a variety of formation programs take place through the school year, a great importance is placed on continually presenting opportunities for growth and development for everyone involved in leadership and school ministry. There's a wonderful spirit within the school setting in that the personnel are eager to take advantage of these opportunities.

*Q. As diocesan vicar for education, how would you describe the state of Catholic schools in western North Carolina?*

A. I am deeply impressed by the level of commitment of the principals in the Catholic schools and their great enthusiasm to fulfill their spiritual and academic role.

I'm also impressed by the teachers and staffs, and the level of collaboration and cooperation manifested by the schools and families. It has been quite apparent to me that the vast majority of families really view themselves as being in partnership with the schools.

There seems to be a very strong understanding by everyone involved that the foundational reason for participating in Catholic education in the school setting is to assist persons of faith to continue their journey through cultivating their persons, talents and abilities. Everyone in the schools of this diocese — administrators, teachers, and of course the students themselves — participates in the common tasks of ensuring the well-being of their schools as faith community. The diocese has made a very visible, obvious commitment to Catholic schools.

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respect.

The lines between adults and children are much more casual today than when I was a kid. In some ways this is a welcome change. In the past there was a blind obedience to adults and authority figures that left many children powerless, alone and without any rights. Some adults abused their authority and harmed children physically, emotionally and sexually. We continue to see the devastating effects of this abuse. These adults weren't deserving of respect. As I often try to explain to my kids—for both children and adults—respect is something that's earned.

The libraries and book stores are stocked with books on parenting and positive discipline that offer lots of useful information and strategies. But I have found that the most effective parenting advice is given by Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel: "Do to others what you would have them do to you." Each time I'm arbitrating yet another argument between my kids or refereeing one more of their melees, the only words that seem to make sense to them are: "How would that make you feel if someone said that or did that to you?"

And St. Paul also offers some solid ground rules for parents who are looking for guidance in what to teach their children: "Get rid of all bitterness...and anger, hard words, slander and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ. Be imitators of God as His dear children. Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you... There was a time when you lived in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Well, then, live as children of the light."

## Vatican: Legalizing Drugs Can't Solve Abuse Problems

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Drug abuse is a symptom of deep social and psychological problems that cannot be addressed by the legalization of so-called "soft" drugs, said the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Instead of making drug use easier to control, as some proponents of legalization argue, it would make drug use seem more acceptable, the council said in a Jan. 21 statement.

The council said the statement was published in response to requests from parents to the council about recent attempts in Italy and elsewhere to legalize the sale and use of marijuana and a few other types of narcotics.

But the pontifical council said it makes no sense to distinguish between "soft" and "hard" drugs when both are used as a means of escaping reality and impede an individual's maturation and growing acceptance of responsibility.

"The consumption of such substances favors isolation, above all, and then dependence with the passing on to ever stronger products," the statement said.

Because drug use is largely a phenomenon associated with youths and young adults, it has a strong impact on families as well as on individuals, the council said.

"The problem, in effect, is not in the drug but in the spiritual illness which leads to drugs," the document said.

The council said modern societies must take a large share of the blame for the growth of drug abuse.

"We live in a world in which children are left on their own too soon," it said.

While wanting to instill a sense of responsibility and independence in young people is laudable, the council said that too often youngsters have no adults around them for support, and they do not find support in society.

"In the face of a world which seems empty and with little hope for the future, some search in every way possible for ways to feel alive," including through the use of drugs, the document said.

The legalization of drugs, the council said, runs the real risk of increasing drug abuse rather than controlling it.

In addition, the document said, it can be assumed that legalization would send a message of approval to young people, in effect saying "that which is legal is normal and, therefore, moral."

The pontifical council said that in discussing ways to deal with illegal drug use, political concerns can never take priority over concerns for the common good and for the good of individuals.

"With the prospect of legalizing the sale and use of products which favor drug addiction, it is the destiny of human beings which is at stake," it said.

"Behavior which leads to drug addiction cannot possibly be corrected if products which reinforce that very behavior are placed on the open market," the document said.



Four Belmont Abbey College students majoring in special education recently received scholarships from the Knights of Columbus. Pictured seated are recipients Kim Boone of Iron Station (left) and Brooke Hager of Maiden; standing are Margaret Wallace of Mount Holly (left) and Richard Grebner of the N.C. Knights of Columbus. Recipient Teresa Davis of Belmont is not pictured.



## Diocesan News Briefs

### A Retreat For Men

BELMONT — A retreat for men based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius conducted by Father Dean Stasell of the Legionaries of Christ is Feb. 14-16 at Belmont Abbey. For information and reservations, call Ann Potter Gleason, (704) 599-4558. Space is limited.

### All Saints Saturday Night

CHARLOTTE — The fifth annual All Saints Saturday night casino and auction featuring Cajun cuisine, and silent and live auctions is Feb. 8 at All Saints School. For information, call (704) 544-2070.

### CCHS Raffle

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is selling raffle tickets for a trip for two including airfare and hotel accommodation to London, England. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and can be ordered by sending a check payable to the CCHS Foundation, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28226. Proceeds benefit CCHS. Call (704) 543-9118 for information. The winning ticket will be drawn March 2 at the Grand Prix Party.

### Parish Missions

MOORESVILLE — The St. Therese Parish Mission, "Jesus Speaks: A Conversation With God," begins Feb. 2 at 7:15 p.m. and continues nightly through Feb. 5. Father Frederick A. Pompei of the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., will lead the mission integrating music, Scripture, the spoken word, sacred symbols and prayer. For information, call Penny Atkinson, (704) 664-5196.

CHARLOTTE — The St. Matthew Parish Mission, directed by Capuchin Father Vincent Fortunato and Brother Kellen Mears, is Feb. 23-27.

### CSS Presents Day of Reflection

HICKORY — Catholic Social Services offers the first Day of Reflection for widowed, divorced and separated persons and their children Feb. 15 at the Catholic Conference Center. Reservations are required, with a \$20 per adult, \$10 per child fee needed to hold spaces. Some financial aid is available, and installment payments will be accepted. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, ext. 314.

### Scott Hahn To Visit Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — Scott Hahn, a Catholic convert and scriptural scholar, presents "A Faith Journey with Jesus," a three-part evangelization series, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church. Program times are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31, and 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Feb. 1. No admission is charged, but donations are accepted. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte. For information, call Andy Getz, (704) 364-5431, ext. 276.

### Engaged Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter weekend for engaged couples to discern and assess their suitability for

marriage is Feb. 7-9 at the Catholic Conference Center. For details, call Geoffrey and Ann Hoffman, (704) 483-3258.

### Help Research Church History

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church is researching the history of its sanctuary windows. Built in 1893, information on all but three of the donors has been found. If you can help with information on Mrs. C. Steiff, Dr. H. Diederich, Mary Duffield or the Williams brothers, or if you or anyone you know were members of the St. Peter Altar Society, Children of Mary of St. Aloysius Society, contact Steven Long at (704) 563-8828 or Cathie Tilly at (704) 332-2901.

### Respect Life Workshop

HICKORY — The Charlotte Diocese Respect Life Office presents "God's Plan for Love and Life," a workshop at St. Aloysius Church focusing on the sanctity of human life, Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. and March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. The Friday session is for parents, and the Saturday session is for teen-agers. For registration information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — Marian Father Mark Lamprich presents "Personal Prayer or 'Pilgrimage,'" a discussion of how our daily walk of faith can be considered a pilgrimage, Jan. 28 at 7:30 at Our Lady of Grace Church. For information, call (704) 274-0415.

### First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are Feb. 1 at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

### Ultreya and Leaders' Schools

MORGANTON — Ultreya for the Morganton/Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

SALISBURY — Ultreya for the Salisbury/Albemarle areas meets the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

BOONE — Group reunion Ultreya meets the first Sunday each month at St. Elizabeth Church at 12:30 p.m. in Pat Jones Hall. Covered dish brunch follows. For details, call the church, (704) 284-8338, John, (704) 898-5328, or Carlos, (704) 295-9516.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "From the Ashes to the Fire" is a Feb. 7-9 retreat, directed by Father Eric Houseknecht, tracing the origins of Lenten practices.

"The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat, directed by the Media Center's Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak, focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media.

The cost for each retreat is \$90 per person. To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Office of Telecommunications offers a media lending library comprising 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a variety of books. Resources are available to preview or for personal enrichment at no cost. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. For more information, call (704) 331-1717.

### Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service is at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

### Grand Prix Party

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation presents its annual Grand Prix Party March 2. Tickets available for \$150 per couple. Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

### Eucharistic Adoration

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Maryfield Nursing Home Chapel. For details, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. The "Family Book of Life" is available for signing in the Adoration Chapel for the spiritual adoption of an unborn child or person in danger of abortion or euthanasia. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### New Mass Schedule

THOMASVILLE — The new Mass schedule for Our Lady of the Highways Church is: 5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays; Spanish — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

### The Christophers Poster Contest

NEW YORK — Entry deadline for The Christophers 7th Annual Poster Contest for high school students is Jan. 31. Artists must interpret of the theme, "You Can Make A Difference." For complete rules and details, contact The Christophers, High School Poster Contest, 12 East 12th St., New York, N.Y. 10017, (212) 759-4050.

### "Coming Together" Mass

BELMONT — A Harambee "Coming Together" African Mass is celebrated Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. at Queen of the Apostles Church. Music is provided by The Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir from Our Lady of Consolation Church.

### German-American Mardis Gras

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte German-American Club annual Faschingsball is Feb. 1 from 7 p.m.-midnight at Carolina Golf and Country Club. A traditional German Mardi Gras will be celebrated, and attendees are encouraged to come in costume. Admission is \$28 per person, which includes dinner and music by the Rheinlander Band. For reservations and details, call Liane Talbert, (704) 554-6854 or Alfred Riebe (704) 541-5262.

### Gospel Choir Presents Concert

CHARLOTTE — The African-American Affairs Ministry sponsors The Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir in a Jan. 25 concert following 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Consolation Church. A reception follows.

### Mountain Retreat Scheduled

HOT SPRINGS — A spiritual journey into the heart of the Lord is presented through a March 7-9 retreat at the Jesuit House of Prayer. Bobbie May is retreat director, and team members are Jesuit Father Vincent Alagia and Rev. Mr. Hugo May. The retreat begins at 7 p.m. March 7 and ends at 3 p.m. March 9. The cost is \$100, with a \$25 deposit needed to reserve a space. Send deposit to Jesuit House of Prayer, Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743. Call Father Alagia at (704) 622-7366 for details, or Bobbie May at (704) 327-8692 for retreat content.

### Asheville Catholic Open House

ASHEVILLE — Open House at Asheville Catholic School is Jan. 28 from 8:30-11 a.m. Tours of the school will be given through the morning, followed by refreshments. For information, call (704) 252-7896.

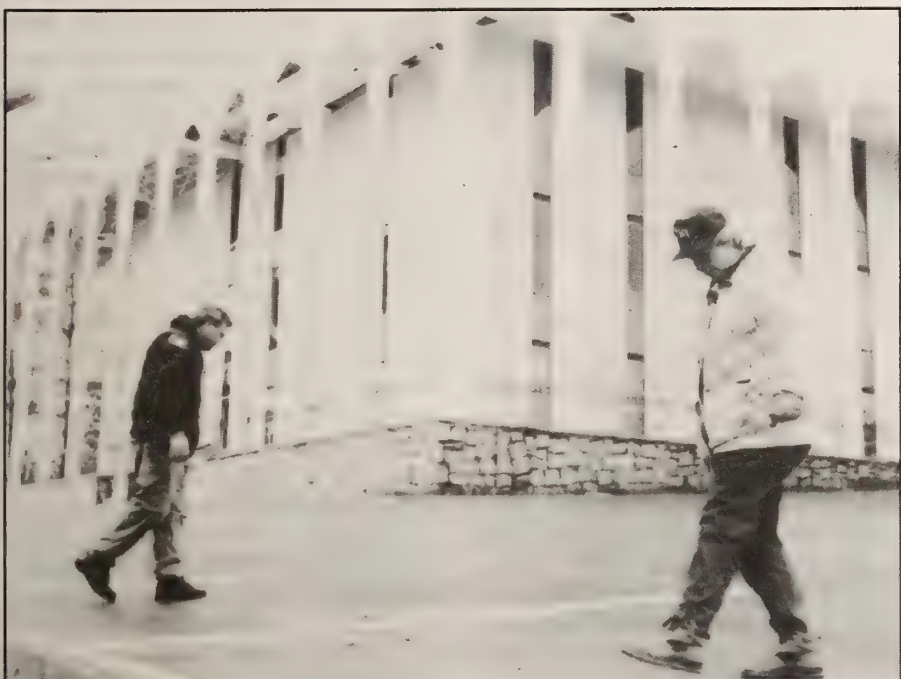
### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited at St. Leo the Great Church in the convent chapel at 11:40 a.m. Wednesdays.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs



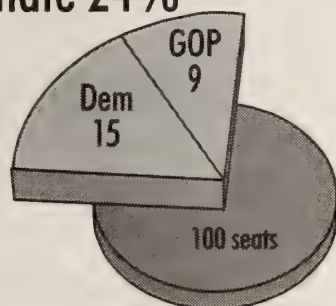
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**BOMB INVESTIGATION** — FBI agents comb the parking lot of the building where two bombs exploded Jan. 16 in Sandy Springs, Ga. Federal investigators said it appeared an abortion clinic housed in the building was the target of the blasts, but they could not rule out unrelated domestic terrorism.

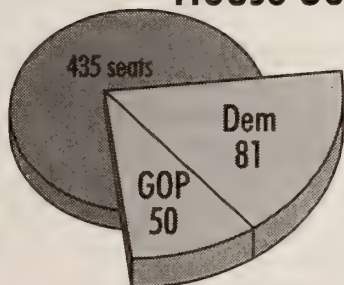
### Catholics in Congress

Percentage of members in the 105th Congress who are Catholic:

Senate 24%



House 30%



#### Catholics in Congress by select years

1997.....	155	1993.....	142
1995.....	149	1991.....	136

Source: Congressional Quarterly, Almanac of American Politics 1996, and CNS reports.

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#### 155 Members Of 105th Congress Are Catholics

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The 105th Congress includes a record number of Catholics — 155 senators and representatives. Of the 435 representatives and 100 senators, 24 senators and 131 representatives are Catholics, the largest single religious denomination in the Congress. At its start in 1995, the 104th Congress included 21 Catholic senators and 128 Catholic representatives for a then-record of 149. More of this session's Catholic members are Democrats than two years ago, when there were a record nine senators and 54 representatives who were members of the GOP. This term, nine of the Catholic senators are Republicans and 15 are Democrats. In the House, 50 Catholics are Republicans and 81 are Democrats.

#### Clinton Speech Cites Cardinal's Words About 'Gift Of Time'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In an inauguration speech about healing divisions of culture and politics, President Clinton drew on the philosophy of the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago. "America demands and deserves big things from us," Clinton said Jan. 20 after taking the presidential oath of office for the second time. "And nothing big ever came from being small. Let us remember the timeless wisdom of Cardinal Bernardin, when facing the end of his own life, 'It is wrong to waste the precious gift of time on acrimony and division.'" The cardinal made the remark at an address launching the Catholic Common Ground Project in October, a few weeks before he died of cancer. The cardinal first announced the project in mid-August.

#### Rev. King's Legacy Cited In Prayer Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With Inauguration Day falling on the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson invoked the late civil rights leader's philosophies at a pre-inaugural prayer service Jan. 20 attended by President Clinton. Rev. Jackson noted that Rev. King, as he led the push for civil rights through a network of churches and volunteers, held no public office, had no personal wealth, no military force and no national organization. "Yet he did more than any single leader this century," Rev. Jackson said.

#### Bishop Pilla Urges 'Bold Action' Against Land Mines

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, has urged President Clinton to open his second term in office with "bold action" to bring a "global ban on anti-personnel land mines." In a letter to Clinton Jan. 13, a week before the presidential inauguration, Bishop Pilla urged that the United States support more fully the recent Ottawa initiative for an accelerated ban treaty, joining "other nations committed to a global ban," and "lead by example," taking independent policy initiatives that "could further the process of stigmatizing these indiscriminate weapons, which is an essential part of pursuing a global ban."

#### Death Penalty Abolitionists Arrested At Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new campaign to abolish the death penalty in the United States was launched Jan. 17 with a demonstration at the U.S. Supreme Court in which 18 protesters were arrested, including three members of the Catholic Worker movement. The protest was staged on the 20th anniversary of the execution by firing squad of convicted murderer Gary Gilmore in Utah. He was the first prisoner executed after the Supreme Court re-instituted the death penalty following a 10-year moratorium. Abe

Bonowitz of Los Angeles, a member of the Abolitionist Action Committee, said there are now 400 people on death row in California and 3,000 in the U.S.

#### Supreme Court To Reconsider Ban On Religious School Aid

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Jan. 17 to reconsider its 12-year-old decision barring children in religiously run schools from receiving publicly funded remedial education in their schools. The Clinton administration last fall joined New York City school officials and parents of parochial school students in asking the court to reconsider its 1985 decision in *Aguilar vs. Felton*. At stake are hundreds of millions of dollars being spent not for educational purposes, but to comply with the high court's 1985 ruling. A new decision, expected by the end of the court's term this summer, could set significant new guidelines for how public funds may be used to provide students in nonpublic schools with benefits available to their public-school counterparts.

#### Abortion Protesters Arraigned

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) — Eleven Lambs of Christ abortion protesters were arraigned on federal charges Jan. 10 for blocking entrances to a Rochester abortion clinic Dec. 7. U.S. District Judge Jonathan W. Feldman freed the 11 on their own recognizance after they were photographed and fingerprinted and entered no plea on charges of violating FACE, the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. John J. Broderick, a Long Island attorney representing 10 of the defendants, said they will plead not guilty if the federal government takes their case to trial. Broderick's son, James, is representing the 11th defendant.

#### Louisiana Bishops Denounce Stances Of Racial Superiority

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) — Holding that one race is superior to another is a serious sin, and "to persist obstinately" in that stance is "incompatible with God's original creation and our redemption in Jesus Christ," said the nine active Catholic bishops of Louisiana. The bishops made the comments in a statement titled "Racial Harmony." It was released Jan. 16 by the Louisiana Catholic Conference to coincide with the Jan. 20 federal observance of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

#### Pope Established Annual Day Of Consecrated Life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has established an annual "Day of Consecrated Life" to highlight the role played by religious men and women in the church. The pope said the day will be celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Feb. 2. He said the day is appropriate because it recalls the total giving of one's life, as well as the gift given by the parents of those with religious vocations.





## St. Francis of Assisi

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Mercy Sister Anita Sheerin

Masses: Sun.: 10:30 a.m.;  
Wed.: 7 p.m.

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ners: 250

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82



MOCKSVILLE — There is currently no resident Catholic pastor in Mocksville, but the faith remains alive in this Davie County town through the more than 80 families who are registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

The church community, considered a parish in its own right several times

during its history, traces its beginnings to the 1950s. In November 1958, Holy Rosary parish in Lexington assumed pastoral responsibility for a group of about 15 Catholics in Mocksville. Father James Keenan, pastor of Holy Rosary, celebrated Mass in the homes of the Mocksville congregation until April 1959, when the old National Guard Armory took on the role of a place of worship.

The developments marked a growing presence of Catholics in Davidson and Davie counties. By the mid-1950s, the need for larger church facilities in Lexington had led to the building of a new church and rectory, which Bishop Vincent Waters dedicated in July 1958. Back in Mocksville, the site of the present church was purchased in 1960. The mission was placed under the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi.

Church life in Mocksville during the 1960s was a formative period. In the latter half of the decade the chapel was renovated and enlarged, and the Ladies Guild, for several years a staple of the parish, was begun. In 1968 pastoral care of the mission was switched to the Salisbury parish of Sacred Heart.

The mission status was underscored in 1970, when again a change in pastoral responsibility returned St. Francis of Assisi Church to the care of the Lexington parish. Despite the frequent changes, the family of faith continued to grow. The number of families worshipping in the Mocksville church grew from 17 in 1970 to more than 50 by mid-decade.

In 1975, with the help of a \$17,000 bequest forwarded to the church by Gertrude Dann of Norwich, Conn., the congregation sought permission to build a multi-purpose facility on the church grounds. Authorization was granted, and Bishop Michael J. Begley dedicated the structure, to be used for liturgical celebrations, religious gatherings and social functions, in October 1975.

Expansion continued the next year when the church family purchased land adjacent to its property. A house on the site became a rectory, and with the land comprising four acres, the congregation had room for future additions.

In 1980, St. Francis of Assisi welcomed its first resident pastor, and with him, parish status. Friars of the Atonement Father Noel McSweeney was installed in October of that year and would remain until 1983, when the church again was regarded as a mission.

Sacred Heart parish in Salisbury once more took on duties in Mocksville until 1987, when the church's pastoral needs were met by Holy Family parish in Clemmons. From that point until now, sacramental obligations have been carried out by a number of pastors from Holy Family, Sacred Heart and, for a time, St. Francis of Assisi itself.

The mission label was removed once more in 1991 when Father Bernard Manley became pastor of St.

Francis of Assisi. He remained in Mocksville until mid-1996 when Mercy Sister Anita Sheerin was appointed parochial administrator. Father Thomas Clements, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, serves as minister of sacraments for the Mocksville parish.

Sister Anita calls the parish an active, energetic and devoted one. Through a strong faith formation program, whose participants now meet in a recently donated mobile trailer on the church grounds, parish members are eager to cultivate their faith lives. A parish assessment team has also been assembled to study future expansions. With dedicated Community Life and Family Life Commissions, along with an enthusiastic parish council, St. Francis of Assisi parish, according to Sister Anita, is a hope-filled family of faith.



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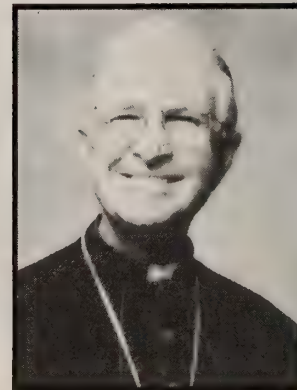
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## Seminarian Education

# Gifts To DSA Help Answer God's Call To Vocations

By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

Pledges made to the Diocesan Support Appeal will again support seminarian education.

According to Vocations Director Father Frank O'Rourke, the diocese is now blessed with 23 men studying for the priesthood. The seminarians come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a wealth of experiences to the diocese. In addition to studies during the school year, seminarians work in diocesan parishes and offices during the summer.

Following are the stories of two men's journeys in faith, and why they answered God's call to serve the Diocese of Charlotte.

### Shawn O'Neal

After obtaining his undergraduate degree in History from Appalachian State University in 1991, Shawn O'Neal thought a career in middle school education was on the horizon.

"I enrolled in graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and was working toward my (teaching) certificate. But while there, I again felt a calling that had been lingering for some time," he explained.

The first time he considered the priesthood was while at Appalachian State, but O'Neal felt he needed to develop "a more adult faith life" before pursuing a vocation.

"While at UNC-Charlotte, I realized I couldn't keep asking 'what if' without seriously thinking it through," he said.

In the fall of 1993, O'Neal met with Vocations Director, Father O'Rourke, who was very supportive. O'Neal felt it was important to strengthen his "own faith and relationship with God and Jesus." The following year, O'Neal enrolled at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Although his discernment process was a lengthy one, the seminarian said it was time "well-spent."

While many seminarians use their summer assignments to learn more about the diocese and its people, O'Neal literally feels right at home. He is a native of Charlotte and member of St. John Neumann parish.

The second-year theology student worked at the diocesan Media Center during his first summer assignment. This past summer, he studied Spanish in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with fellow seminarians Frank Seabo, Dave Brzoska, and Chris Davis.

"The eight weeks there was an excellent educational experience. It was extremely helpful to experience another culture," he said.

While in the Central American country, O'Neal said the seminarians saw a population with an unwavering connec-

tion to the Church. "Pilgrimages were made to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City by thousands of people," he said. "Some walked 150-160 miles to the basilica. They are truly a people of strong faith."

### Chris Gober

Chris Gober is one of the diocese's newest seminarians.

He enrolled at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., last August

after completing undergraduate work at St. Charles Borromeo College. He obtained a B.A. degree in philosophy at the Philadelphia-area school.

The seminarian was initially studying for the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., but "they (Peoria) had a great number of vocations, and I was interested in doing missionary work," Gober said.

Through a friend, Gober heard of the need for priests in the Charlotte Diocese. He met with Bishop William G. Curlin last summer. "I asked the bishop his definition of a missionary diocese, and he responded, 'One where the harvest is great but the laborers are few.' I truly have a desire to be in an area like ours that is growing and has many needs."

Gober began considering a vocation his freshman year in college. "I went on a trip to Rome with four priests," he said. "Once I began to understand the nature of the priesthood, I realized it was my calling."

At that time, the lifelong Catholic was pursuing a career in physical therapy and sports medicine. "But (after the trip) I felt called to do something deeper, more spiritual," he explained.

A first-year theology student, Gober is adjusting to life in the nation's capital. Besides his studies, he volunteers one day a week at Gifts of Peace, a shelter for homeless people operated by the Missionaries of Charity. "They (the sisters) are a wonderful example of bringing the love of Jesus into the world," he said. "There is so much I can learn from their simple way of life."

Gober is one of three Charlotte Diocese seminarians at Catholic University, and they are in the process of starting a weekly prayer group with Father John Putnam, a diocesan priest who is studying canon law at the college.

Gober is excited to return to the Charlotte area this summer. "I am looking forward to getting to know the diocese and its people better," he said.

Father O'Rourke said he and Bishop Curlin are extremely happy to have the men who have answered God's call to serve the diocese. "I ask you to please continue to pray for all our seminarians as they continue their journeys to the priesthood," Father O'Rourke added.



Chris Gober



Shawn O'Neal

## Counseling Ministry Is Strength For Family Of Murdered Child

By **PAUL FREDETTE**  
Correspondent

### ASHEVILLE

— With the sale of their home near Cleveland and preparations for moving to Asheville consuming the majority of their time, Ginny and Richard Knapil probably guessed the end of 1994 would be harried and stressful. What they could not have anticipated was the nightmare of grief and incomprehension that overtook them when their eldest son, Kippy, 18, was murdered on Dec. 29 in Key West, Fla.

The agony of loss they experienced was incredible and their sense of vulnerability assumed overwhelming proportions. "I was afraid that Kip's murder would eventually lead to the death of his younger brother, Kirt, from sheer emotional devastation," says Ginny Knapil. Her concern is still apparent, but manageable now through counseling her family has received from Trinitarian Sister Marie Frechette, director of the western regional office of Catholic Social Services.

At the suggestion of Father Francis Cancro, pastor at St. Eugene Church, the Knapils sought relief from their grief through the counseling ministry offered by CSS. "I'm lucky to be counseling in an environment that allows me to ask people about their spirituality," explains Sister Marie. She stresses the critical importance of spirituality in a holistic approach to total emotional health.

Ginny Knapil admits quite candidly: "I don't think I could have trusted other counseling services. I was so relieved to find real help, trained professionals with a dependable response and people who

could reinforce your faith while giving you sound advice."

Initially, one of the biggest challenges for the parents was focusing on the enormity of their younger son's loss. "He not only lost his big brother but also his best friend," says Knapil, her eyes welling up with tears. "All Kirt's friends were up in Ohio, and his father and I were preoccupied with our own grief."

Knapil believes that without the help they received from CSS, some family members might have come close to suicide, and an already tragic situation could have become far worse. "We might have just stumbled along," she says, "but Sister Marie put us in touch with groups like Parents of Murdered Children and Compassionate Friends, and made some excellent reading materials available to us." Gradually, the Knapils built a support network that included fellow parishioners at St. Eugene's.

Knapil feels her faith and prayer life have been indispensable to avoid getting caught up in self-pity. "It would have been so easy to stare at a light bulb the rest of my life," she says. "But the counseling and support we received helped

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Sister Marie Frechette, MSBT, and Ginny Knapil.

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## Evangelization

# Landings Reaches Out To Charlotte Diocese Catholics

by JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

**BREVARD** — When Sacred Heart parishioner Tom Vallie met up with long-time friend Paulist Father Jac Campbell several years ago, a foundation was laid for an evangelical program within the Charlotte Diocese.

Father Campbell, the creator of the Landings program, suggested to Vallie that parishioners in western North Carolina who have, for whatever reasons, left the Church can embrace an affirmative, spiritual way of returning "home."

The Landings program centers around a 10-week period during which active and returning Catholics gather to share experiences. Contemporary themes pervading Church life are discussed, and the meetings explore individual concerns of the participants.

Following the last session, members go on a retreat focusing on reconciliation, after which those still wishing to return are welcome to participate fully in the Church family. While pastors and other parish staff participate by selecting possible candidates and lending support, the program is presented by lay volunteers.

In 1995, Vallie attended a training workshop in New Jersey. He returned to North Carolina a certified facilitator, and the diocese had its first Landings program in place. Reaction to the outreach has been positive in Brevard, said Sacred Heart Church's pastor, Father Carl Del Giudice.

"The response has been very encouraging," said Father Del Giudice. "I have been looking for a way to help returning Catholics find their way into our community and to feel welcome here. Landings has been excellent for that, and at the same time has provided a spark of interest among practicing Catholics as well."

Meanwhile, at the invitation of Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization, Father Campbell also offered to help at the diocesan level. In May 1996 Father Campbell and the program's national coordinator, Joan Horn, conducted training programs through which Vallie and more than a dozen other parish representatives from across the diocese became certified facilitators.

Future training sessions for the remaining parishes are being planned as well by the diocesan evangelization min-

istry, whose funding comes from the annual Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA).

In Vallie's view, the existence of a laity-operated evangelical program is essential not only to Catholics making their way back to the Church. In addition, he said Landings serves as a reminder for members of congregations to make the most of their parish-life experience.

"It's really a program of reconciliation," he added. "But in a broader sense, it's evangelical in that it sensitizes a parish to all of its programs. Landings can bring about a reexamination of a parish's approaches."

A unique evangelical tool for the people of the Charlotte Diocese, Landings is a means of reaching people in the pews on an ongoing basis, Vallie said. Plans for the "next step" for graduates of the program are underway: "Living Our Catholic Faith, 101 (With Lab)" is scheduled to begin in February at Sacred Heart.

"The lab part of that suggests it's not just learning about the faith," added Vallie. "It's about living it. Once members have experienced Landings, they are eager to learn and experience more of their Catholic faith and their faith community. They are hungry for community and a connection to what Father Campbell calls 'our family of families.'"

The combination of the programs, he hopes, will continue the apostolic reaching out that defines the very heart of evangelism in the Church.

## Ways To Give

The Diocesan Support Appeal is a call to give financial support to 37 agencies and ministries.

Most people contribute by making a pledge, payable over six months. But there are other ways to give, such as donating stocks or bonds, says Jim Kelley, director of development.

Consider supporting the DSA not only in the present but also in the future through such means as wills and trusts. "This allows people to give now and to give later," says Kelley.

For information on wills and trusts, call Jim Kelley at (704) 331-1709 or 377-6871.

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# Many The Gifts, Many The Works

By JOANN KEANE  
Associate Editor

**CHARLOTTE** — Coming to grips with the death of their murdered son, a couple in western North Carolina seeks solace through Catholic Social Services counseling. Diocesan Support Appeal funding helps make CSS counseling possible.

DSA funding helps support our seminarians on their journey toward becoming the priests who will serve us into the next millennium.

These and other stories about the life-changing ministries supported by the DSA appear in this edition of *The Catholic News & Herald*. Over the next eight weeks, parishioners of the 89 parishes and missions will be reminded of the good works that result from their generosity through a series of articles in this newspaper.

Bishop William G. Curlin likens the campaign to an oft-used quote of retired Bishop Michael J. Begley: "the Church isn't a *me* thing, it's an *us* thing."

"In my three years as bishop of Charlotte, I have witnessed the wonderful involvement of the laity," says Bishop Curlin. "Certainly, the DSA is an opportunity to demonstrate — not only our financial commitment — but our involvement in Church ministries."

The DSA helps thousands of individuals throughout the 46-county Diocese of Charlotte. It supports 37 social service, educational, multi-cultural, and vocational ministries.

Turning need into reality is one of the goals of the DSA. "Many the Gifts, Many the Works" is more than a catchphrase for the 1997 campaign; it is the core of the Diocese of Charlotte.

"This theme links stewardship with the context of development," says Jim Kelley, director of development. "It is gifts of time, talent and treasure that bind our lives to the Church. In the DSA, people are asked to contribute out of their

need to give thanks, as well as the Church's need to receive both funding and services. At the same time, the annual appeal reminds us that the three elements of stewardship are equally important."

"The faithful of the diocese are known for their generosity," says Barbara Rohrman, associate director of development, who directs the DSA campaign. "As people become increasingly aware of stewardship as a way of life, they respond generously in gratitude for their many blessings," she says. "The DSA raises necessary funding, not for the diocese, but for life-changing ministries for people in the diocese."

The kickoff begins with this newspaper and a video to be shown in all parishes and missions the weekend of Feb. 2. Members of the diocese will receive a letter next week from Bishop Curlin, asking for their support.

The appeal — which officially runs from Feb. 2 to April 6 — will raise a total of \$2,580,000. Like last year, this appeal reflects an increase due to continued growth in the diocese. "More individuals in our parishes means increased needs and services," says Barbara Rohrman.

While each year tests the limits of services, the people of the diocese are quick to extend a hand in faith. "We continue to witness an increase in the number of contributing households," says Rohrman. Historically, better than half of all diocesan households contribute to the DSA.

Every parish and mission contributes by meeting a goal (see page 11) based on its annual offertory. Contributions above and beyond the set goal are returned to the parish. In turn, if the parish or mission falls below the goal, they still must meet the assigned target.

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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St. Gabriel School  
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6:30 p.m.  
Meeting with Prospective  
Seminarians  
Charlotte

**February 1**  
5:30 p.m.  
Dedication of Family Life  
Center  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Church  
Charlotte

**February 5**  
Pastoral Formation  
Team Meeting  
Catholic Conference  
Center  
Hickory

**February 9**  
2:30 p.m.  
Mass with Vietnamese  
Community  
St. Ann Church  
Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says Christians Must Focus Hearts, Minds On Christ For Unity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Jan. 22.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

"God has reconciled the world to himself through Christ and has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation" (cf. 2 Cor 5:18). During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity all Christ's followers are invited to ponder these words of St. Paul, to implore the grace of reconciliation and to bear common witness to the Gospel.

The path to Christian unity is marked not only by theological dialogue and institutional contacts, but also by spiritual ecumenism, consisting in prayer and the conversion of hearts. Many leaders of churches and ecclesial communities visited me this past year, including the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Leonard Carey. Among the promising ecumenical events of the year was my meeting with His Holiness Karekin I, catholicos of all the Armenians, and the signing of the common declaration in which we professed the one faith in Jesus Christ, true God and true man. In this first year of immediate preparation for the great jubilee, let us all turn our eyes to Jesus Christ our savior and pray fervently for the unity of all his followers.

I wish to welcome all the English-speaking visitors present at today's audience, especially the pilgrims from Denmark, Finland and United States. I thank the choir for its praise of God in song. Upon all of you I cordially invoke the grace and peace of Christ our savior.

### Struggle, Pain Show Spouses Are Human, Pope Tells Tribunal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Struggle, pain and sacrifice in a marriage are signs that the couple is human, not that one or both spouses are incapable of fulfilling the responsibilities of marriage, Pope John Paul II said.

When examining requests for a marriage annulment, the Catholic Church begins with a presumption that the marriage was valid, the pope said in a Jan. 27

speech to the Roman Rota, a Vatican tribunal that handles annulment appeals.

"In evaluating the capacity for or the act of consent necessary for the celebration of a valid marriage, one cannot require that which is not possible to ask of people in general," the pope said.

The human person, he said, is "always growing, called to make responsible choices based on his initial potential, enriching them ever more with commitment and the help of grace."

The Church's teaching, he said, "is marked by a healthy realism in understanding the freedom of persons."

A realistic approach takes into consideration the limits placed on people by their "human nature burdened by sin" and the "never insufficient help of divine grace," the pope said.

Understanding the human beings involved in the marriage relationship, he said, one becomes aware of "the necessity of sacrifice, the acceptance of pain and struggle as indispensable to being faithful to their obligations."

An unrealistic, "idealized" picture of what marriage is, he said, has led some people "to interpret the normal difficulties which can be registered in the journey of the couple ... as an authentic incapacity to assume the obligations of matrimony."

The Church's presumption of validity makes sense not only from a legal point of view, but also from an anthropological starting point, he said.

Not being fully aware at the outset of the reality of the struggles one would face later in marriage does not invalidate the consent, the pope said.

However, he said, the officials of the Roman Rota and others who work in church marriage courts still have "the difficult task of determining, with the help of the human sciences, that minimum under which one could not speak of a capacity or sufficient consent for a true marriage."

## Editor's Notebook

Mike Krokos

### DSA Ministries Assist Those In Need

February is upon us, and in the Diocese of Charlotte, that means the annual Diocesan Support Appeal takes center stage. The campaign runs from Feb. 2-April 6.

It is a time of year to reflect upon the many gifts God has provided, blessings for many of us that include a steady job, good health, and supportive families. For others, the gifts come through the 37 diocesan ministries and agencies which assist them in meeting sometimes difficult needs. Several stories this week highlight how these life-changing ministries have positively impacted people throughout the diocese.

The appeal affords each of us the opportunity to offer financial assistance for the work of the Church. Last year, thousands benefited from DSA-related programs, and that figure will increase as the diocese continues to grow. Statistics reveal the overall Catholic population in our 46-county area has increased by 8 percent in the past 12 months, which means the Church is serving more people than ever.

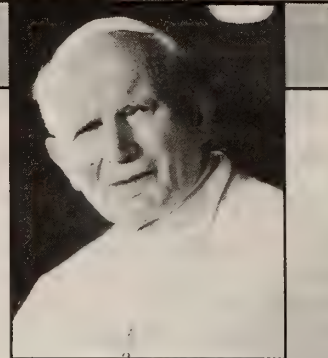
This year, the diocese also celebrates 25 years of ministry to the people of western North Carolina. It is hard to believe the Catholic population has more than

tripled since 1972 — from 34,200 to more than 104,000 registered parishioners today.

If the Church is to continue to fulfill its mission of preaching the Gospel to all people, then our gifts of time, talent and treasure are needed. As good stewards, Catholics are again asked to respond generously to help meet the campaign's \$2,580,000 goal.

The DSA campaign kicks off this weekend, as all churches feature a video examining some of our diocesan ministries. Parishioners will also receive a letter from Bishop William G. Curlin asking for their support.

The appeal is a chance for us to touch the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese. We pray, as in years past, that Catholics continue to share their many gifts.



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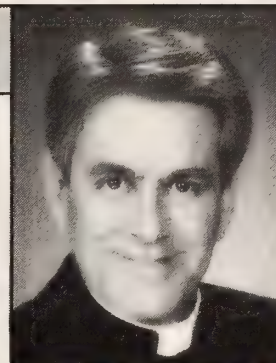
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### "Don't You People Know Jesus Was White?"

Recently I was struck by the notion that we see only half of anything. The other half is the meaning we give to what we see. This idea came innocently enough from reactions we received here at the Christophers to our 1996 Christmas card.

The front of the card shows a young boy of ambiguous ethnic background and on the inside an inscription from Isaiah: "And a little child shall lead them." Within a week of sending the card, I received several inquiries. Most wanted to know if they could order extra copies of the card. What was fascinating was the range of descriptions assigned to the boy's racial background: I'd like to get copies of your card that featured "the little black boy," "the Eurasian child," "the Mexican youth" and even "the small Chinese lad."

A few, very few I am glad to report, took exception to the boy's swarthy complexion. "Don't you people know that Jesus was white?" complained one.

Actually, no, I didn't know that. What I do know is that most often we see what we want to see, what we are predisposed to see. And in this day when so many try to move beyond bigotry by encouraging mutual respect for distinct cultural heritages, this Christmas card becomes a small case study.

In *The Heart of The Enlightened*, Anthony de Mello tells a story that puts the issue in perspective: A woman complained to a visiting friend that her neighbor was a poor housekeeper. "You should see how dirty her children are — and her house. It is almost a disgrace to be living in the same neighborhood. Take a look at those clothes hung out on the line. See the black streaks on the sheets and towels!" The friend walked up to the win-

dow and said, "I think the clothes are quite clean, my dear. The streaks are on your windows."

We see what we want to see. A non-Christian stands before a painting and sees a woman holding a child and reacts to it differently than a Christian who sees there the Madonna presenting the Christ Child to a world anticipating salvation. Understand that there is not one universal meaning for all. There is the meaning we give to our lives. But is that all there is — one's individual take on reality? No.

Jesus encourages us to find that personal meaning and share it. He reminds us that in the Kingdom of God, individual meanings are part of a unity that transcends all differences. "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and

female; for all of you are one in Christ."

This is a unity none of us is called to create, but to recognize. In God's Kingdom, our lives extend beyond our skins. We live in a radical interdependence with each other and God.

If this is true that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," who is the ultimate judge of what is beautiful but God? In the meantime, healing — multicultural, racial, ethnic, religious, sexual, or any area we see as divisive — begins when I take the log out of my own eye.

So I was thrilled to get those requests for the Christopher Christmas card! They helped me understand that whatever meaning I or anyone else may attach to it, ultimately means nothing until I respect my next door neighbor and all the people of the world. Without exception.

## Why I Give To The DSA

Parishioners Share Thoughts Of Gratitude And Service

### "We Know It Isn't Wasted..."

By Paul and Mina Sweeney

ASHEVILLE — When Mina, who is Hispanic, was studying in college in Texas, she received help from the local annual appeal in that diocese. As a result, we try to help the Hispanic community through our time, talent, and treasure as often as possible. We are aware of the good works accomplished in western North Carolina through the DSA, especially in the area of Hispanic ministry. We feel our gift to the DSA is one way to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of our Hispanic brothers and sisters in the diocese.

In recent years we have been very fortunate financially speaking. We really feel that we need to help take care of others to the best of our ability. To use our good fortune simply to increase our own net worth is inappropriate. After all, everything we have really belongs to

God. We are grateful for the many blessings God has bestowed on us, and we want to share some of those blessings with those in need.

Finally, there is a very pragmatic reason for giving to the Diocesan Support Appeal. We have seen first-hand where the money goes, and we know that it isn't wasted.

We are confident that the funds raised by the DSA go directly to the ministries and agencies serving the people of the diocese.

*Paul and Mina Sweeney are parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church.*

### "We Want To Help Our Parish..."

By Jane and Ed Glodowski

CHARLOTTE — As we watch the Diocesan Support Appeal Video and listen to the pulpit talks every year, we are always convinced of the good works that

come from this appeal. We are truly moved by the stories of how the DSA helps others in the diocese.

Also, it seems to us that this is the only time during the year that our Bishop requests help to carry out the many programs that he must oversee throughout the diocese. The Bishop has such a great responsibility to provide for the needs of such a growing diocese, yet he asks us just once each year to assist him financially in his mission.

Although the DSA makes us feel a part of the greater church, we also have strong ties and a commitment to our own parish, and we want to help our parish reach its goal.

### "It Makes Me Feel Good..."

By Joseph Moore

GREENSBORO — I was brought up Catholic and was fortunate enough to attend a Catholic School all my life. I

have always been grateful for God's blessings in my life, and giving has always been just a natural part of living. It is a way of returning to God for all of His gifts. I guess you could call it repayment.

It makes me feel good to know that I am making a difference in someone else's life. I don't have the time or the talent to serve others directly in the variety of ways the many DSA-funded ministries serve our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese. By contributing to the DSA, it is my way of doing what I can to help others. It isn't as direct as I would like, but through the DSA, I know the appropriate agencies will provide the programs to meet the needs of others throughout the diocese.

*Joseph Moore is a parishioner at St. Pius X Church.*

## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### The Unpopular Position

"Here comes this dreamer...Come now, let us kill him... and we shall see what will become of his dreams (Genesis 37:19-20)." Though this ominous conspiracy was against Joseph, favored son of Jacob, it offers meaningful reflection on the life, ministry and death of Martin Luther King Jr., a dreamer whose vision of our world he skillfully shared with us. With his great skill and compelling dreams he redirected the course of our country's history.

King's life and ministry, and the dream that he articulated so brilliantly, were deeply grounded in the teachings of Jesus. And just as surely as Jesus was murdered, it was inevitable that King would be. For his message, while it was happily received by many, was far too radical for the preservers of the then status quo. King's message was Jesus' mes-

sage: Love.

The radical message of love is so powerful and so threatening that the forces of evil will always rally to squash it. Those forces of evil for King were not contained just in the ideology of white supremacy and systemic racism, but also in the masses who thirsted for the "cup of hatred" and wanted to capitalize on the initiative of the time, to strike while the iron was hot, to match white power with black power (an eye for an eye).

But, King took the unpopular position of love. In the glow of Dr. King's posthumous celebrity as an American hero, particularly among African Americans, it perhaps is too easy to forget that at the time of his death, King's popularity among African Americans was receding. The thirst for "Black Power" had created a din among young blacks that rivaled popularity of the Southern Chris-

tian Leadership Conference and the nonviolent course of action that King and his organization espoused.

King was also treading on thin ice with the Johnson Administration, jeopardizing important alliances for historic strides in civil rights. His denouncing the war in Vietnam was indeed politically incorrect, but consistent with his mission of love.

Taking King's life was not the only way the forces of evil tried to "kill the dreamer." What makes him a hero was not his position of leadership with masses of support behind him. It was his adherence to the message of Jesus, even when his friends denounced him.

This concept of loving beyond convenience requires courage and faith, for

sure. But King took it a giant leap forward. He loved those who hated him. King was truly a follower of Jesus who tells us, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ... for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the right-

eous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?" (Matthew 5:44-46)

As beneficiaries of the dream and followers of Jesus, we must ask ourselves if we are willing to follow Him to the cross. As we celebrate the birth, life and ministry of Martin Luther King Jr. we must all understand that as followers of Jesus, we are inheritors and protectors of the dream. And his dream lives on in us.



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**T**he Diocesan Support Appeal helps spread the light of Christ by funding 37 ministries and agencies. Many of these assist parishes and missions within the 46 counties of the Diocese of Charlotte. Through their gifts, parishioners are given the opportunity to participate in the work of Jesus in our diocese.

Some of the DSA-supported ministries at St. Therese Church of Mooresville and Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville are highlighted on these pages. They are vibrant faith communities made even stronger by DSA-related ministries.

## ST. THERESE - MOORESVILLE

*Photos on this page depict some of the DSA-supported ministries at St. Therese. The ministries are: CRISM; Justice and Peace; Faith Formation; Evangelization; and Respect Life.*



CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) members volunteer at a Mooresville soup kitchen once a month. Pictured are Alice Waitkunas, Joyce Mas, Jean Garrison, Eleanor Eastman, Mary Petrosino, Helen Scallon, Dorothy Bailey, Amy Flerharty, Lilian Mallen, and Toots Callahan.



Justice and Peace Coordinators Pam Krehnbrink and Bob Wessmiller use computers to match parishioners' needs with the ministry's 275 volunteers, who offer services in 30 areas. St. Therese also has a sister parish in Honduras, and their correspondence is largely via E-mail.



Members of the parish's "Landings" group meet once a week at the home of Penny and Jim Atkinson. "Landings" is an evangelization tool for Catholics interested in returning to the Church. Shown are Penny Atkinson, Bob Brock, Karen Kull, Mercedes Jones, and Gerry Mitchell.



A puppet ministry was recently created for church youth through the parish's Faith Formation program. Shown are Corey Hewitt, Jay Sandke, Suzannie Miller, Tara Scire, Taylor Muckerman, Director of Faith Formation Mary Ann Evanoff, and Youth Minister Pam D'Agnostino.



Respect Life coordinators Jeff Norkus and Anne Cerutti plan a trip to Washington, D.C., for the annual "March for Life."



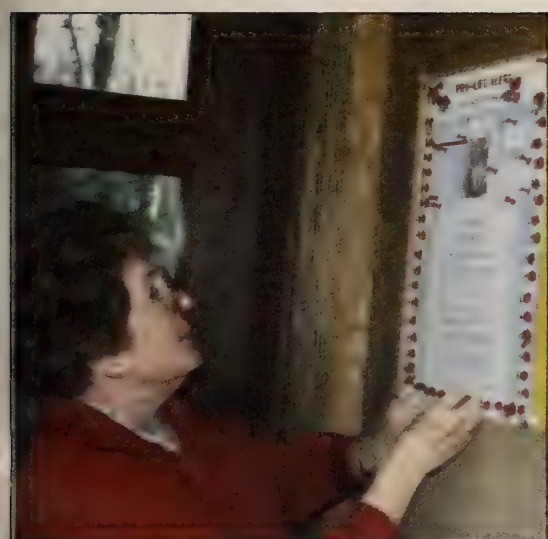
# MANY THE GIFTS, MANY THE WORKS

Tony Lefeber, coordinator of Homebound Ministry and a "graduate" of the Diocesan Lay Ministry program, oversees an outreach ministry where volunteers offer assistance to the elderly and others in need. Shown are Jim Napora, Anne Bueneman, Kay Shaffer, Tony Lefeber, Polly White, and Pauline Burt.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HENDERSONVILLE

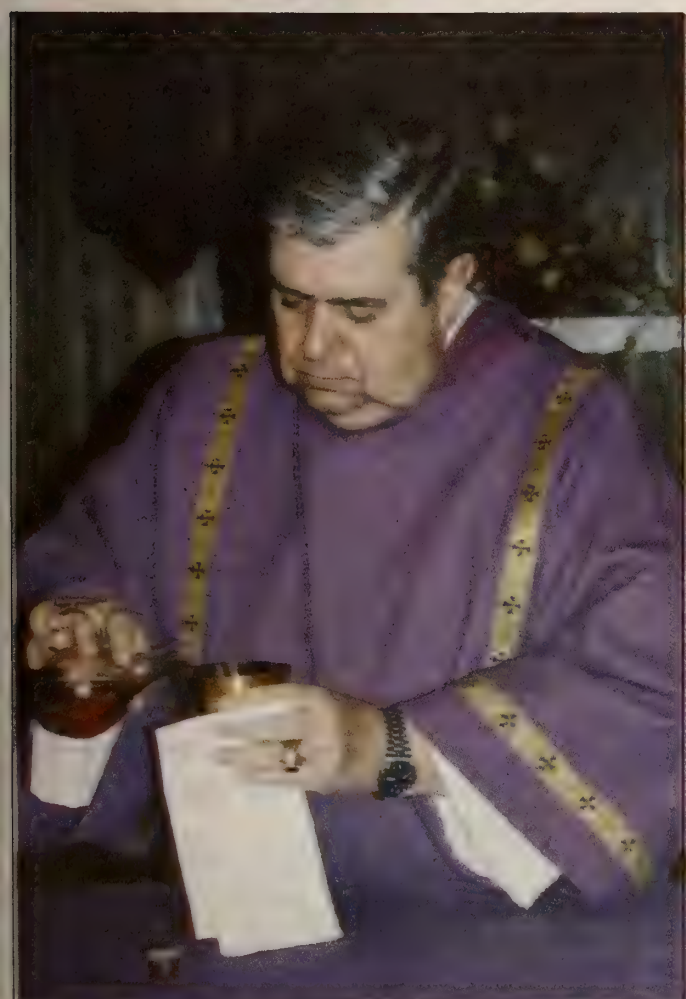
*Photos on this page depict some of the DSA-supported ministries at Immaculate Conception. The ministries are: Lay Ministry; Respect Life; Hispanic Outreach; Catholic Schools; and Permanent Diaconate.*



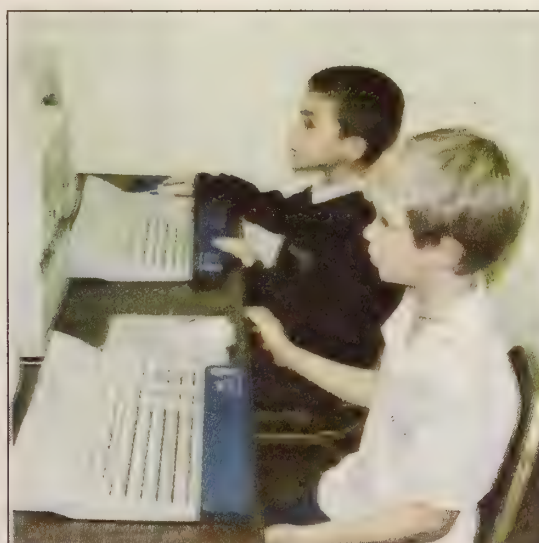
Coordinator Rosemary Klotzbach updates Respect Life activities at Immaculate Conception on a weekly basis.



E. Toerin Leppink, Hispanic/Latino Services Coordinator for Catholic Social Services' western region, discusses job placement opportunities with Bernardo Martinez and Angela Ortega in her Hendersonville office.



Rev. Mr. William Pivarnik prepares the gifts at Mass.



Third-graders Dan Horwitz and Trelane Schlenker work on their computer skills at Immaculata School.

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# Bishop Says DSA Provides Opportunity To Help Others

By JOANN KEANE  
Associate Editor

## An Interview With Bishop William G. Curlin

"Many the Gift, Many the Works" is the theme for this year's Diocesan Support Appeal. How does the theme fit the role and purpose of the DSA?

The needs of our rapidly growing diocese are many and varied. Yet, the faithful of western North Carolina are generous to respond. In my three years as bishop of Charlotte, I have witnessed an involvement of laity that is highly commendable. Truly, "Many the Gifts, Many the Works" is an appropriate theme for the 1997 Diocesan Support Appeal. The campaign is an opportunity to express our financial commitment in support of our Church ministries.

*This year, we celebrate 25 years of ministry to the people of western North Carolina. There has been tremendous growth in those 25 years. What is your vision for the future, and how does the DSA help you carry out that vision?*

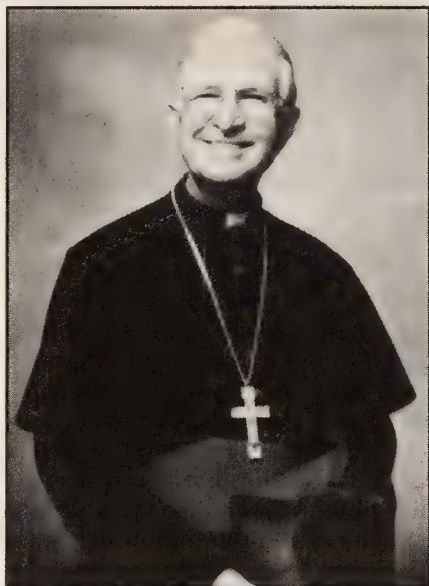
Certainly one of the most evident issues for the future is growth. In just 25 years, parish rosters have more than tripled. We expect the number of Catholics to continue to grow as we cross into the new century. As our community grows, so do the needs. Though we continue to provide sacramental ministry and offer service to those in crisis, we must anticipate needs that arise in the next generation. The DSA allows us to meet the needs of today laying the groundwork for the future.

*Many Catholics give to their parish weekly offertory, building funds, special collections and community agencies. Why is it also important for Catholics to support the DSA?*

There is a temptation to address one's personal needs and sometimes forget the family next door. So it is with our parish involvement. But we're all part of the extended family of the diocese. That's why I'm so grateful for the generosity of people who — while sacrificing for their immediate parish needs — have the vision of being supporting members of the larger diocesan family.

*Sometimes it is difficult for parishioners to see how their contributions to the DSA help them and others in their parish or mission. What is your response to that?*

This is why our diocesan newspaper is so important in every Catholic home. Through our newspaper, people read stories of their neighbors in faith. Not just during the DSA campaign, when specific ministries are highlighted, but year-round as the lives of those sharing and sometimes struggling in faith unfold within the pages. From Catholic Social Services to Faith Formation, reports and heartwarming stories are often included in our diocesan newspaper.



Bishop William G. Curlin

*How important is stewardship of time, talent and treasure to a person's faith journey? How does stewardship relate to the DSA?*

We're trying to make people conscious of their particular gifts which enrich the life of the Church. The DSA provides an excellent opportunity to show not only our financial involvement but our personal involvement in the ministries that sustain our diocese. For example, stewards of time pray daily for those who minister to the people; stewards of talent are actively involved as volunteers in ministry.

*Are the 37 ministries funded by the DSA keeping up with the need for social services, educational services, multi-cultural services, and vocations in the diocese?*

Life brings much growth and change. We have to be willing and prepared to meet increasing needs. Our response today will determine our response tomorrow. The Church must always be open and willing to respond to a diversity of new challenges in helping our neighbors.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
February 2-8



Sunday:	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-54
Monday:	Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday:	Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 Mark 6:7-13
Friday:	Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday:	Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 Mark 6:30-34

# Finance Office Good Stewards Of DSA

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — All of us are asked to be good stewards of the gifts God provides, and the diocesan finance office makes sure pledges made to the annual Diocesan Support Appeal are treated no differently.

"As the people of the Church have entrusted us with their gifts, we are then accountable to them for the good use of these resources," said Bill Weldon, fiscal manager.

"We are all very conscious of the sacrifices people make," he added. "We have a strong sense of responsibility to use the funds as prudently as possible to achieve the goals of the various ministries and agencies."

DSA funds will aid the work of 37 agencies and ministries in 1997. As in years past, the focus of the appeal is Catholic Social Services, Multi-Cultural Ministries, Educational Ministries and the Vocations Program.

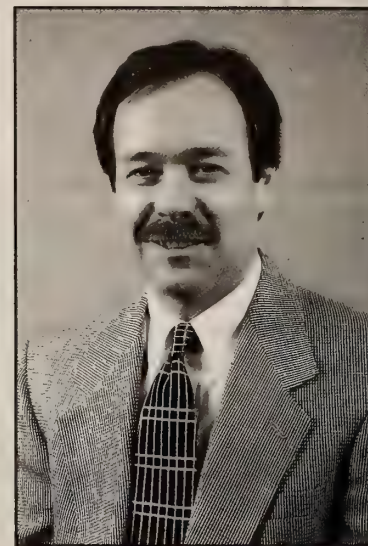
The goal of \$2,580,000 is a 9 percent increase over last year (\$2,363,000). "With inflation running around 3 percent and an increase of 8 percent in our Catholic population, additional funding is needed to maintain the same relative level of support for our growing diocese," Weldon said.

The breakdown of finances among ministries is as follows: Catholic Social Services, \$843,904; Multi-Cultural Ministries, \$214,146; Educational Ministries, \$1,060,476; Vocations Program, \$355,030. Additionally, \$106,444 will be used to cover expenses associated with raising the funds.

Before the more than 38,000 pledge cards are mailed to Catholic households and videos roll the weekend of Feb. 1-2, countless hours have been put in making preparations for the campaign. "The budget process started last September when each department began planning for the 1997-98 fiscal year," Weldon noted.

According to the fiscal manager, two components — program changes and cost increases — are examined when establishing the DSA budget. Each budget item is evaluated and addressed on a case-by-case basis.

"Program directors are constantly trying to expand services to be respon-



Bill Weldon

sive to the growing population, but at the same time, are very conscious of the limited resources and exercise control of their spending," Weldon said.

"We continually evaluate how every dollar can best be used to meet the objectives of each ministry," he added.

One change in this year's budget is additional funding for the permanent diaconate. This ministry will be assuming additional responsibility for the chapel at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, and funding new formation classes for candidates to the permanent diaconate, Weldon said. "Most of the \$55,000 increase in this budget is to provide funding for these programs."

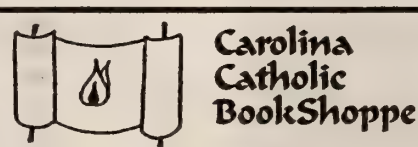
Also, the Hispanic Ministry is receiving an additional \$20,000. "With the increasing Spanish-speaking population, we are extending our evangelization efforts," Weldon said.

Organizational changes were made as well. Youth Ministry is now a separate department within the diocese's Educational Ministry, and the Office of Justice and Peace now falls under the CSS umbrella.

There are many needs in the diocese, and many worthwhile projects and ministries. "The financial picture only tells part of the story. The real story is told by the people who benefit from these programs," Weldon said. Last year CSS helped in excess of 6,000 people, the Office of Faith Formation touched the lives of more than 30,000 and Multi-Cultural Ministries assisted more than 6,000.

As the diocese grows, its needs grow. And so does the budget, Weldon said.

"We appreciate the generosity of the people of this diocese immensely," he added. "It's certainly not something we take for granted."



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# Respect Life Ministry Promotes Prayer, Education

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — As a diocesan and parish-level ministry, the Respect Life movement supports the fundamental tenets of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. So says Jack Sweeney, whose work as a Respect Life coordinator and committee member at two parishes has centered around the pope's defense of the sacredness of life.

Sweeney, a parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Charlotte, has witnessed a variety of ways that people use to demonstrate their pro-life stance. In every instance, he says, there is the need to realize the definitive concept of life in light of the Church's teaching.

"We're trying to develop a respect for both the beauty and sanctity of life from the very first moment of conception until natural death," he says. "So our mission encompasses the complete spectrum of life as we know it."

Sweeney calls the role of parish committees a supportive one modeling themselves around the diocesan Respect Life office, funded by the annual Diocesan Support Appeal. Through the leadership and assistance of Maggie Nadol, diocesan coordinator, parish committees plan their programs according to what Sweeney calls "the culture and needs" of individual parishes.

When Sweeney became a parishio-

ner of St. Vincent de Paul almost three months ago, he says the Respect Life ministry was already firmly established there. As a committee member, he works with the other members to ensure the presence of vehicles that will maintain ongoing awareness. Written and verbal communication and a variety of media are keys to that consciousness, he says.

In addition, he says illustrations of parish support can work wonders on a larger scale. A former parishioner of Holy Spirit Church in Denver, he and another church member attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., in 1994. The parishioners established a Respect Life committee and the next year, two busloads made the trip.

"You have to provide the opportunity for people who feel really strongly about this movement to act," says the past Respect Life coordinator for Holy Spirit Church. The fundamental starting points, he added, are prayer and education by everyone involved.

Because the committee members assume leadership roles, Sweeney adds that they also take on the responsibility of continual learning. "We have to stay educated and share with one another what's happening and what's coming down the pike," he said of approaching such issues as euthanasia, capital punishment and assisted suicide, all of which he calls threats to today's society.

As for facing future developments in the Respect Life crusade, Sweeney notes with admiration the importance of one segment of the population. "I believe that the strength of our future Respect Life organizations lies with our youth," he says. "They are extremely open to education and to getting involved." Sweeney has particularly encouraged youth participation in Respect Life efforts the past few years.

The committee member notes that through Respect Life activities, the youth become aware of the broad scope the ministry encompasses. "When we stopped at the steps of the Supreme Court with our teens (during the March for Life), we paused there and prayed, not only for the aborted babies, but also because of the fact that there are currently arguments on whether or not there's a constitutional right to die through assisted suicide."

"This ministry is an excellent way for the teens to realize that pro-life doesn't mean anti-abortion," he continued. "Life means natural death, also."

Suggesting ways of realization is key to Maggi Nadol's role as diocesan Respect Life coordinator. Each year she receives an informational packet from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops providing liturgical, educational and prayerful resources. She forwards the packets to every pastor in the diocese for

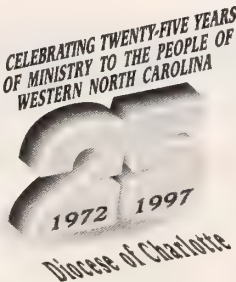
use in parishes throughout the year.

Like Sweeney, Nadol notes that prayer and education are essential in the Respect Life movement. "You're always trying to reach that balance," she says. "That's the ideal. As a diocesan ministry, one of our main goals is to raise people's awareness about the incredible assault on life."

At St. Vincent de Paul Church, the Respect Life committee strives to present concrete ways of promoting that awareness. By partaking in the annual March for Life in January, the Life Chain each October, and ongoing projects like the Adopt-a-Cross memorial for aborted babies, parishioners show their support, both at and away from home.

In Nadol's view, the ministry can especially thrive at the parish level through eager participation by the pastor. "If the pastor is going to take it on as an issue of the heart," she says, "you'll see that filter down to the congregation."

Jack Sweeney agrees. "The bottom line is the commitment and support of the clergy in our parishes," he says. "That leadership is extremely important. If we have that, the sailing is easy."





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## Counseling Ministry Is Extension Of God's Mercy

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us to grow and to find hope again. I've learned which questions to ask and which not to — I don't ask why anymore. I didn't doubt there was a God, but I was quite angry with God for what had happened. Now I can say I'm grateful to have had him (Kippy) for 18 years."

Sister Marie is pleased with the progress the Knapils have made in just two short years in coping with this tremendous personal ordeal. The murder of their son as yet remains unsolved. Their pain is prolonged by the ongoing investigation, and a much needed resolution still seems far off. But they are not without hope.

The counseling ministry, Sister Marie adds, is a part of the pastoral arm

of the Church, extending God's mercy and compassion through a variety of services to families in crisis situations. She feels privileged, she says, to express the love of God that "leads people to the desires of their heart."

Sister Marie estimates that 65 percent of the funding for the ministry of the western regional office comes through the annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal (DSA). There is no doubt in her mind that without DSA funding, services like the extended grief counseling provided to the Knapils simply would not be available. "It's such a gift," says Ginny Knapil, "to escape the feeling that nobody cares, because I know that somebody does care."

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ Club meets Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. A king and queen will be chosen for the Valentine's Day party. A complimentary lunch of ziti with marinara sauce will be served for paid up members. Call Anne McIntyre (704) 545-5046.

### Music Ministry Workshop

ASHEVILLE — Joe Mattingly, a liturgical musician, composer and recording artist, explores functions of music ministry and ways of encouraging participation at a Feb. 8 workshop from 9:45 a.m.- 2 p.m. at St. Eugene Church. Persons in music ministry, pastors and liturgy committee members are invited. Cost is \$5, or \$6.50 with lunch. For reservations or details, call the parish office, (704) 254-5193.

### Catholic Singles Events

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Singles of Charlotte hosts an information meeting Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. the St. Gabriel Parish Activity Center's Upper Room.

The Catholic Singles of Charlotte's Valentine's Day Party is Feb. 15 at the Arboretum Apartments Clubhouse. Bring an article of warm clothing for the Salvation Army Winter Shelter.

For information, call Larry, (704) 583-1899 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Parenting Video Seminar

HICKORY — St. Aloysius Church presents "What Dads Need to Know About Responsible Fathering," a video seminar by Dr. James Dobson, Feb. 16 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Rev. Mr. Tom Rasmussen, a family counseling and guidance student at Appalachian State, will be program facilitator.

Dobson is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization that produces his nationally syndicated radio programs.

For more information, call the church office, (704) 327-2341.

### Presentation Explores Work and Personal Lives

CHARLOTTE — Karen Geiger, president and owner of the human resource consulting company Karen Geiger and Associates, Inc., presents "What is A Balanced Life?" Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church. The presentation includes discussion on the balance between our work and personal lives.

### Knights Valentine's Dance

WINSTON-SALEM — The Knights of Columbus of St. Leo and Our Lady of Mercy churches sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 14 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the St. Leo Activity Center. Cost is \$12 per couple and includes dancing and light hors d'oeuvres. RSVP by Feb. 10 to Ralph D'Agostino at (910) 774-0088 (home), or (910) 726-9419 (work).

### Mardi Gras Tickets On Sale

CLEMMONS — The Holy Family Church Mardi Gras Gala is Feb. 8 from

8 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Brunch will served at midnight. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share. For more information, call Pat Frey, (910) 712-9380, or Meg Schurtz, (910) 766-9061.

### Marriage Encounter Scheduled

HICKORY — A Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 14-16 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call (704) 845-5081.

### Mountain Retreat Scheduled

HOT SPRINGS — A spiritual journey retreat is March 7-9 at the Jesuit House of Prayer. Bobbie May is director, and team members are Jesuit Father Vincent Alagia and Rev. Mr. Hugo May. The cost is \$100, with a \$25 deposit needed to reserve a space. Send deposit to Jesuit House of Prayer, Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743. Call Father Alagia, (704) 622-7366, for details, or Bobbie May, (704) 327-8692, for retreat content.

### Retreat For Men

BELMONT — A retreat for men based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius conducted by Father Dean Stasell of the Legionaries of Christ is Feb. 14-16 at Belmont Abbey. For information and reservations, call Ann Potter Gleason, (704) 599-4558.

### All Saints Mardi Gras

CHARLOTTE — The fifth annual All Saints Saturday Night Casino and Auction featuring Cajun cuisine, and silent and live auctions including a chance to win \$5,000 is Feb. 8 at All Saints School. For information, call (704) 544-2070 between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays.

### Lenten Adoration

CHARLOTTE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction follows 9 a.m. Mass Fridays during Lent and continues until 9 a.m. Saturday Mass.

### CCHS Events

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is selling raffle tickets to win a trip for two to London, England. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and can be ordered by sending a check payable to the CCHS Foundation, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28226. Proceeds benefit CCHS. Call (704) 543-9118 for information. Winning ticket will be drawn March 2 at the Grand Prix Party.

The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation's annual Grand Prix Party is March 2. Tickets are \$150 per couple. Prizes, a raffle and auctions highlight the event. Send checks payable to CCHS Foundation to: CCHS Grand Prix Party, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226. For information, call (704) 543-9118.

### St. Matthew Parish Mission

CHARLOTTE — The St. Matthew Parish Mission, directed by Capuchin Father Vincent Fortunato and Brother

Kellen Mears, is Feb. 23-27.

### Secular Franciscans Meet

ASHEVILLE — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets to share in commitment to the apostolic life of the Gospel the second Saturday of each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence's St. Justin Center. For information, call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

### CSS Presents Day of Reflection

HICKORY — The Catholic Social Services Day of Reflection for widowed, divorced and separated persons and their children is Feb. 15 at the Catholic Conference Center. Reservations are required, with a \$20 per adult, \$10 per child fee needed to hold spaces. Some financial aid is available, and installation payments will be accepted. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, ext. 314.

### Men's Cursillo Closing

CHARLOTTE — Cursillo Men's "closing" is Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. All cursillistas are invited to attend.

### Respect Life Workshop

HICKORY — The Diocesan Respect Life Office workshop, "God's Plan for Love and Life," is Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. and March 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church. The Friday session is for parents, and the Saturday session is for teen-agers. For registration information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Barbecue Dinner Sale

HAMLET — St. James Church presents its 10th Annual pit-cooked pork and chicken barbecue Feb. 7 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the church. Eat in or carry out. For delivery of 10 or more plates, call (910) 582-0207 after 8:30 a.m. Feb. 7.

### Ultreya and Leaders' School

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro, and High Point areas meets 7:30 p.m. the first Friday each month at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat, directed by the Media Center's Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak, focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media. Cost is \$90. To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service is at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit

Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

### Eucharistic Adoration

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Maryfield Nursing Home Chapel. For details, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M., hosts daily Adoration from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. The "Family Book of Life" is available in the Adoration Chapel for the spiritual adoption of an unborn child or person in danger of abortion or euthanasia. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

### Jazz Quintet To Perform

FAYETTEVILLE — The Todd Wright Jazz Quintet presents a benefit performance Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 2840 Village Dr. Suggested donation is \$6. Proceeds go to Catholic Social Ministries. For information, call (910) 323-2410.

### Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 at St. Peter Church.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



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Our Lady of the Assumption  
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Our Lady of Consolation  
Goal: \$27,134

St. Ann  
Goal: \$65,605

St. Gabriel  
Goal: \$259,530

St. John Neumann  
Goal: \$70,130

St. Luke  
Mint Hill  
Goal: \$34,476

St. Matthew  
Goal: \$118,503

St. Patrick  
Goal: \$67,138

St. Peter  
Goal: \$56,282

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Goal: \$82,397

St. Vincent de Paul  
Goal: \$75,909

## Albemarle Vicariate

Our Lady of the Americas  
Biscoe  
Goal: \$6,358

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Albemarle  
Goal: \$18,218

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Monroe  
Goal: \$22,952

Sacred Heart  
Salisbury  
Goal: \$44,352

Sacred Heart Mission  
Wadesboro  
Goal: \$1,262

St. James  
Concord  
Goal: \$40,900

St. James  
Hamlet  
Goal: \$8,836

St. Joseph Mission  
Kannapolis  
Goal: \$8,864

## Asheville Vicariate

Immaculate Conception  
Hendersonville  
Goal: \$77,256

Sacred Heart  
Brevard  
Goal: \$28,485

Sacred Heart Mission  
Burnsville  
Goal: \$2,216

St. Andrew the Apostle  
Mars Hill  
Goal: \$4,757

St. Barnabas  
Arden  
Goal: \$38,865

St. Eugene  
Asheville  
Goal: \$54,618

St. Joan of Arc  
Asheville  
Goal: \$20,123

St. John  
Tryon  
Goal: \$14,553

St. Jude Mission  
Sapphire Valley  
Goal: \$7,820

Basilica of St. Lawrence  
Asheville  
Goal: \$31,063

St. Margaret Mary  
Swannanoa  
Goal: \$16,238

## Boone Vicariate

St. Bernadette Mission  
Linville  
Goal: \$8,364

St. Elizabeth  
Boone  
Goal: \$26,503

St. Frances of Rome  
Mission, Sparta  
Goal: \$3,892

St. Francis of Assisi  
Jefferson  
Goal: \$4,194

St. John Baptist de la Salle  
North Wilkesboro  
Goal: \$8,342

St. Lucien  
Spruce Pine  
Goal: \$4,992

St. Stephen Mission  
Elkin  
Goal: \$5,606

## Gastonia Vicariate

Christ the King Mission  
Kings Mountain  
Goal: \$4,140

Holy Spirit Mission  
Denver  
Goal: \$16,837

Immaculate Conception  
Forest City  
Goal: \$7,143

Queen of the Apostles  
Belmont  
Goal: \$26,406

St. Dorothy  
Lincolnton  
Goal: \$13,391

St. Helen Mission  
Spencer Mountain  
Goal: \$2,749

St. Mary  
Shelby  
Goal: \$15,747

St. Michael  
Gastonia  
Goal: \$62,350

## Greensboro Vicariate

Christ the King  
High Point  
Goal: \$9,133

Holy Infant  
Reidsville  
Goal: \$9,638

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
High Point  
Goal: \$54,275

Our Lady of Grace  
Greensboro  
Goal: \$90,708

Our Lady of the Highways  
Thomasville  
Goal: \$5,111

St. Benedict  
Greensboro  
Goal: \$16,285

St. Joseph  
Asheboro  
Goal: \$21,540

St. Joseph of the Hills  
Eden  
Goal: \$7,808

St. Mary  
Greensboro  
Goal: \$20,896

St. Paul the Apostle  
Greensboro  
Goal: \$103,356

St. Pius Tenth  
Greensboro  
Goal: \$56,273

## Hickory Vicariate

Holy Trinity  
Mission  
Taylorsville  
Goal: \$5,563

Our Lady of the Angels Mission  
Marion  
Goal: \$3,693

St. Aloysius  
Hickory  
Goal: \$59,397

St. Charles Borromeo  
Morganton  
Goal: \$21,449

St. Francis of Assisi  
Lenoir  
Goal: \$13,697

St. Joseph  
Newton  
Goal: \$17,938

St. Philip the Apostle  
Statesville  
Goal: \$28,545

St. Therese  
Mooresville  
Goal: \$64,490

## Smoky Mtn. Vicariate

Holy Redeemer  
Andrews  
Goal: \$3,140

Immaculate Conception  
Canton  
Goal: \$1,949

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Mission, Hayesville  
Goal: \$10,860

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Cherokee  
Goal: \$1,680

Our Lady of the Mountains  
Mission, Highlands  
Goal: \$8,689

Prince of Peace  
Robbinsville  
Goal: \$1,303

St. Francis of Assisi  
Franklin  
Goal: \$18,700

St. John  
Waynesville  
Goal: \$12,165

St. Joseph  
Bryson City  
Goal: \$3,678

St. Margaret  
Maggie Valley  
Goal: \$13,575

St. Mary  
Sylva  
Goal: \$8,828

St. William  
Murphy  
Goal: \$11,082

## Winston-Salem Vicariate

Good Shepherd  
King  
Goal: \$5,423

Holy Angels  
Mt. Airy  
Goal: \$8,076

Holy Cross  
Kernersville  
Goal: \$39,884

Holy Family  
Clemmons  
Goal: \$72,313

Our Lady of Fatima Mission  
Winston-Salem  
Goal: \$15,066

Our Lady of Mercy  
Winston-Salem  
Goal: \$50,198

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Lexington  
Goal: \$13,555

St. Benedict the Moor  
Winston-Salem  
Goal: \$9,314

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Mocksville  
Goal: \$6,626

St. Leo Church  
Winston-Salem  
Goal: \$96,690

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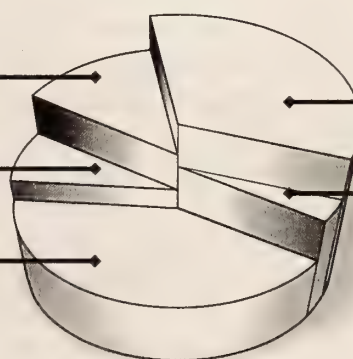
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Justice and Peace, Natural Family Planning, Prison Ministry,  
Respect Life; Retrouvaille; Widowed, Separated, Divorced*

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Natural Family Planning \$18,856

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CRISM, Widowed/Separated/Divorced 35,668

Family Life, Retrouvaille, Engaged Encounter 48,530

Office of Justice and Peace 69,739

**Regional Services**

Western Regional Office, Asheville 162,026

Hispanic Services, Adoption, Counseling,

Crisis Intervention, Foster Care, Pregnancy Support

Charlotte Regional Office, Charlotte 204,074

Adoption, Counseling, Crisis Intervention,

Foster Care, Pregnancy Support

Piedmont Triad Office, Winston-Salem 167,136

Hispanic Services, Adoption, Counseling, Crisis

Intervention Foster Care, Pregnancy Support

CSS Administration 110,818

**Multicultural Ministries**

African American 4,000

Hispanic Ministry 136,866

Vietnamese Ministry 27,900

Hmong Ministry 26,961

Native American Ministry 18,419

**Educational Ministries**

Faith Formation 305,975

Catholic Schools 187,978

Campus Ministry 257,622

Evangelization 19,358

Liturgy and Worship 5,550

Lay Ministry Training 36,346

Media Resources 101,203

Vicar's Office 42,435

Youth Ministry 104,009

**Vocations**

Permanent Diaconate 80,030

Seminarian Education 275,000

**Campaign Expenses**

106,444

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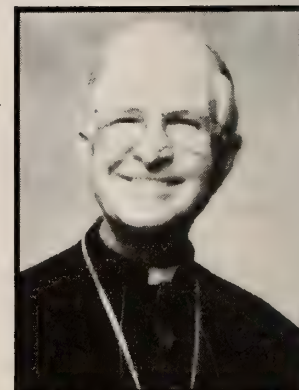
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# NEWS & HERALD



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## Bishop's Call To Catholics: Support Sanctity Of Life

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

GREENSBORO — Despite a society which condones many evils including abortion, Catholics must stand firm and continue to support the sanctity of human life, Bishop William G. Curlin said at a Mass for the Unborn Jan. 29 at St. Pius X Church.

"During my 40 years as a priest, there have been many changes in the world, both good and bad," Bishop Curlin told the more than 125 people in attendance. "But I never thought we would reach the point where laws actually sanction the killing of innocent, unborn children."

Society has evolved from an "age of innocence" where lives centered on church, school and family in the 1940s and '50s, to a time where many people believe there is no evil in the world, Bishop Curlin said. Evil does exist, but faith can always overcome it, he added.

"We must believe in the power of prayer. No matter how discouraging things get, we must realize that God holds us in the palm of His hand," Bishop Curlin added. "We can change the world if we believe God is with us."

The bishop's comments came a week after Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston reasserted Catholics' need to be unconditionally pro-life at the annual Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life celebrated Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. More than 5,000 people, including 25 bishops and 200 priests, attended the Mass. Bishop Curlin was among the concelebrants.

Cardinal Law, chairman of the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, has since written President Clinton and asked him to reconsider his position on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, Bishop Curlin said. In his letter, the cardinal asked the president to meet with him and knowledgeable physicians to discuss the partial-birth abortion procedure.

Part of Bishop Curlin's homily centered on the act, which if implemented would outlaw the killing of partially delivered infants. The bill passed both Houses of Congress last spring but was vetoed by the president. An attempt to override the president's veto failed in the U.S. Senate last September. A week before the Senate vote, the House of Representatives had voted to override the veto.

"There is no justification for an act that is clearly infanticide," Bishop Curlin said.

Christians must unite in one voice to protect the sacredness of life, the bishop added.

"Let us pray for those who know the terrible anguish of abortion, that God in His mercy will forgive and help them," Bishop Curlin said. "Let us pray for our nation, that we will all believe in the sanctity of human life."



Photo courtesy CCHS

Faith In Action — Dozens of young people from across the Charlotte Diocese participated in the March for Life Jan. 22 in Washington, D.C. Pictured above are members of Charlotte Catholic High School's Voices for Life Club who traveled to the nation's capital on the "Youth for Life" bus with youngsters and teens from Charlotte, Denver, Hickory and Belmont. More than 125,000 people of all ages gathered for this year's march.

## Scott Hahn Delivers Message Of Faith

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — "Hold on to your faith. Live it, love it, share it," an enthusiastic Dr. Scott Hahn told his audience of 1,100 on Feb. 1 at St. Matthew Church. His plea, delivered near the end of his three-session series, "A Faith Journey with Jesus," culminated two days of bearing witness to what Hahn called the divine heritage of the Catholic Church.

"We the Church are the bride of Christ, and Christ will do whatever it takes to vindicate the beauty and to rescue and render spotless those for whom he bled and died — and those for whom he intercedes right now," Hahn said during one presentation.

The series was sponsored by the Catholic Evangelization Commission of Charlotte.

An associate professor of theology and Scripture and director of the Institute of Applied Biblical Studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, the former Presbyterian minister also travels extensively to discuss a wide range of subjects pertaining to Catholicism. His visit to Charlotte reinforced his positive view of the Church in this region.

"I would say that the Catholic Church has one of the most exciting futures anywhere in the world here in the South," he told *The Catholic News & Herald*, "and especially in the Carolinas, not just because of transplants (moving here), but because you have so many non-Catholic Christians who are having friendships form with Catholics."

"It is so exciting to see people discovering that Catholicism isn't what they thought," he added.

In his own life, that discovery took years to achieve. In his Jan. 31 "Conversion Story," Hahn admitted to an audience of 1,600 people that his evangelical, academic, Presbyterian background led to his being "steeped in anti-Catholic convictions" as early as his high school years.

Troubled at finding inherently Catholic tenets of faith in later studies, Hahn dove deeper into his investigations. Struggling with his own distrust and objections from friends and his wife, Kimberly, he realized his views of the Catholic Church were littered with misconceptions.

In the mid-1980s, he attended Mass for the first time. "When the shift occurred from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist ... I felt something new," he said. "When the priest

pronounced the words of consecration and elevated the host, I felt the last drop of doubt draining out of my mind and heart. I heard myself saying, 'My Lord and my God, it's really you.'"

Hahn was received into the Church at Easter in 1986. Kimberly entered in 1990. "Entering the Catholic Church for me was like coming home," Hahn said. "Ten years later, I'm more grateful than ever that this abiding truth is so permanent and universal. It's like a harbor for your soul after being storm-tossed for so long."

In all three presentations, Hahn concentrated on living the Catholic faith with the realization that God, through the "new covenant," formed a flesh-and-blood family relationship with his people. Drawing scriptural parallels to Passover and the bond between Jesus and His Church in his talk "The Fourth Cup," and focusing on Lent and the Beatitudes in relation to God's mercy in his "Alive in Jesus" story, Hahn offered ways to more profoundly understand and participate in the covenant.

Edward Hood, a parishioner of

See Hahn, page 2





Dr. Scott Hahn listens as one of the younger members of his Feb. 1 audience asks him a question.

## Scott Hahn Visits Charlotte Church, Sharing Faith, Testimony, from page 1

Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte, was reminded of that relationship. "As Catholics, we should take more pride in the Eucharist than we sometimes do," he said. "I'm glad Scott brought that out, to wake up Catholics that we do have the body and the blood of Christ every time we come to Mass."

"The man is very well-versed in his subject, and he gets his points across very well," said Ron Dangelo, who attended with about 25 fellow parishioners from Immaculate Conception Church in Forest City. "He's not just preaching something that he read. He's preaching something from inside."

"He's like a mentor to me," said Gail Buckley, a parishioner of St. Ann Church in Charlotte, who entered the Catholic Church four years ago. "Most of my friends are Protestants, so I know the questions and the objections that they have. Scott gives us the words that we need to help break down those walls that are up between Christians so that we can all be united."

Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas, diocesan director of evangelization, hopes that such events "feed and nourish" people who will in turn build up the Church. "What a wonderful experience it was to see the evangelization commissions across Charlotte working together to present this," he added. "I think that's a very special quality: the sharing of faith, the witnessing of faith as Church."



Palm fronds burn for ashes to be used during Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 12.

# Retrouvaille Helps Couples Transform Troubled Marriages

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

CHARLOTTE — Ruggero and Karen Ridino were on the verge of becoming a statistic. After eight years of marriage, the couple separated and their future together looked less than promising.

The negative elements of their marriage seemed to outweigh the positive. "We had looked to a Christian counselor for help, but were at the point of hopelessness," Karen Ridino recalled. During the summer of 1994, Karen picked up *The Catholic News & Herald* and read about Retrouvaille, a program designed to help troubled marriages. With nowhere else to turn, the Ridinos — parishioners at St. Matthew Church — decided to attend a weekend session that fall.

Like others, the Ridinos entered the program uncertain about what to expect; what they came away with was a renewed commitment to their marriage.

"It was a very peaceful experience. Retrouvaille helped us focus on God's will for our marriage," Karen said. "We realized we needed to live our lives more in tune with God's word."

Retrouvaille — French for rediscovery — involves "presenting couples" who share their stories and the process of rebuilding their marriages. Participating couples work on specific topics in private.

Unlike Marriage Encounter — which is designed to help good marriages get better — Retrouvaille is for couples dealing with serious problems, explained Rev. Mr. Nick Fadero of St. Patrick Cathedral, who with his wife, Irene, served as Retrouvaille couples coordinator for the Diocese of Charlotte for three years.

"One goal of the program is for couples to continue dialoging," he said. "We ask them to select a subject each day, write on it for 10 minutes, and exchange ideas. With dual career families, it can be difficult. One spouse may travel frequently, so we encourage other communication methods such as the telephone or fax machine."

According to Rev. Mr. Fadero, Scott and Elizabeth Thomas of Holy Spirit Church in Denver were instrumental in bringing Retrouvaille — which is open to all faiths — to the diocese in 1993. "They

were involved with Marriage Encounter and realized the need for a program to help struggling couples," he said.

The Ridinos learned other things about themselves and their marriage during follow-up sessions. "We learned love is not a feeling," Karen said. "Love is something you decide to do in spite of behaviors you don't like."

Two years later, the Ridinos are happily married and the Diocesan couples coordinators for the Catholic Social Services program that is partially funded by the Diocesan Support Appeal. They will host three Retrouvaille sessions this year: April 11-13; July 11-13; and Oct. 10-12.

Although the program has helped transform her marriage, Karen Ridino wishes Retrouvaille had been available years ago. "My parents are divorced. Both of them are convinced that if a similar program was available during their difficult times, they would still be married today," she said.

For information about Retrouvaille, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
February 9-15



Sunday:	Job 7:1-4 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39
Monday:	Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Mark 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25
Friday:	Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday:	Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

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## Forum, Faith Formation Share Vision For Christian Initiation

RCIA coordinators at the 90-Day Institute discuss Lenten practices before and after Vatican II.



By KATHY SCHMUGGE

**HICKORY** — The North American Forum on the Catechumenate and the Diocese of Charlotte's Faith Formation Office recently co-sponsored "Focus on Initiation: The Ninety Days" at the Catholic Conference Center. The program was designed to help parishes implement RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) during the Lenten/Easter season.

The North American Forum is a group of pastoral ministers, liturgists and catechists who spread their vision of RCIA through experiential learning techniques.

The forum's team included Kathy Brown, dean of the School of Ministry in Phoenix, and director of parish initiation and leader in social justice programs; Thomas Morris, executive director of the North American Forum and assistant director of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Washington; and Father Ron Oakham, a Carmelite provincial and facilitator of the catechumenate.

The program divided the 90 days into Lent, Triduum and the Easter season. Because the Scrutinies — rites which include biblical reflections on baptism — occur during Lent, they were given special emphasis.

In her presentation, Brown described these 90 days as a retreat period for the catechumens. She emphasized that the individual should be fully instructed in the

Catholic faith before the retreat begins.

In another session, Father Oakham gave his historical account of how the emphasis on Lent has changed throughout the centuries. Starting with a focus on the catechumens in the second through fifth centuries, Father Oakham sees a broader focus today to include everyone. Regarding the last 20 years, he noted a positive change in attitude from having to "earn salvation" during Lent in the past to simply "responding to salvation."

The overall reaction to the institute was positive. "I was very pleased with the attendance. Including team members, there were 75 participants," said Sheri Wilson, local organizer and RCIA coordinator for the diocese. A few visiting coordinators from Florida, South Carolina, Virginia and Canada took part as well.

Phillip Michelet, a new member of the RCIA team at St. John Neumann Church in Charlotte, was anxious to apply some of the ideas from the institute to their thriving program. "We have 30 catechumens at this time," he added, which is not uncommon for the parish.

Another participant wished there had been greater discussion on how to immerse the catechumen in the Catholic faith so these rites would have greater meaning.

"Ninety Days" is one of four North American Forum institutes which the diocese sponsors throughout the year.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

In Central and Eastern Europe, the collapse of communism has radically changed the lives of millions of people. Freedom and opportunity abound, but decades of oppression have left people morally and spiritually starved.

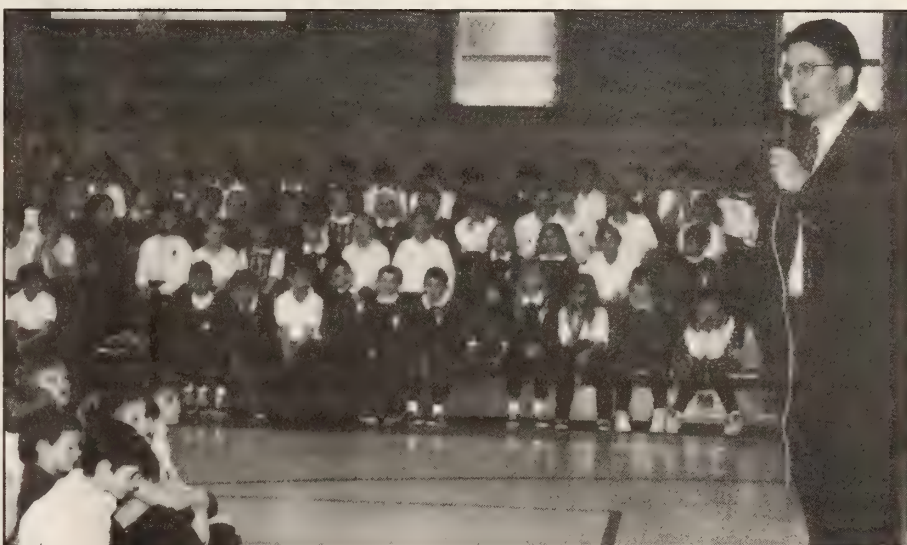
The Catholic Church has made tremendous progress in the region over the past six years. Mass media is spreading the Word of God; Catholic schools and social service organizations are reopening and seminaries and religious houses are being rebuilt. The Church has worked tirelessly to nourish the faith of millions of men, women and children raised in an atheistic society. Yet, much work remains to be done.

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken Ash Wednesday, February 12. We ask your generous response in order that we might continue to help rebuild the Church and nourish the faith of the region.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK VISIT** — Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory was a special guest at St. Patrick School on Jan. 28 as part of Catholic Schools Week activities. The mayor discussed his day-to-day duties as the city's top official. He also answered questions, and told students they should work hard to be good role models.

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*Mass with Vietnamese  
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St. Ann Church  
Charlotte

**February 12**  
7:30 p.m.  
*Ash Wednesday Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

**February 13**  
*Board Meeting*  
*Foundation of The Roman  
Catholic Diocese of  
Charlotte*

**February 16**  
9:30 am  
*Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

2:30 p.m.  
*Rite of Election for  
Greensboro &  
Winston-Salem  
Vicariates*  
Our Lady of Grace  
Church  
Greensboro

## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### Pope Says Mothers Should Look To Mary

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Jan. 29.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Although the Gospels say little about Jesus' childhood and youth, this must have been a time of special closeness between mother and son as they sought each day to do God's will. As Jesus grew in wisdom, age and grace (cf. Lk 2:52), Mary understood better the meaning of her own motherhood. Her quiet life during the "hidden years" at Nazareth is an example to many other mothers and to all who strive to grow in faith, hope and love. Our lives, too, are "hid with Christ in God" (Col 3:3), and Mary shows us how a life which seems humble and ordinary in the eyes of the world can advance God's plan of salvation by radiating the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking visitors present at today's audience, especially from Denmark, Norway and the United States. I extend a cordial welcome also to the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Upon all of you I cordially invoke an abundance of heavenly favors.

### Pope Calls Abortion Symptom Of Society's Selfishness

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, marking Italy's pro-life day, said abortion was a symptom of selfishness in modern society.

Respect for human life, he said Feb. 2, is a value that "absolutely must be regained, if we want to keep from falling into an abyss."

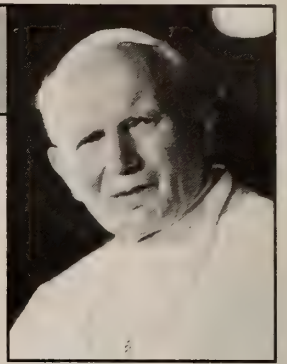
The pope, who has condemned abortion, euthanasia and other sins against life in countless speeches and documents, spoke from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square, where church groups waved pro-life banners.

The pontiff said human life "cannot be disposed of at will" because it belongs to the Creator, or the "author of life."

"Love inspires the culture of life, while selfishness inspires the culture of death," he said. "The Lord says: 'Choose life, so that you and future generations can live!'"

The pope emphasized that when the Church speaks of protecting life, it means from its first beginnings in the mother's womb to natural death.

His words touched upon a controversial topic in Italy, where legislators recently introduced a proposal that would stipulate juridical rights for the human embryo.



## Guest Column

*Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J.*

### Joy Through Suffering

Lent begins appropriately each year with a gospel reading about Jesus being tested for 40 days in the desert. This year the reading is from the gospel according to Mark (1:12-15), the earliest and most primitive of the Gospels, which tells the story in simple terms. There, the Spirit of God drives Jesus out into the desert, traditionally the haunt of evil spirits, for a trial of strength with the forces of evil.

In Matthew and Luke, the story is expanded by describing what the temptations of Jesus were, namely, to worldly ambition that could jeopardize the very nature of his mission. Of course, there is no parallel story in the gospel according to John, because that writer always portrays Jesus in complete control of his destiny and not subject to any human weakness.

The background for the story of the trial of Jesus in the desert was the belief that the Messiah was the divine agent who would destroy the kingdom of evil, here represented by Satan, with whom Jesus is pictured as joining battle on Satan's own turf. The trial lasts 40 days, the traditional period of trial derived from the 40 years (roughly a generation) during which Israel was thought to have wandered in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt.

Jesus here achieves a decisive victory over Satan, but it is not the end of the war. This gospel pictures the battle continuing in the ministry of Jesus, as he rebukes demons and drives out evil spirits as signs of his messianic activity. And the author implies that the struggle will continue, too, in the lives and sufferings of the Christians of his own day.

After this story, the author pictures Jesus proclaiming the imminent arrival of God's kingdom. The challenge is issued in words taken from later Christian terminology: "Repent and believe in the gospel" — exactly how the early Christian preachers summarized what they thought people had to do to be saved.

The Old Testament reading (Gen 9:8-15) describes the gracious intervention of God after another legend-

ary period of trial and testing, the 40 days of the flood. In the priestly tradition from which this section is taken, the flood marked the end of the first period of the world and inaugurated a new era.

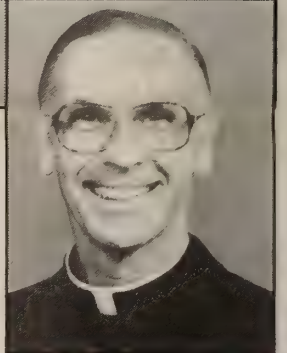
This story of the nearly universal destruction of the human race, during which the world almost reverted to procreation chaos, was motivated by the universal spread of corruption and violence.

The priestly tradition concludes this myth by picturing God making an everlasting covenant with all living creatures, promising never again to destroy the earth. And all would be reminded of this everlasting covenant every time they saw a rainbow in the sky.

The second reading contains a rather enigmatic passage from First Peter (3:18-22), in origin an early Christian bishop's homily at an Easter baptism during a time of persecution toward the end of the first century. He compares the trials and sufferings the new Christians will have to undergo to a baptismal bath corresponding to the great flood at the time of Noah. Then he claims that they will triumph through suffering just as Jesus did. Those who die symbolically with Christ in baptism will also rise with him, pictured here as mounting in triumphant procession to the abode of God in the seventh heaven.

During these 40 days of Lent, our spiritual journey will take us through suffering to joy, through Calvary to Easter. Lent was once a period of preparation for baptism, as in our restored rite of the catechumenate. For the baptized Christian, it is a period of purification. May this Lent prepare us to recommit ourselves to Christ when we renew our baptismal vows at Easter.

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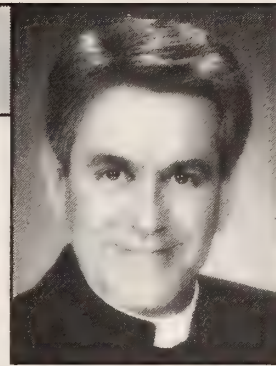
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Lent: Three Steps Toward Spiritual Renewal

I usually enter into Lent with reflections and good intentions about spiritual renewal and commitment. Too often I see these dissolve into ritual, lip service and old habits.

Over the years I have come up with three steps I find useful. You might take them yourself to bring God's will and your desires together to achieve the most you can with your life — for yourself and for others.

First, study your daily actions, especially those activities that express your personality. The things you do that demon-

strate your commitment to something. It may be the way you go about your job, spend your leisure time, or activities in the neighborhood or larger community.

Behind any of these activities which you have given some kind of priority is a will, your will. Honest reflection reveals

that the demands of your will to commit to something cannot be satisfied by human effort alone. This revelation leads to the next step: an awareness of the role your conscience plays in your actions,

At this second stage, you see more clearly how your conscience actually negotiates what you want to do with what you really do. For example, you recognize within yourself a yearning for religious truth. You know you cannot reach

it yourself. Either you believe that you are the master of your destiny, or that some force beyond yourself is necessary to satisfy your will to commit to moral truth. At that mo-

ment you know you need God if you are to accomplish what it is you ache to achieve.

For the third level of reflection, consider carefully the things religion has to say to your conscience. What does religious truth say to your own need for truth?

What about the possibility that God can enable you to move beyond yourself — to share in a will that reflects your own? Now what?

If you cannot become by yourself what you most want to become, you can open your heart, mind and soul to God's grace-filled intervention. Recognize the pure gift of faith in God's power to bring your will to fulfillment. This final step can lead to a life of service and purpose.

Christ rejoiced with Peter at his moment of self-awareness: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven." And to the woman who touched the hem of Christ's robe and was transformed, He said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

This Lent can be the beginning of a new life for you, too. One in which you say "I love you" to someone who needs to hear it. One in which you take the risk of performing an extraordinary act of gen-

erosity and kindness. One in which you bear someone else's suffering just by being there. One in which you find reasons greater than your own satisfaction to keep going. One in which you chose to trust rather than despair. One in

which you become like the one you love, holy as your God is holy.

What you and I can discover as we move deeper into the Lenten season is that God's greatest desire is one and the same with the deepest human desire — that we find the source of healing and life; that we dwell in the spirit of lasting love.

May your Lenten reflections be full of meaning and full of His grace!

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*Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.*

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### When Catholics Are Allergic To The Communion Host

Q. I have been a eucharistic minister in our parish and local hospital for 10 years. Last week a patient informed me that she is allergic to the host and could not receive Communion. Not knowing what else to do, I said a prayer with her and left. How can one handle a situation like this, when the person wishes to receive our Lord in the Eucharist?

A. I am told your patient sounds like one of many who suffer from a disease called celiac sprue. Their digestive systems are unable to absorb the gluten in several cereals, one of them wheat.

The disease usually begins to appear in early childhood, but continues through adulthood. An otherwise normal life is possible, however, if the individual avoids wheat, barley, rye and oats, basically all

cereal grains except rice and corn.

The condition is relatively rare, but I have known, and today am acquainted with, a good many who have it. They usually identify themselves in connection with receiving Communion, as this woman did with you.

Two possible avenues lie open for receiving the Eucharist. Some with the disease can receive at least a small part of the host without ill effects.

I'm sure you know it is perfectly permissible to minister Communion this way. Probably you have encountered people with other physical problems who could not swallow or digest a whole host but could manage a small piece.

At Mass, the individual can simply ask the priest or whoever is ministering the Eucharist to give only a small part of the host. From my experience, this works satisfactorily with many celiac sprue vic-

tims, but they should consult their physician before taking even this tiny portion of wheat.

The other option is to receive Communion only under the form of wine. This manner of receiving is often the only one possible for patients who, for one reason or another, cannot swallow the host.

Since we believe that Christ's entire eucharistic presence is contained equally under the form of bread and wine, this alternative is in no way a lesser or imperfect way to receive.

The priest places some of the consecrated wine at Mass into a small vial or bottle, which is then taken and ministered to the patient.

If one having the illness attends a Mass at which Communion is distributed

under both forms, he or she may pass up the bread and receive from the cup.

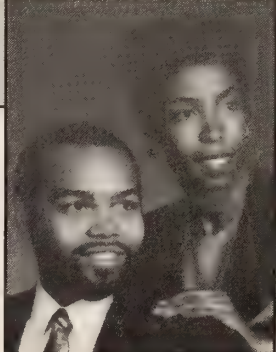
Information about this disease and how it relates to receiving Communion is available from the Celiac Disease Foundation, 13251 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, Calif. 91604-1838, (818) 990-2354.

*A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.*

*Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address*

## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Selfless Acts Offer Hope For TV

Recently we have been struck by occasions of social responsibility and genuine sensitivity on television. While in the midst of personal grief over the loss of his only son, Ennis, TV star Bill Cosby extended to a grieving mother his concern and empathy over the loss of her daughter, who was killed the same day as Ennis. On top of all this, the family has asked that no taxpayer funds be used as reward money to solve the case.

We were also moved by the snack food manufacturer who rescinded their television ad for the Super Bowl out of deference to the family and friends of the

woman who was killed in the bungee jumping accident associated with the half-time festivities. The ad featured a bungee jumper with a tortilla chip in his mouth who successfully scoops a portion of dip in his jump.

While discussing these acts of other-centeredness with our children at dinner, they shared with us other selfless acts by their friends. We shared such behavior we have witnessed in our work worlds. Then we reflected on the times when we had been that way toward each other.

We try to recognize the enemies of materialism and conspicuous consumption who often raise their heads on TV.

It's refreshing to see blatant, "senseless" acts of kindness emanating from what we often refer to as the "idiot box."

Advertisers tend to lay it on especially thick during the "Superhype" of the Super Bowl. It seems that they loosen the throttle on the commercial hype gauge and make outlandish ads that perpetuate falsely alluring images. Viewers are encouraged to not just buy their products, but to buy into the images their commercials project. In demonstrating sensitivity toward the family of the

bungee jumper who was killed, this Super Bowl advertiser showed a value for respect over profits.

When TV celebrities and advertisers are socially responsible they promote something more than their self-interests. They pro-

mote hope, and in doing so, they encourage social responsibility.

Though we often feel surrounded by a culture of self-centeredness, these "senseless" acts of social responsibility leave us with feelings of hope, trust, and confidence. There is goodness out there.



# Pope Invokes Special Blessing On Homeless In 1997 Lenten Message

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican's English text of Pope John Paul II's message for Lent 1997.*

The season of Lent recalls the 40 years spent by Israel in the desert while on its way to the promised land. During that time the people experienced what it meant to live in tents, without a fixed abode, totally lacking security. How often they were tempted to return to Egypt, where at least there was a supply of bread even though it was the food of slaves. In the insecurity of the desert, God himself provided water and food for His people, protecting them from every danger. For the Hebrews the experience of being totally dependent on God thus became the path to freedom from slavery and the idolatry of material things.

The Lenten season is meant to help believers, through a commitment to personal purification, to relive this same spiritual journey, by becoming more aware of poverty and of life's uncertainties and by rediscovering the providential presence of the Lord who invites us to open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters in need. In this way Lent also becomes a season of solidarity with individuals and peoples in so many parts of the world who find themselves in very difficult situations.

For Lent 1997, the first year of preparation for the great jubilee of the year 2000, I would like to pause and reflect on the tragic situation of the homeless. As a text for meditation I suggest the following words taken from Matthew's Gospel: "Come, O blessed of my Father, for I was homeless and you took me in" (cf. 25:34-35). The home is the place of family communion, where from the love of husband and wife children are born and learn how to live; in the home children learn those fundamental moral and spiritual values which will make them the citizens and Christians of tomorrow. In the home too, the elderly and the sick experience an atmosphere of closeness and affection and support, also in times of suffering and physical decline.

But how many people there are, unfortunately, who have been uprooted from the atmosphere of human warmth and welcome typical of the home! I think of refugees, victims of wars and natural di-

sasters, and those forced to migrate for economic reasons. I also think of families evicted from their homes, those unable to find housing, and the many elderly people whose pensions do not enable them to find a decent and affordable place to live. At times these hardships lead to other tragedies such as alcoholism, violence, prostitution and drug addiction. Last June, while the World Conference on Human Settlements, Habitat II, was meeting in Istanbul, I called attention to these serious problems at the Sunday Angelus. I emphasized their great urgency and recalled once again that the right to housing belongs not

**"Lent ... becomes a season of solidarity with individuals and peoples ... who find themselves in very difficult situations."**

only to the individual as such, but also to the family, made up of several individuals. The family, as the basic cell of society, has a full right to housing adequate to its needs, so that it can develop a genuine domestic communion. The church recognizes this fundamental right and is aware of her obligation to work together with others in order to ensure that it is recognized in practice.

Many passages in the Bible highlight the duty to help the homeless.

In the Old Testament, the Torah teaches that strangers and the homeless in general, inasmuch as they are exposed to all sorts of dangers, deserve special concern from the believer. Indeed, God clearly and repeatedly recommends hospitality and generosity toward the stranger (cf. Dt 24:17-18, 10:18-19; Nm 15:15, etc.), reminding Israel of how precarious its own existence had once been. Later, Jesus identified himself with the homeless: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25-35), and taught that charity toward those in this situation will be rewarded in heaven. The Lord's apostles urge the various communities which they had founded to show hospitality to one another, as a sign of communion and the newness of their life in Christ.

It is from the love of God that Christians learn to help the needy and to share with them their own material and spiritual goods. Such concern not only provides those experiencing hardship with material help but also represents an opportunity for the spiritual growth of the giver, who finds in it an incentive to become detached from worldly goods. But there is a higher motivation which Christ

indicated to us by His own example when He said: "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Mt 8:20). By these words the Lord wished to show His total openness to His heavenly Father, whose will He was determined to carry out without letting Himself be hindered by the possession of worldly goods. For there is always a danger that earthly realities will take the place of God in the human heart.

Lent is thus a providential opportunity for fostering the spiritual detachment from riches necessary if we are to open ourselves to God. As Christians, we must direct our entire lives to him, for we know that in this world we have no fixed abode: "Our commonwealth is in heaven" (Phlm. 3:20). At the end of Lent, the celebration of the Paschal mystery shows how the Lenten journey of purification culminates in the free and loving gift of self to the Father. It is by taking this path that Christ's disciples learn how to rise above themselves and their selfish interests in order to encounter in love their brothers and sisters.

The Gospel call to be close to Christ who is "homeless" is an invitation to all the baptized to examine their own lives and to treat their brothers and sisters with practical solidarity by sharing their hardships. By openness and generosity, as a community and as individuals, Christians can serve Christ present in the poor, and bear witness to the Father's love. In this journey Christ goes before us. His presence is a source of strength and encouragement: He sets us free and makes us witnesses of love.

Dear brothers and sisters! Let us fearlessly go up with Christ to Jerusalem (cf. Lk 18:31) and accept His invitation to conversion, so that we may cling more fervently to God, the holy and merciful one, especially during the Lenten season of grace. I pray that this Lent will enable all to hear the Lord's plea to open their hearts to all those in need. Invoking Mary's heavenly protection in a special way upon the homeless, I cordially impart my apostolic blessing.

## Guidelines For Lent

• The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.

• Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in particular are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

• The rule of fasting states the only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength," are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting binds all Catholics from age 18 to 59.

• Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. Under the present law it does not include egg or milk products meat-stock soups or gravies. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years old and older.

• The *substantial* observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fasting and abstaining. The individual can decide if there is a proper cause to excuse. A more serious reason should be present to excuse from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday penance.

• Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended. The Peace Pastoral of the American Bishops, stating that prayer is incomplete without pen-

ance, urges Friday abstinences as something all American Catholics should offer up for the sake of world peace.

• Parents and teachers should see to it that even those who are not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence because of age are brought up in an atmosphere conducive to a sense of penance.

• The faithful should be clearly and positively encouraged to receive the sacrament of penance during Lent. There should be adequate time scheduled for confessions before Easter. Group penance services should not be scheduled for the last days of the Holy Week. At no time is it permitted to schedule a group penance service for the purpose of giving general absolution without individual confessions.

• The liturgical directions of the Sacramentary and the Lectionary *must* be faithfully observed regarding all the special Holy Week rites.

• Funeral Masses are not allowed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The funeral rite outside of Mass can be held either in church or at the chapel on those days, with a funeral Mass later.

• The RCIA is incorporated into the liturgy during Lent. The Rite of Election is celebrated the First Sunday of Lent. On the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent, the Scrutinies take place during Mass.



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# Vocations Update

By FATHER FRANK O'ROURKE

Greetings and peace!

The following updated list of our 23 seminarians is published with the hope that you will support, encourage and keep these men in your prayers.

I hope that you will get to know our seminarians through upcoming issues of *The Catholic News & Herald* and by their participation in the life of our diocese during their summer assignments.

I have listed their dates of birth and projected years of ordination to emphasize the wide range of ages among the seminarians. I sincerely invite other men to examine the possibility of their calling to the priesthood in the Diocese of Charlotte.

## David Brzoska

St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650-2690  
Born Sept. 28, 1962  
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# Entertainment

## Beverly Hills Ninja

# Farley Film Features Silly Plot

NEW YORK (CNS) — The latest movie vehicle for oversized comedian Chris Farley is the underwhelming "Beverly Hills Ninja" (TriStar).

The formula, fish-out-of-water set-up has Farley as klutzy, would-be ninja Haru, who washed ashore in Japan as a baby and was raised to be the Great White Ninja.

When a mysterious American blonde (Nicollette Sheridan) crosses his path in Japan, naive Haru is convinced her gangster boyfriend (Nathaniel Parker) will bring her great misfortune. Following her all the way to Los Angeles, Haru gets embroiled in an international counterfeiting scheme, all in the name of rescuing a duplicitous damsel in distress.

Director Dennis Dugan turns in a routine assemblage of sight gags based on Farley's girth, but providing little real mirth.

Farley's dubious martial-arts skills are initially amusing but soon, unlike his character, wear thin. Comedian Chris Rock is wasted as a Beverly Hills bell-

hop who sees Haru as a ninja extraordinaire worthy of imitation.

When Farley isn't flinging himself through glass walls wielding fish as if they were fatal firearms, he is seen mystically communing on the Plane of Enlightenment with his adopted father (Soon-Tek Oh), courtesy of cheesy special effects.

Although the skimpy plot is supremely silly, at least a sweet-natured tone is maintained as the bumbling innocent brings the bad guys to their knees by sheer serendipity.

It's not a deplorable way to pass a spare hour or two, but Farley fans have the most to gain and won't be as disparaging about the dopey script.

Due to much comic violence and some sexual innuendo, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

*The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.*

## "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford" (1936)

Suave amateur detective (William Powell) teams with dizzy ex-wife (Jean Arthur) to solve a series of racetrack murders along the way to inevitable remarriage. Director Stephen Roberts gets surprisingly little comic mileage out of the Powell-Arthur pairing in a routine mystery which resembles but lacks the class of the "Thin Man" series. Mild menace. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

## "Jack" (1996)

Bittersweet comedy in which a 10-year-old boy (Robin Williams) who's aging at four times the normal rate persuades his overly protective parents to let him attend school and make friends his own age, despite looking like a 40-year-old man. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, the interactions between Williams and the children is intermittently amusing, though the life-affirming theme is heavy-handed, achieving more sentimentality than the intended poignancy. Some sexual innuendo, crude expressions and occasional toilet humor. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

## "Bambi" (1942)

Walt Disney's classic animated feature conveys the simplicity, charm and excitement of Felix Salten's novel, especially in its appealing characterization of Thumper, Flower and all the others who inhabit the young deer's forest world. The story has some intense moments, notably the forest fire sequence and the death of Bambi's mother, though in a context not beyond the resources of most young viewers.

**The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**

## "Dinner at the Ritz" (1937)

Dated but still enjoyable murder mystery in which the daughter (Annabella) of a French financier (Stewart Rome) sets out to find her father's killer despite the protests of her fiancé (Paul Lukas) and the interference of a British detective (David Niven) posing as a dippy playboy. Directed by Harold D. Schuster, the mystery plot isn't much but the high-fashion settings, polished cast and comic misunderstandings between amateur and professional sleuths still have appeal.

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# The unsatisfied human spirit's turning point

By Father David K. O'Rourke, OP  
Catholic News Service

Wanting something more, something better from life, is nothing new. But being able to pursue that "something more" is a modern privilege.

Having real choices in life is new. People didn't tend to have so many options 100 years ago.

Most of us like it this way. But we're often better at wanting choices than we are at making good ones.

Learning how to take advantage of our privileged situation in a positive way — learning to make good choices — is a major challenge to us and something worthy of our reflection, particularly during the Lenten season.

It is not easy. The desire to have something better so often comes wrapped up in frustration and perplexity. We want something better, but we don't know what it is we want. What we think is that, whatever we have now, "this ain't it!"

The situation can be immobilizing.

I spoke recently with a young woman finishing her senior year at college. "And then what?" I asked.

"I don't know," she said. "I might take some time off. Maybe I'll get a job. But whatever I do I don't want to jump into something permanent too soon."

Clearly, she is afraid of losing her options. She believes that there is something better somewhere out there; whatever it might be, she doesn't want to lose out on it; and time is probably on her side.

But time isn't

moving elsewhere, changing jobs and starting over. This was a lot for me to handle on only a half-cup of coffee.

So I asked him to slow down, get

We talked about goals in life and attitudes toward life. I believe that both Eric and his wife found the discussions liberating.

It turned out that they each

fore deciding to ask for guidance with troubling situations. And they get into the turmoil because they assume that what they are looking for in life must be something concrete

*"We can all reach points in life where we sense that things can't keep going the way they are.... But it is also ... the kind of situation that can lead us to make our best choices ever."*



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like a new town, or a new relationship, or a new job.

But what makes our lives better doesn't have to be some new place or person or thing. It can be human and spiritual. Put simply, this means it can be a new attitude, a new way of looking at life, even a new way of life.

Eric concluded that his job was an important part of who he was, but not the sum total of himself. He and his wife concluded that there was more to their relationship and their life than their house and the daily routines they had developed.

In fact, with retirement a possibility, the couple decided it was time to start thinking about what they wanted out of their life together, what their new priorities should be.

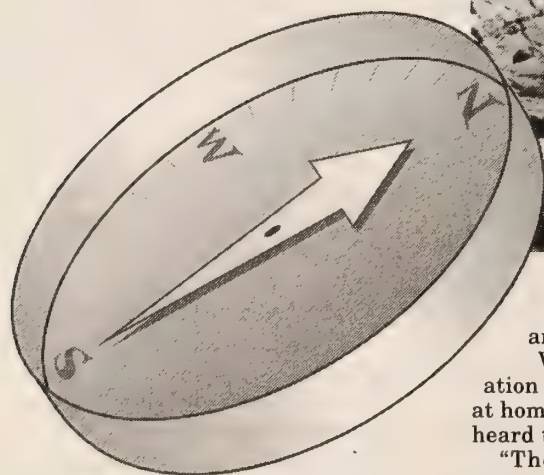
And the last time I talked with the young student I mentioned earlier, she still was undecided about what she wanted to do. But she recognized that the answer to her unsettled feelings wasn't just figuring out "what came next" but figuring out what she wanted to do with her life. This merited serious thought.

We can all reach points in life where we sense that things can't keep going the way they are. Something, we realize, has got to give.

Reaching a turning point can be somewhat frightening. But it is also a great opportunity. It is the kind of situation that can lead us to make our best choices ever.

In fact, this can be the sort of situation in which conversions are made.

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always on our side, as another very human situation illustrates.

Early one morning I received a phone call. A man I'll call Eric asked to see me right away. I'd known him for years, and I could tell he was in a panic.

"Come on over," I said. "I'll have some coffee ready."

He looked haggard when he arrived. Put simply, and tragically, he was thinking about leaving his wife,

his finger off the panic button and tell me what was going on.

What he described was a situation of boredom at work, sameness at home and weariness with life. I've heard this many times.

"There's got to be something more. I go to work and I make believe I like it. I come home and force myself to act happy. I go to bed and don't sleep. And then I get up and do the same thing over again the next day. I don't want to keep going on this way," Eric said.

That was the first of a number of meetings. Soon we also included his wife in the discussions. Interestingly, we ended up talking not about work stresses or marriage or family problems, but about human choices in the broadest sense.

wanted something better. If possible they wanted it together, and they were happily surprised to discover that they could say so to each other.

People often get into turmoil be-

## THIS EDITION IN A NUTSHELL

*Human beings tend always to feel somewhat unsatisfied — to long for something more in life. In the face of this longing, people often make big choices. Learning to make good choices is the real challenge. With that in mind, however, it is important to realize that it can be perilous to ignore our deep yearnings for "something more" in life. For in the experience of those hungers we are drawn closer to God. The psalmist wrote, "Only in God is my soul at rest." That psalmist learned early what St. Augustine expressed later: "Our hearts are restless, and they will know no rest until they rest" in God.*



# Lent and the human condition: Heeding our hungers

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

She lives alone in a small house in a New England suburb. Divorced, mother of six, grandmother of six more, her family is a source of joy, affection and concern.

She has a gift for words, but she's a good listener too. Her neighbors see her love for flowers and tea parties with grandchildren on the big screened-in porch her sons built.

Colleagues at a health care agency know her as a team player who is bright, patient, funny. At 63, she has a full life. I've known her almost 50

simplicity. She hungers for peace at every level: in neighborhoods, in families and in her own heart.

But the hungers undergirding her consciousness don't simply leave her unsatisfied with the way things are; they move her to act.

She studies. She keeps up with what's going on in the world by reading and keeping her eyes open. Once in a while she'll go to a lecture or take a class. She talks about ideas and ponders their implications and looks for connections.

She listens to the truth of people's lives — colleagues, children, strangers in the supermarket checkout line. She tries to keep her mind open to new ways of thinking.

She supports, with modest contributions and volunteer labor, groups that promote peace. She endeavors to make her purchases from socially responsible manufacturers. She stays politically aware and writes to the town council and the president and everybody in between.

Perhaps most important,

**"Beneath her gracious demeanor is a deep hunger which moves in her life like an underground stream, enriching it with extraordinary freshness."**

her many hungers lead her to pay attention to her own life. In a world numbed by the anesthetic effects of mass media and consumerism, she listens to her own heart in silence.

She reflects on her longings and listens for the harmony that results when

our deepest desires match the world's greatest needs.

In that convergence of inner and outer voices we can hear the voice of God.

It is part of the human condition to be unsatisfied with the world as it is.

We sense within ourselves urgent longings for a reality greater, deeper, more simple than we see. But we often resist noticing because feelings of dissatisfaction always involve pain.

It can, however, be perilous to ignore our deep yearnings for "something more," since it is precisely in the experience of those hungers that we are drawn closer to God. For ultimately, every longing we have is an echo of our most fundamental longing for God.

Lent is a season to renew our conversion to Christ. So let this Lent be a time for paying greater attention to your hungers, to find in your own sense of longing the voice of God calling you to deeper communion and more generous action.

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years, and she's a real person, ordinary in many ways.

What's not so ordinary is her sense of holy dissatisfaction. Beneath her gracious demeanor is a deep hunger which moves in her life like an underground stream, enriching it with extraordinary freshness and energy.

She hungers for justice. She longs for a more compassionate world, one like the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaims.

She hungers for truth — about God, about the world, about what it means to be human, about the culture of which she is a part, about herself.

She hungers for courage to do the right thing, to challenge the faceless and dark powers which lull us into complacency and indifference.

She hungers for community and

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Lent offers an opportunity to meditate on the human condition, but not, I hope, to despair of it.*

*Admittedly, the human condition "ties us down" in a variety of ways, requiring us:*

—To work; to fulfill trying responsibilities.

—To endure others' inadequacies, not to mention our own.

—To suffer fatigue of spiritual and physical kinds.

*Not surprisingly, people sometimes complain that they feel enslaved or trapped by their human condition, and thus dissatisfied and unfulfilled in their lifestyle.*

*But is the human condition a curse or a blessing?*

*If we conclude simply that our human condition is a curse, we might not hear God's voice when it addresses us through the people and situations that share our human condition.*

*And suspecting — perhaps subconsciously — that things have gone wrong if we're feeling unfulfilled in our circumstances, anger may be all that we can muster in the face of our most challenging human predicaments. Will anger be sufficient?*

*Nonetheless, is the human condition a blessing?*

*Many testify that when they searched out the human condition's positive side, they met God within it. And, meeting God on a new level, grace moved them to react to human predicaments in new ways. And that launched a transformation of their very existence.*

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David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

## "More, please"

By Father John J. Castèlot  
Catholic News Service

God lavished favors on the ancient Israelites in a marvelous way — rescuing them from slavery in Egypt, entering into an intimate covenant with them at Sinai and bringing them into possession of their own land, the Promised Land.

But they were still not satisfied. Like Oliver Twist, they constantly held up their bowls and pleaded, "More, please."

Not that they were ungrateful or unappreciative of all God had done for them. Quite the contrary! But like all human beings, they craved not simply fulfillment and happiness, but perfect happiness.

Still, as an agricultural and pastoral people living close to nature and to God, they knew that some things can't be rushed, that there is an inevitable waiting period between the time of sowing and of reaping.

And the people seemed to sense, almost instinctively, even if not consciously, that only God could satisfy their infinite longing. Thus, we read: —"Only in God is my soul at rest" (Psalm 62:2).

—"O God, ... for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you" (Psalm 63:2-4).

In this we hear a gnawing hunger for God, a hunger that can be assuaged only by God.

But isn't that impossible in this life, where "no one can see God and live"? The psalmist finds at least partial satisfaction in the temple liturgy, where he feels close to the totally other, transcendent God. In listening to the Scriptures the psalmist is reminded not only of the love God has demonstrated for the people but of the promise of further fulfillment.

Here the psalmist finds hope and encouragement. By continued striving he grows constantly in intimacy with the one who is the ultimate goal of all his yearnings.

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken and the mountains plunge into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam and the mountains quake at its surging. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" (Psalm 46:2-4).

One of my favorite prayers is the psalmist's plea: "In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame" (Psalm 31:2). It is short, but full of confident hope.

The psalmist learned early what St. Augustine expressed in a memorable prayer: "Our hearts are restless, and they will know no rest until they rest in you."

(Father Castèlot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

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"I try to be really still and listen to God, to listen to 'his' answers, not my own." — Sharon Bevan, Kansas City, Mo.

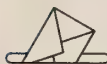
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"For peace." — Kathy Shaver, Owensboro, Ky.

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An upcoming edition asks: What are the two most important forms of care you give to yourself? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



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## People In The News

### Nun's Support Helps Skater Reach International Special Olympics



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Brandon Herzog practices his routine on the ice at Gardiner Lane Skating Rink in Louisville, Ky. Already a three-time state gold medal winner, the 14-year-old will be skating in the International Special Olympics winter games Feb. 1-9 in Toronto.

By ROY J. HORNER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — Out on the ice rink, 14-year-old Brandon Herzog is a picture of grace, precision and determination.

The path that he began at age 7 when he was a student at the former Ursuline-Pitt School has led him to the International Special Olympics' world winter games Feb. 1-9 in Toronto.

Brandon is the first athlete from Kentucky in 12 years to earn a spot on the 133-member U.S. Special Olympics team. And he is in the only Kentuckian on this year's team.

More than 2,000 athletes from 80 countries were to compete in Toronto in such events as Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, speed skating and floor hockey.

Since he began competitive figure skating six years ago, Brandon has won three gold medals in state-level Special Olympics games. He also has done well in basketball and other sports, and in 1992 competed in a national speed-skating event.

Not bad for a youth who was diagnosed at age 6 as mildly mentally retarded and whose mother was told he might never learn to ride a bike.

When Brandon first took up skating at Ursuline-Pitt (now Pitt Academy), his enthusiasm was noticed by Louisville Ursuline Sister Regina Marie Bevelacqua, a veteran Special Olympics coach who was the principal of the school for special-needs students at the time.

Brandon, who lives in LaGrange and attends Oldham County Middle School, participated with his teammates in December in a five-day training camp at the U.S. Olympic training center in Lake Placid, N.Y. He is also holding his own

intense practices at the Gardiner Lane Skating Rink in Louisville.

"I will do my best," Brandon said of his chance to compete for a gold medal in figure skating in the International Special Olympics.

Sister Bevelacqua and Mary Jo Payne, another former Ursuline-Pitt staff member, planned to be in the audience along with his parents, John and Runae Nichols, when Brandon skated in Toronto.

"He's excited," said Runae Nichols, a surgical nurse at Norton Hospital and a member of the Cathedral of the Assumption Parish. "He's been working really hard ever since he found out he made the team."

Nichols said Brandon's initiation to ice skating occurred when his aunt in Owensboro took him to an ice rink. Shortly after that, Nichols enrolled her son in the Ursuline-Pitt school, where Sister Bevelacqua took students ice skating each week.

Sister Bevelacqua, now the administrator at St. Mary Center in Middletown, said Brandon learned to figure skate with a passion. He also watched the sport on television, and would bring along his videotapes of skating to watch after school.

He eventually began private lessons, and Sister Bevelacqua encouraged him to compete in the Special Olympics.

"He really loved it," she said. "Soon, all we had to do was eat and drink ice skating. He would always bring his VCR tapes and show them. His practices were a joy to him, something that he really loves."

"He's just a very special guy and worthy of being called to be the only one from Kentucky to be a part of the International Special Olympics," Sister Bevelacqua added. "I'm so very proud of him."

### Missionaries Of Charity Postpone Selection Of Superior General

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity have postponed the election of a superior general until the end of February. The election had been scheduled for Feb. 2.

Sources at Missionary of Charity headquarters confirmed the postponement Jan. 27, though they did not give a new election date, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

Jesuit Father Edward le Joly, Missionaries of Charity spiritual adviser for 33 years, said that Mother Teresa's health is grave.

"She is dying, she is on oxygen," Father le Joly told Agence France Press Jan. 25. "Her spine is in a mess. She is in great pain. She is confined to her room and nobody can see her. Her only visitors are doctors and some sisters who are doctors themselves."

He expressed doubt that Mother Teresa would live much longer.

A local Church source, who asked not to be named, told UCA News that the order's general chapter, now under way, needs more time to select a successor to Mother Teresa, the 86-year-old Nobel peace laureate and founder of the order.

Church sources said the nuns' reluctance to elect a new leader while Mother Teresa is still alive was seen as a major hurdle in the run-up to the chapter, postponed from October because of Mother Teresa's ill health.

Several nuns told UCA News that some chapter participants are in India for the first time and do not know many of their colleagues, and that they also have to get to know other sisters to vote conscientiously and with responsibility.

According to the congregation's constitution, chapters — held every six years — also address major congregational affairs and suggestions from members, determine needed changes for submission to the Vatican, study the order's apostolic orientation and its extension, and decide on erection and suppression of regions.

### Flynn To End Ambassadorship To Vatican By Mid-July

ROME (CNS) — The U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, Raymond L. Flynn, will leave his post by mid-July, informed sources in Rome said.

The ambassador was informed by the White House in late January that his tour of duty would end "on or about" July 15, the fourth anniversary of his arrival in Rome.

Flynn had earlier told Catholic News Service that all of the U.S. ambassadors who were political appointees and not career diplomats had been informed they would likely be replaced during President Bill Clinton's second term.

Flynn was in the middle of his third term as mayor of Boston when Clinton named him ambassador to the Vatican in 1993.

Initially his wife, Catherine, and several of his six children moved to Rome with him. The children later entered U.S. universities and Catherine Flynn returned to Boston for a variety of family reasons.

Even before he arrived in Rome, Flynn's vision of the post became a point of controversy as he promised to expand it to include work on a broad range of humanitarian and social justice concerns around the world.

In addition to working on a project of closer cooperation between Catholic aid agencies and the U.S. government, Flynn has delivered U.S. aid to India and visited Bosnia-Herzegovina and a variety of African countries.

The ambassador also was criticized in the United States for strongly — and publicly — opposing Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

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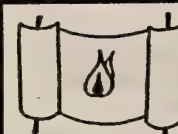
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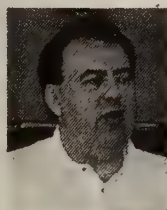
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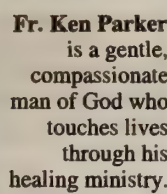
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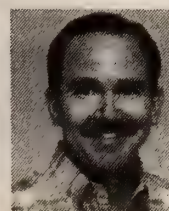
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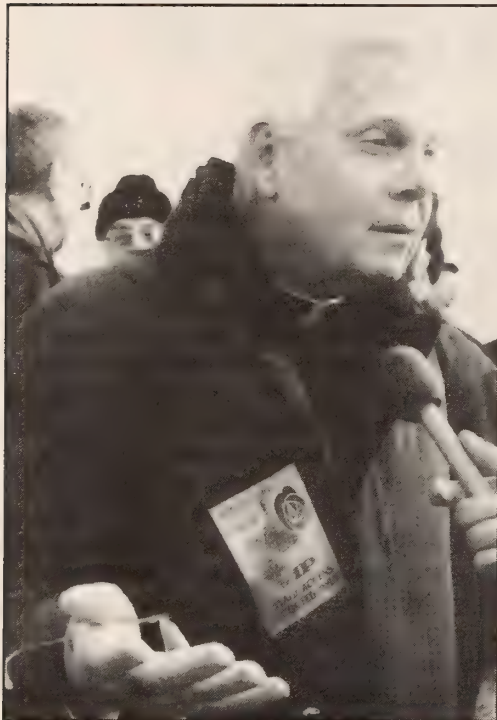
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## Cardinal Asks Clinton To Meet About Partial-Birth Abortions



Boston Cardinal Bernard Law talks to a reporter during the March for Life Jan. 22 in Washington.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As Congress prepared to take up the partial-birth abortion issue once again, the head of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee urged President Clinton to meet with him and a physician knowledgeable about the procedure.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the invitation in a letter to Clinton made public Jan. 22, the 24th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision on abortion.

"It is my sincere hope that the forthcoming discussion will avoid the worst aspects of last year's debate," he said in the letter. "I pray that time will not be wasted debating claims that have been proven to be false."

The cardinal made clear that the bishops would not support legislation introduced Jan. 21 by Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., which would ban

third-trimester abortions with exceptions for the "life or health" of the mother.

He said an exception for the health of the mother "eviscerates the ban," because the Supreme Court has interpreted "health" in the context of abortion to mean "almost any social or emotional reason."

"Furthermore, the evidence that partial-birth abortion is never necessary to preserve a woman's health or fertility is overwhelming," Cardinal Law said. He urged Clinton to consult with a member of the Physicians' Ad Hoc Coalition for Truth, a group of 400 doctors who oppose partial-birth abortions.

Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., said Jan. 22 that he would reintroduce the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which passed both houses of Congress but was vetoed by Clinton. A vote to override the veto passed in the House, but failed in the Senate.

The legislation vetoed by Clinton would have banned a procedure used in late-term abortions in which the unborn child is partially delivered, feet first, before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the collapsed head.

## Catholic Relief Services Launches 22nd Annual Lenten Program

Catholic Relief Services unveils its 22nd annual Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl, on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12. The program invites the Catholic community to begin this season of renewal by participating as individuals and groups in prayerful service-oriented activities.

In the Charlotte Diocese, last year's Operation Rice Bowl campaign raised more than \$14,000 — an increase of 65 percent. Nationally in 1996, Catholics raised \$4.3 million through the campaign for Catholic Relief Services development projects. Long-term sustainability is the target of these initiatives, aiming to help people develop skills and resources they can use long after the agency has turned over the projects to the local community.

Operation Rice Bowl benefits members of each participating diocese in the United States as well. Local poverty alleviation efforts receive 25 percent of the contributions raised. In the Charlotte Diocese, a diocesan-wide committee has been formed to accept grant proposals from parishes wishing to work on poverty issues in their community or internationally. The Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1736, can provide information.

"Ambassadors for Christ," this year's theme for Operation Rice Bowl, are those who St. Paul said "represent Christ to the foreigner, the stranger, those less known to us, the marginalized, and most especially the poor, near and far." Through acting as Ambassadors for Christ, Catholics redirect time and money spent on snacks and luxuries to prayer and activities that strengthen their under-

standing of the suffering of others.

Operation Rice Bowl encourages Catholics to take part in its four components of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving. "We believe that the Catholic community in the United States embraces this opportunity to live for others during Lent," said Kenneth F. Hackett, executive director of Catholic Relief Services. "Operation Rice Bowl encourages sacrifice and a selfless way of life, ideals that embody the Catholic spirit of seeing Christ in the poor and suffering."

Operation Rice Bowl offers materials through parishes and parochial schools that encourage participation in the Lenten season, including the Home Calendar guide for families, the Educator's Guide for catechists and youth ministry professionals, and the new Parish Guide for Operation Rice Bowl coordinators. Most symbolic is the rice bowl, the primary reflection of the hunger and hardships faced by the poor in the developing world. The rice bowl enables Catholics to participate on an individual basis in response to the call of the poor.

Founded in 1943, Catholic Relief Services is the official overseas relief and development agency for the Catholic community in the United States. Its assistance is provided solely on the basis of need, not race, creed or nationality.

To participate, call (800) 222-0025 to order free materials. For information on local grants, call Joanne K. Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1736.

## St. Luke Hosts Pax Christi Presentation

MINT HILL — Pax Christi National Chairperson Mary Carter Warren will present "Be a Peacemaker... 'The time is now... and I am here!'" from 1-4 p.m., and "Fighting Fair: Peacemaking in the Family," from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16 at St. Luke Church.

"We can model and mentor to one another, not because we have all the answers but because we share the questions," Warren says.

Begun in France in 1945, Pax Christi (Peace of Christ) International's first mission promoted reconciliation between French and German Catholics. More than 50 years later, the organization now holds consultative status as a non-governmental organization at the United Nations. Pax Christi has a presence in 30 countries on four continents.

Pax Christi, U.S.A. was formed in 1972 and currently has more than 12,000 members. The movement consistently supports Catholic social teachings such as a preferential option for the poor and the consistent ethic of life.

A peace group was formed at St. Luke in the wake of the Gulf War in 1991. They continue to educate themselves and others about what it means to take a stand for peace.

"We have individuals who have been members of Pax Christi for several years. What we lack is an organized chapter in the Charlotte area," said Society of the Holy Child Jesus Sister Veronica Grover, education consultant at St. Luke.

The peace group joined with the parish outreach committee to sponsor a Family Peace Day last year. The day included activities which focused on family development and unity. The group also sponsored a display table during the Justice and Peace Conference at Belmont Abbey last fall.

Father Joe Mulligan, pastor at St. Luke, recalls Warren's efforts with the Outreach and Campus Ministries at St. Leo parish in Winston-Salem three years ago. "She's a high-energy person who has good instincts about the ministry and bringing forth people's giftedness," he said.

### Temptation of Christ



"At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."  
(Mark 1:12-13)



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# Archeologists Uncover Unusual Cross Outside Old City Of Jerusalem

By JUDITH SUDILVOSKY

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Israeli archeologists uncovered a bronze cross inlaid with wood in excavations of a Byzantine-period commercial area just outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.

It is the first such cross to be discovered anywhere, but it probably was not wood from the cross of Jesus, archeologist Ronny Reich said at a press conference Jan. 22.

"I can't recall in my experience another cross with a piece of wood inlay, and it is outstanding in that respect," he said. However, he said, there is no indication that the two-to three-gram (.07- to 0.1-ounce) pieces of wood inside the two-inch bronze cross are slivers of the cross of Jesus, despite claims of such a possibility in the Israeli media.

"This cross is inlaid with two pieces of wood and was most probably a souvenir of Jerusalem for some pilgrim. Souvenirs were already introduced in the Byzantine period and pilgrims brought back with them holy oil, water and crosses made here, much like (pilgrims) today," said Reich.

"We will start the procedure of analysis of the wood.... The question is do we sacrifice the wood for the analysis, because then we'll have no wood left (inside the cross). I don't know. We'll see."

Reich said he does not believe the wood is part of the true cross because "all over Europe there are many collections of relics and if you put all the wood from these relics together you would get 100 crosses.... It is very unlikely it is a piece of the cross."

Even if, after analysis, the wood proves to be from the time of Jesus, there is no assurance that the wood actually came from the true cross, he said.

"It is a matter of belief.... You have to make a difference between science and archeology, and matters of belief," said Reich.

The fifth and sixth centuries, part of the Byzantine period, were relatively peaceful in Jerusalem and people dared to build outside the walls of the city, said Reich. Most of the residents at that time were Christians with a few sprinkling of Jews, added archeologist Eli Shukron. It was a time when there were many pilgrims coming to the Holy

Land and the souvenir business was brisk.

According to legend, the true cross was kept inside Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher after St. Helena supposedly found the cross. In 614 Jerusalem was conquered by the Persians and the cross was taken to what is now Iraq. Ten years later, the Byzantines reclaimed the cross in a military campaign started for that specific purpose. After the Muslim invasion of the area, the cross was lost.

The recently discovered bronze cross, which appears to have been part of a necklace, was found in the ruins of a shop on the outskirts of the wall of the Biblical city of Jerusalem. The shop was located behind the main street leading from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, which was lined with other shops and is believed to have been frequented by Holy Land pilgrims.

Archeologists also discovered what they believe to be a restaurant, a bath house and a hostel for pilgrims. In addition they found several other bronze crosses, pottery, glass shards and coins.

The \$5 million excavations began in 1989 when the area outside of Jaffa Gate was developed for a luxury apartment complex, which included underground parking and a connecting pedestrian bridge.

The discovery of the Byzantine-period neighborhood required a change in construction plans, allowing the neighborhood to remain intact underneath a modern four-lane road. The Israeli Antiquities Authority hopes to develop the area into an archeological

park.

It is common practice in Israel for archeologists and construction workers to work practically hand in hand, since historical ruins are found at almost every construction site.

Often the findings are deemed not significant and are covered back up. But there are cases, such as this one, where the find is significant and careful excavations are carried out.

The developer sometimes foots the bill for excavations, as in this case, so the relationship between archeologist and developer is not always cordial.



A small bronze cross inlaid with wood is held by an archeologist Jan. 22 at a site below the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. The cross dates between the fourth and fifth centuries A.D. The archeologist in charge of the excavation said he does not believe the wooden pieces were part of the cross of Jesus.

## Father John G. O'Brien, Former Raleigh Priest, Dies

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Father John G. O'Brien, a priest of the Diocese of Raleigh for almost 44 years, died at his retirement home Feb. 2. He was 86.

Born in Dorchester, Mass., July 8, 1910, to the late John and Helen M. (Sullivan) O'Brien, Father O'Brien was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Raleigh by Bishop Vincent S. Waters on May 14, 1953, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro.

His early assignments included assistant pastor positions at St. John Church in N. Wilkesboro, St. Elizabeth Church in Elizabeth City and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Newton Grove.

His first pastorate was at Sacred Heart Church in Brevard in January 1957. He was subsequently named pastor at St. James Church in Concord, Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem, St. Joan of Arc Church in Asheville, St. Elizabeth Church in Elizabeth City, Sacred Heart Church in Dunn, Sacred Heart Church in Southport and St. Eugene Church in Wendell.

He also served the diocese as director of the Missionary Apostolate, a training program for newly ordained priests in Edenton. Over the years he held positions as the dean of the Elizabeth City Deanery and diocesan consultor. He retired on July 9, 1985.

"Father O'Brien was a man who was deeply interested in the study of theology," said Father Gerald Lewis, vicar general of the diocese. "He never stopped his studies."

"He was a gentle man — a loving pastor," Father Lewis said. "And he was a humorist. He had a great sense of fun."

Father Lewis added that Father O'Brien was also well known for his fondness of playing the piano. "He could sit at a piano and get all of us in a sing-along," he said.

Father O'Brien is survived by his sister, Ruth Waas, also of St. Augustine, and by his brothers Eugene, of Townsend, Md., George of Albany, N.Y., and Joseph of Philadelphia.

Father O'Brien lived with his sister and her daughter's family at the home of Albert and Elizabeth Bryla.

A wake service was held Feb. 5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Bishop F. Joseph Gossman presided over a Mass of Christian Burial for Father O'Brien at Our Lady of Guadalupe Feb. 6. He was buried in the priests' section of the Our Lady of Guadalupe cemetery.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Mass Time Changes

REIDSVILLE — The new time for Spanish Mass at Holy Infant Church is 1 p.m. on Sundays.

ASHEVILLE — Weekday Masses at the Basilica of St. Lawrence are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:10 p.m. A Communion service is Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.

### 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ Club meets Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. A king and queen will be chosen for the Valentine's Day party and complimentary lunch will be served for paid-up members. Call Anne McIntyre (704) 545-5046.

### Catholic Singles Events

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Singles of Charlotte hosts an information meeting Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church.

The Catholic Singles of Charlotte's Valentine's Day Party is Feb. 15 at the Arboretum Apartments Clubhouse. Bring an article of warm clothing for the Salvation Army Winter Shelter.

For information, call Larry, (704) 583-1899 or Katrina, (704) 367-0586.

### Lenten Adoration

CHARLOTTE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction follows 9 a.m. Mass Fridays during Lent and continues until 9 a.m. Saturday Mass

at St. Matthew Church.

### St. Matthew Parish Mission

CHARLOTTE — The St. Matthew Parish Mission, directed by Capuchin Father Vincent Fortunato and Brother Kellen Mears, is Feb. 23-27.

### Health Ministry Fair

CHARLOTTE — The St. Gabriel Church Health Ministry health fair is March 8-9 in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses. Booths will display physical, spiritual, mental and social health information. A special children's activity follows 9 a.m. Mass. For information, call (704) 847-7014.

### Religious Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church adult education series continues Feb. 18 with "Holy Smoke!," a discussion on invigorating faith, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the activity center. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

### Hibernians Meet

CHARLOTTE — Catholic men of Irish ancestry are invited to the Ancient Order of Hibernians meeting Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. Call John McInerney at (704) 341-9780 or Tim Lawson, (704) 522-9728, for information.

### Franciscans Welcome Members

GREENSBORO — The Franciscan

Family of Greensboro hosts informational meetings Feb. 16 and March 2 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Franciscan Center. For information, call Georgette Schraeder, (910) 454-3479 or Frank Massey, (910) 299-5038.

### Pax Christi Chairperson Visits

MINT HILL — Mary Carter Waren, national chairperson of Pax Christi, USA, will discuss peace Feb. 16 in two sessions from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at St. Luke Church.

### Holy Angels Bowl-A-Thon

BELMONT — The annual Angel Bowl fund-raiser hosted by Holy Angels is March 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Major League Lanes in Gastonia. For pledging information and more details, call Sandi Rankin, (704) 825-0435.

### Knights Freethrow Tournament

CHARLOTTE — The Knights of Columbus Council #770 free-throw tournament for 10-14 year olds is Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. at St. Ann Church in the activity center. Winners participate in the district championship following the local tournament. For information, call Chuck Malinowski, (704) 544-1927.

### Cursillo Closing

CHARLOTTE — The Cursillo men's Closing is Feb. 16 5 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. All Cursillistas are invited.

### Parenting Video Seminar

HICKORY — "What Dads Need to Know About Responsible Fathering," a video seminar by Focus on the Family President Dr. James Dobson, is Feb. 16 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church. For details, call (704) 327-2341.

### Knights' Valentine's Dance

WINSTON-SALEM — The Knights of Columbus of St. Leo and Our Lady of Mercy churches sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 14 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church. Cost is \$12 per couple. RSVP by Feb. 10 to Ralph D'Agostino, (910) 774-0088.

### Life In The Spirit

CHARLOTTE — The Life in the Spirit seminar aimed at reaching a closer relationship with Christ through the Holy Spirit is at St. John Neumann Church from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12. For information, call Joe Tittl, (704) 846-4649 at home or (704) 391-9537 at work.

### A Retreat for Men

BELMONT — A retreat for men based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius conducted by Father Dean Stasell of the Legionaries of Christ is Feb. 14-16 at Belmont Abbey. For information and reservations, call Ann Potter Gleason, (704) 599-4558. Space is limited.

### CSS Day of Reflection

HICKORY — Catholic Social Services' Day of Reflection for widowed, divorced and separated persons and their

children is Feb. 15 at the Catholic Conference Center. For details, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, ext. 314.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat directed by Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media. Cost is \$90 per person. To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Media Library Offers Resources

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Diocese Media Center's lending library contains 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio tapes and a small book collection. No fee is charged for previewing or using items for personal enrichment. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. Items can be shipped upon request.

*The Angel's Lenten Lesson* is the story of a boy meeting his guardian angel, who helps him realize the importance of Lent in his life. For grades 3-6.

*Fast Forward: Home is Where the Hurt Is* assists teens in coping with problems in the home.

*How to Raise a Child with Faith* explores practical questions of faith for parents.

For more information on these and other resources, call (704) 331-1717.

### Healing Mass

ASHEVILLE — A Mass for healing people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya meets the second Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

ARDEN — Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas meets the second Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

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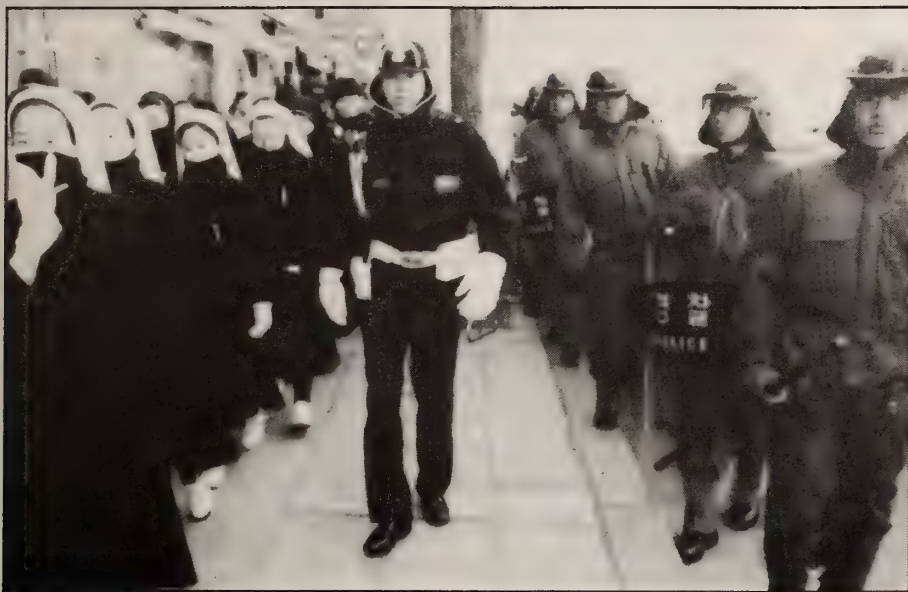
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## World And National News Briefs



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A South Korean traffic policeman walks between a line of nuns and riot police during a rally in Seoul Jan. 21. Hundreds of Catholic nuns, priests and Buddhist monks joined in a march to protest a controversial South Korean labor law. South Korean workers have been calling for a repeal of the law.

### Public Supports Foreign Aid

#### Perception:



Americans think that the U.S. spends 15 percent on foreign aid. Most would support 8 percent and think 3 percent is too low.

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#### Washington Archdiocese Launches Inner-City School Initiative

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In an effort to maintain and strengthen its inner-city Catholic schools, the Washington Archdiocese is forming a consortium of seven Catholic elementary schools in the District of Columbia. "I will not abandon the city of Washington in its time of need," Washington Cardinal James A. Hickey said. "While there is often good reason for closing schools, I prefer to invest new resources and launch creative programs to ensure a happy and successful future for D.C. Catholic schools and the families they serve." Cardinal Hickey announced the Catholic Center City School Consortium, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, Jan. 30.

#### Maryknoll Order Welcomes PepsiCo Decision To Pull Out Of Burma

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (CNS) — The corporate responsibility officer for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers welcomed a decision by PepsiCo to stop do-

ing business in Burma. "We're ecstatic about it," Maryknoll Father Joseph P. La Mar said Jan. 28. He called it a significant achievement that reversed a policy PepsiCo had insisted it would not change. Father La Mar has been a leading figure in the campaign to bring pressure on the Burmese regime by persuading American corporations to avoid business dealings there until respect for democracy and human rights is established.

#### NAFTA Benefiting Only Small Minority Of People, Says Nun

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (CNS) — The North American Free Trade Agreement has benefited only a small minority of the Mexican people, according to a Maryknoll nun working in one of the country's poverty areas, Oaxaca. "The oppression and poverty get worse every year," said Sister Joan L. Malherek. The factories set up by foreign investors provide some jobs but "at terrible hours and low pay," she said. Sister Malherek, a native of Mankato, Minn., was interviewed Jan. 24 while a delegate to the Assembly of the Maryknoll Sisters at their headquarters in Ossining.

#### Works Of St. Thomas Aquinas Available On CD-Rom

ROME (CNS) — Thanks to an octogenarian Jesuit linguist, the collected works of St. Thomas Aquinas now fit in the palm of one's hand. The Latin-language CD-ROM "Thomae Aquinatis: Opera Omnia" was unveiled in Rome Jan. 28, offering scholars an unprecedented tool for research on the writings of the 13th-century theologian and philosopher. The single disk contains all 118 volumes of the saint's works, as well as 61 related medieval texts. That comes out to more than 10 million words.

#### Pope Tells Rome Mayor Public Safety Key For Year 2000 Preparations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In addition to resolving traffic, parking and lodging problems in preparation for the year 2000, the city of Rome must improve public safety, Pope John Paul II said. The pope held his annual meeting with the mayor and city council of Rome Jan. 30. "Serious and surprising episodes of violence," which have included at least two serious attacks on Roman priests in the past three months, "are symptoms not only of the lack of security in which numerous citizens live, but also of a lack of values which makes civilized living problematic," the pope said.

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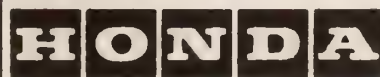
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**CLEMMONS** — The growth of the Catholic Church in the central Piedmont of North Carolina was furthered in 1976 when the Diocese of Charlotte purchased 10 acres of land in western Forsyth County.

The diocese also bought a nearby house to use as a rectory, office, week-day chapel, religious education center and meeting place.

Initially established as a mission of St. Leo parish in Winston-Salem, the Catholic community of Clemmons and nearby Lewiston gathered for its first Mass in July 1978. For a number of years following, the congregation worshipped in a Presbyterian church, a Moravian church, a funeral home, a country club and a school facility.

Meanwhile, in November 1979 members of the mission formed the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Guild, the first formal organization of parishioners and a

key development in the mission's journey to parish status. Although no longer formally structured today, members of the Guild make up an important component of church life; their annual autumn craft bazaar is the single-largest fund-raiser for the Clemmons parish.

An elevation in status was indeed granted in 1980, when in August Bishop Michael J. Begley canonically established Holy Family parish. Parishioners chose the Holy Family as their patrons, and the newly formed building committee turned attentions to constructing a multi-purpose facility. Paulist Father Robert Scott was installed as Holy Family Church's first resident pastor. At that time, the parish comprised about 200 registered families.

By April 1981, plans had been developed for a 9,200 square-foot building including a worship area, reconciliation room, offices, nursery, kitchen, and concourse for social events. Construction ensued after breaking ground in February 1982, and in December 1984 Holy Family Parish gathered for the first Mass in the new church. The registry included some 550 families by mid-decade.

Growth continued for the Clemmons

parish into the latter half of the 1980s. With the need for more space pressing, the parish in 1986 began another building project: a family center featuring classroom space, a larger nursery, offices, storage space and restrooms. The addition was dedicated by Bishop John F. Donoghue in 1987.

The steady influx of Catholics into the region meant greater numbers of people in need of spiritual and sacramental leadership. As such, during the late-1980s into the '90s clergy of Holy Family assumed pastoral responsibilities for St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mocksville.

The development of Holy Family Church has been assisted in spiritual and physical terms by the parishioners themselves. Fund drives for beautification and improvement projects were successful thanks to the commitment of the congregation, which by the mid-1990s had reached more than 1,100 families.

Community involvement has helped as well. During the mid-1980s, a corporation donated four acres to the parish when it relocated offices from behind the church property. The land now houses a picnic shelter, basketball court and a new

playground, the latter funded primarily by the parish's Mothers Support Group.

Father Frank O'Rourke has been pastor of Holy Family parish since July 1996. The church continues to reach out to Catholics in western Forsyth County, as well as the faithful in Davie, Davidson and Yadkin counties.

Multi-cultural outreach is a staple of the parish, especially in light of the large Hispanic population in the area. Father Fidel Melo, a native of Mexico and parochial vicar of Holy Family Church, plays a key role to his Hispanic brothers and sisters by celebrating Mass with them at the Cristo Rey Catholic Hispanic Center of Yadkin Valley. Sister Andrea Inkrott and Sister Linda Scheckelhoff serve as administrators of this Yadkinville mission of Holy Family parish.

Father O'Rourke, who also serves as the diocesan director of vocations, has seen a steady rise in the Catholic population not only in the Clemmons area, but throughout the Diocese of Charlotte. He prays that people will continue to answer the call of the Holy Spirit by pursuing much-needed vocations.



### Holy Family

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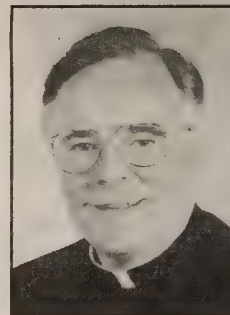
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Rev. Mr. Gerard Shumacher

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Number of parishioners: 3,354

Number of households: 1,148



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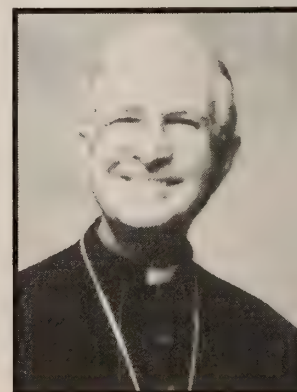
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A mother and daughter view a statue of the Pietà at Immaculate Conception Church in Seattle during Lent last year. The Lenten season began with Ash Wednesday Feb. 12 and lasts through Holy Thursday March 26. Easter is celebrated March 30.

## Diocese Working To Address Needs Of Seniors

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

*The following is the first in a series of articles focusing on the wants and needs of the elderly in the Diocese of Charlotte, and how the Church is addressing this very important issue.*

CHARLOTTE — With its sandy beaches and scenic mountains, North Carolina has long been known as a vacation respite. From Manteo to Murphy, tourists flock here for summer sun, to take advantage of the beautiful brisk falls or ski at numerous winter resorts.

But now, the Tar Heel State is becoming one of the nation's most prevalent retirement spots. Statistics show North Carolina ranks fifth in the U.S. in

the number of senior citizens moving here to retire. Of that figure, the majority are Catholic. And census data reveals approximately 20,000 of those above the age of 60 are parishioners in the Diocese of Charlotte, which translates to approximately 20 percent of the Catholic population.

Additionally, 8 percent of Catholics in the diocese provide regular caregiving to an elder, which means nearly 30 percent of Catholics are either elders or have direct care responsibilities with elders.

With that in mind, the diocese will spend the next few months conducting listening sessions in each vicariate to get input from as many seniors as possible.

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## Catholic Educators Say They Hope Clinton Education Focus Helps All

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While Catholic school officials were enthusiastic about President Clinton giving top priority to education in his State of the Union address, many expressed concern that his proposals might not help those who need it the most.

"It's very exciting that education has taken its rightful place as a top national priority, but like many college presidents, I question the details of the proposals," said Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity College in Washington, in an interview with Catholic News Service.

McGuire was one of 600 college presidents attending the Feb. 5-7 National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities conference in Washington. For these college presidents, Clinton's proposal to make college education more accessible did not fall on deaf ears.

As part of his proposed "Call to Action for American Education," Clinton said that "we must make the 13th and 14th years of education — at least two years of college — just as universal in America as a high school education is today, and we must open the doors of college to all."

Accessible college education was but one of 10 proposals in the Feb. 4 address that put education as his No. 1 priority along with his plan to spend \$51 billion next year to back the recommendations.

Other plans to help U.S. education included rebuilding dilapidated schools; helping children learn to read; establishing national teaching credentials; developing national and state educational standards; providing Internet access to all classrooms; and giving parents the right to choose the right public school for their child.

"Catholic educators welcome this administration's goal for a nation blessed with 8-year-olds who can read, 12-year-olds who are computer literate and college-bound 18-year-olds," said Leonard DeFiore, president of the National Catholic Educational Association.

But DeFiore, in a statement released Feb. 5, said the president "must consider the rights and needs of all children, including the 3.4 million students enrolled

in our nation's Catholic schools, colleges and universities."

McGuire told CNS her primary concern with Clinton's proposal to make colleges more accessible was that students with the least resources still might not get the best shot at an education.

Dominican Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, president of Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, agreed. She said she was "cautiously in favor" of the college proposals because they could help a lot of families who are struggling to pay tuitions. But she said the "poorest students would not gain anything" because the tax credits would offset the Pell Grant scholarships many of them receive.

She also questioned a proposed America's Hope scholarship, because it requires students to maintain a B average to keep their scholarship funds. The scholarship would be modeled on a Georgia program which provides two years of a \$1,500 tax credit for college tuition, enough to pay for a typical community college.

"The disadvantaged students who need this most are often coming from the lousiest educational systems. They might be bright, but in their first semester of college they might gasp just to get a C," said Sister Matesich. She also said the pressure on faculty members to give Bs would be overwhelming.

"From a perspective of justice, I have problems" with the way Clinton's proposals would be funded, she added. "I'm not sure we should cut taxes."

Stacy Savage, a senior at Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Pa., who attended the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities conference with her school president, said Clinton's goals sounded great, but she wasn't sure how they could realistically be funded.

Christian Brother Patrick Ellis, president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, also commented that the proposals were not perfect, but added, "any help is appreciated."

None of the college presidents would be so ungracious as to fight the proposals, he said, "but we'll learn to make our case more compellingly."

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It is also in the process of separately surveying three groups — elders, adults with elder caregiving responsibilities, and priests, deacons and religious sisters — to seek feedback on seniors' wants and needs. The information will be used to plan new programs for elders. "We have mailed out 3,000 surveys and hope to get at least 1,700 back," said Suzanne Bach, CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) coordinator for the diocese.

"In order to gain the best perspective on future ministries with elders, we need to understand the wants and needs of elders, adultchild caregivers and clergy/religious," added Gerry Carter, director of Family Life and Special Ministries for Catholic Social Services, who along with Bach is helping spearhead the effort. "We are especially hoping for an active response by the clergy and religious so that we can help develop programs which augment those ministries already active in parishes and diocesan organizations. Catholic Social Services continues to strive for a close association with the parishes and to be a resource for our clergy and religious in their ministries."

Just as importantly, a task force of 30 individuals from various backgrounds has been formed to assess the needs of those over age 60 in the diocese. "The group consists of clergy, elders, adults with elder caregiving responsibilities and professionals. They will meet four times, then make recommendations to the Chancery on how the diocese could approach this issue," Carter explained.

The study has the full support of the Chancery, Bach added. "They provided the funding for the survey because they feel it is important to address seniors' needs," she said.

Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, calls elders a guiding light of the Church. "Because they carried the faith for us so long, let us take time to determine how we might better respond to their concerns," he said. "This is an-

other example of the diocese using a proactive approach in responding to our diverse needs."

Questions in the four-page study will query their church community, activities, household, and what is most important to them in their lives.

Twenty-three senior citizens filled out surveys at the first listening session held Jan. 31 at St. Ann Church. Participants were also given the opportunity to raise questions they have about elderly issues. Concerns ranged from housing to transportation, to pastoral care and socialization.

"What kind of pastoral care are we providing to seniors who can't get out?" one attendee asked.

Others said the elderly are an overlooked asset in the realm of community.

"I think we don't understand the power of our senior population and the resources they provide," said Msgr. Richard Allen, pastor of St. Ann's.

Mercy Sister Jean Marie Kienast, pastoral associate at St. Matthew Church, agreed. "The time is right to raise a united voice and provide to a very important part of our population," she said.

The task force's first meeting was held Feb. 13 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. They will meet again in March, April and May. By July 1, the group will have its recommendations for the diocese on the issue of providing more for seniors.

"It will be a strategic plan with both short-term and long-term goals," Carter said. "The diocese and CSS are committed to seeing this through."

Thus far, listening sessions have been held in Charlotte and Hickory. The continuing schedule of sessions will be featured in "Corner on CRISM" ads found in future issues of *The Catholic News & Herald*.

For information on CRISM activities, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720.

## Public School Has Crucifixes, Religious Art — For A While

By JOHN STRANGE

WILMINGTON, N.C. (CNS) — For about five months, Wrightsville Beach Elementary School may have been the only public school in the country to have crucifixes and religious art in its classrooms.

Classes for the school were held at St. Mark Church in Wilmington after Hurricane Fran severely damaged the school building in September. Staff and students returned to their public school Jan. 27.

"We practically have a brand new school," said principal Inez Richardson about her newly remodeled building. The school, which had been flooded with several feet of water, has all-new flooring, furniture, computers, textbooks and other materials. Two mobile classrooms also were replaced.

But the public school's time at the Catholic parish formed a "bond that will go on forever," said Richardson. "We just fell in love with everybody out there."

Father Matt Hendrick, St. Mark pastor, told the *N.C. Catholic*, newspaper of the Diocese of Raleigh, it was an easy decision when the church was approached with the proposal to house the public school temporarily.

"It was almost providential," Father Hendrick said. "They needed to have 10 classrooms; we have 10 classrooms. It was a matter of the foot fitting into the shoe, and it fit perfectly."

Father Hendrick said the school's needs also fit the church's philosophy of outreach and evangelization. "This has truly been evangelization," he said. "We

as a parish were able to fill a critical need for the community. We were very well received."

St. Mark opened its religious education classrooms and offices to the school. Students and teachers ate their lunches in the parish hall and had recess in the yards and parking lots.

"The rooms were small but we got along very well," Richardson said. "Academically, the children were able to keep up with their studies."

Crucifixes and religious art remained in the hallways and classroom, and Richardson said there were no complaints from parents or others in the community. "I think they were just anxious and grateful to find a place after the storm," she said.

However, the juxtaposition of a Catholic church and a public school did lead to some odd moments.

For example, parish staff member Sherry Jones tells of how one teacher set up a display of papier-mache spiders and other creatures underneath needlework pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Madonna and Child.

A sign, halfway between the table and the religious pictures, read, "Take a Look at These Creepy Critters."

"We're going to miss them," said parish secretary Vicki Peters. "One of the teachers said to us, 'We're going to miss you so bad, maybe I'll have to change churches.'"

### St. Matthew Church Hosts Marian Movement Cenacle

CHARLOTTE — Scalabrinian Father Francis Geremia of Italy, interpreter for Father Stefano Gobbi, founder of the worldwide Marian Movement of priests, conducts day of prayer and reflection in the form of a cenacle March 2 beginning at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Church.

The Marian Movement of Priests includes priests and lay people who promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fidelity to the Pope and the Church, prayer and recitation of the rosary.



CNS photo from Reuters

The coffin of Father Guy Pinard, a Canadian member of the Missionaries of Africa, is carried during his funeral Feb. 3 near Ruhengeri, Rwanda. The priest was gunned down while distributing Communion at Mass a day earlier at a church in northeast Rwanda.

# St. Patrick Cathedral



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# Initiation Process Welcomes Christians To Catholic Faith

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — Much like the faith life of baptized Catholics, the journey of participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is a call to continual conversion.

Barbara Hayden agrees. The director of liturgy and parish RCIA liaison at St. Paul the Apostle Church has participated as an RCIA coordinator at a number of parishes throughout the country since 1982. In her experience, she has witnessed countless examples of the Holy Spirit at work in various stages of people's lives.

The RCIA is the process through which adults prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation and are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church through a number of stages. In the Charlotte Diocese, RCIA is a ministry of the Office of Faith Formation, which is funded through the annual Diocesan Support Appeal.

"That whole journey is just an incredible feeling," says Lisa Daly, a St. Paul parishioner who entered the Church in 1993. She currently serves as a candidate's sponsor. "There was a really strong family sense of love and welcoming. These were people that you laughed with, that you cried with, that hugged you when you looked like you needed a hug."

Daly, who attended Mass for about 10 years with her husband and children before entering the RCIA process, adds that her decision to become Catholic enhanced her family life. "We were becoming whole with Jesus and at the Lord's table," she says. "It was a powerful feeling of completion."

Following a period of inquiry, participants enter the catechumenate which informs and instructs on the tenets of Catholic-Christian living. Additional formation includes intensive studies into the sacraments, and a phase called the mystagogy during which the rites experienced at initiation are concentrated upon.

While candidates cannot sacramentally participate until completing the rites of initiation, they are encouraged to attend Mass and participate in other ways. "During the period of catechumenate, for instance, we expect people to be involved in the life of the Church," Hayden says. "Whether they work in a soup kitchen or assist in faith formation or usher at Mass, it is important that these people experience and live the Catholic way of life."

Hayden and the other team members try to ensure that participants comprehend the fundamental tenets of the faith while making their commitments. "We're making allowances for all levels," she says of the program's structure at St. Paul Church, where the process was altered in September 1996 to make it a more ongoing, formative one.

"There are certain things that we feel people need to have before they are fully received into the Church," she adds. "They need to understand the importance of the sacraments, for instance, and the Catholic-Christian code of morals."

Hayden says the restructuring has allowed coordinators to better individualize the needs of each participant. She adds that the program reaches out to all interested parties, from completely unchurched inquirers to non-Catholic spouses who have attended Mass with their partners for years.

Gary Haines, who began going to Mass at St. Paul Church in 1988 with his wife, decided to enter the RCIA process in 1993. He was welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil the following year and has since become an RCIA team member for St. Paul parish.

"My faith journey had brought me to the realization that I was ready to join the Catholic Church," he says. "I enjoyed the (RCIA) process thoroughly, and whatever questions and misunderstandings I may have had on the liturgies and that sort of thing were well-covered."

For Dr. Cris Villapando, diocesan director of faith formation, experiences like Daly's and Haines' are shining examples of the beauty of the RCIA process. "The Rite of Christian Initiation is one of the most powerful liturgical symbols of the Church," he says.

"In it and through it," he adds, "the larger Catholic community is reminded of its commitment to Christ. Consequently, they hopefully realize that mediocrity and being a Christian are incompatible things in light of our baptismal commitment. This process is an energizing thing that can stimulate the Church as a whole."

# College Students Renew Faith, Foster Friendships



Students from colleges and universities throughout the diocese participated in "A Day of Covenant Renewal." Here they renew their baptismal vows.

Photo by KATHY SCHMUGGE

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HICKORY — On Feb. 1, nearly 70 college students and campus ministers from Appalachian State University, Belmont Abbey College, Davidson College, N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University, UNC-Charlotte, Wake Forest University and Western Carolina University put their rivalries aside to discover their unity in Christ during "A Day of Covenant Renewal," a retreat sponsored by the Campus Ministry Office.

After the ice-breaker, which involved push-ups, leap frogs and songs, the students processed to the main hall of the Catholic Conference Center to renew their baptismal vows. Father Frank Cancro, pastor of St. Eugene Catholic Church in Asheville, who facilitated the retreat, next asked three pointed questions: "Who are you? What do you want? And why do you want it?" The retreat involved students developing their desire to seek answers to these questions throughout their life journey in faith.

With the parable of the prodigal son as the road map, Father Cancro led the students into three discussions about the main characters of the parable: the prodigal son, the older son and their loving father. In the summary session, the students reflected on their own stories in light of the parable.

"Be honest with yourself. Celebrate

the gifts God has given you and work to fill gaps caused by the 'prodigal moments' of your life," Father Cancro said.

"I have never been to a retreat where the focus was on just one Bible story. It allowed us more time to examine each character," said Karl Ulrich, who attends UNC-Charlotte.

To help students contemplate their names, Father Cancro called each participant by name and gave its meaning. "Kim," he whispered softly to one of the young ladies. "Your name means peaceful heart." As each student received the religious meaning of their name, they seemed to receive much more, as seen by the excitement and joy in their faces.

The day ended with a banquet like the one described at the end of the parable of the prodigal son. "We want to make the dinner very special, like a coming home. Since most of the students have to go through cafeteria lines, we decided to serve them at tables with candles and flowers," said Gloria Schweizer, campus minister for Western Carolina University, who helped organize the event.

The purpose of the day of renewal was to challenge students to reflect on their own lives and to help them establish fellowship with other Catholic college students in the diocese. From the warmth and friendship shared by the group, these goals were accomplished.

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## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
February 16-22



Sunday:	Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15
Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday:	Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19



## Pro-Life Corner



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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

### February 16

9:30 a.m.  
Mass  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

2:30 p.m.  
Rite of Election for  
Greensboro &  
Winston-Salem Vicariates  
Our Lady of Grace  
Church, Greensboro

### February 22

10 a.m.  
Board Meeting  
The Catholic News &  
Herald  
Catholic Conference  
Center, Hickory

### February 23

9:30 a.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Benedict the Moor  
Church, Winston-Salem

### February 25

6 p.m.  
Meeting with Catholic state  
legislators, Raleigh

### February 26

5:30 p.m.  
Mass & visit  
Catholic Student Center  
University of N.C. —  
Greensboro

### March 1

4 p.m.  
Respect Life meeting  
Catholic Conference  
Center, Hickory

### March 2

9 a.m.  
Day of Renewal for Knights  
and Dames of Malta &  
new candidates, Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Flu Forces Pope To Cancel Audience, But He Greet Pilgrims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A case of the flu forced Pope John Paul II to cancel his general audience on short notice Feb. 5, but he still made a brief appearance for the benefit of those who had assembled in St. Peter's Square.

In a statement released half an hour before the event, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said that the previous evening the pope suffered from a sore throat, which might have been caused by "an influenza syndrome."

Several Vatican officials had recently been struck by a flu virus that was also affecting many residents of Rome, among them Pope John Paul's personal secretary, Msgr. Stanislaw Dziwisz.

The news release noted that papal audiences planned for Feb. 6 with the Spanish prime minister and the foreign minister of Australia were postponed.

"The pope was advised to rest in bed several days," said the statement, which Navarro-Valls delivered by hand to journalists without additional comment.

Pope John Paul, however, was more direct.

"The flu has entered the house of the pope and has also reached me," he read from his balcony in a clear and steady voice to about 2,000 people below.

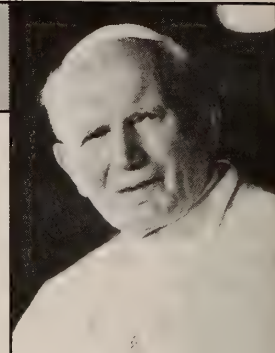
"The doctor advised me against going out and, especially, asked me to forgo the customary Wednesday

general audience," the pope said. "I must therefore limit myself to greeting you from the window of my study. I do this with great affection; I thank you for your presence and for your prayers, notwithstanding the rain."

The pontiff then dedicated a few minutes to discussing that day's commemoration of the Italian martyr St. Agatha, who is credited with refusing to renounce a vow of chastity under pressure from a Roman official. Despite torture, various forms of humiliation and the amputation of her breasts, St. Agatha became legendary for remaining true to her vow and her dedication to God.

Pointing out that the name Agatha means "good," the pope said, "I hope that everyone can be 'good,' that is, faithful witnesses to the love of the celestial father, who fills you with many gifts and who calls you to participate in his joy."

Pope John Paul said faith brings a profound peace that cannot be disturbed, even in the midst of difficulty. He then greeted the pilgrims of various lands in five languages and said he sent his "cordial thoughts to those who are sick, assuring to all a special recollection in (his) prayers."



## Guest Column

Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

### Reflections On The Second Sunday Of Lent: A Beloved Son

The three readings today are linked by the theme of a beloved son. In the first reading (Gen. 22:1-18), Abraham is asked to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. Paul alludes to this story in the second reading (Romans 8:31-34) when he writes that God is on our side because He did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all. And the Gospel story of the transfiguration (Mark 9:2-10) gives the Christian reader the instruction from on high, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him."

For the people of Israel, Abraham was the ideal believer. Just as Adam (the Hebrew word for "man") was the symbol of humanity, so Abraham was the symbol of all who trusted in God. Abraham was called to leave his home and to settle in a land that God would show him. He was to be the father of a great nation, but for a long time he and Sarah, his wife, were childless. Then their son Isaac, the reward of their faith, becomes the test of that same faith. Abraham is asked to surrender his only son, his only hope for the fulfillment of God's promises. In this story, his trust is rewarded by the sudden appearance of a vicarious animal victim, a God-given substitute.

The second reading is a commentary on the first. The story of Abraham being willing to sacrifice his only son struck the early Christians as a type and model of the sacrificial death of Jesus, who in their eyes was God's beloved Son. And so Paul writes, in rather legal terminology, that God is on our side because He did not spare His own Son. God the Judge has already pronounced sentence in our favor. We cannot be condemned because God's beloved Son, Christ Jesus, who died for us and was raised to glory by God, is at God's right hand interceding for us.

The Gospel story of the transfiguration, this year from the version in the earliest gospel, continues the theme of the beloved Son.

It is a story of revelation, addressed to the Christian reader, of who Jesus really is. The scene takes place on

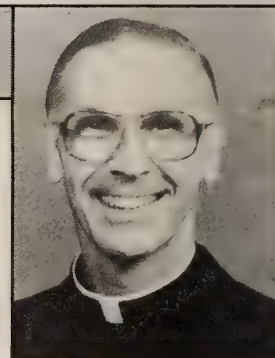
a mountain, the traditional place of God's revelation. It is described in stock apocalyptic imagery. It is placed just after the first prediction of the passion in the Gospel tradition to give the Christian reader a foretaste of the glory that is to come after Jesus' ignominious suffering and death.

Then Moses and Elijah are pictured appearing and speaking with Jesus. When Peter speaks up and says, "Rabbi, let us make three tents; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," this reflects an initial stage of Christian belief that Jesus was the equal of Moses, the first and greatest leader of Israel, and of Elijah, by legend the first and greatest of the prophets.

But then a cloud overshadowed them; just as a cloud (symbolic of the presence of God) led the Israelites in the desert after the Exodus; just as a cloud overshadowed the temple in Jerusalem to signify God's special presence there and overshadowed Mary as a sign that her child was God's beloved Son. When the chosen disciples looked up, the story goes, they saw no one, only Jesus. They came to realize that Jesus is not just the equal of Moses and Elijah, but that He completely surpasses them. In Him all the Law and the Prophets find their fulfillment.

All three readings today speak of sacrifice and death. Glory and life come only through suffering and death. During Lent we are invited to die symbolically to selfishness and sin, so that we can live more fully for God and for others. We are invited to be conformed to the suffering and death of Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, so that we can also become conformed to the glory of his risen life.

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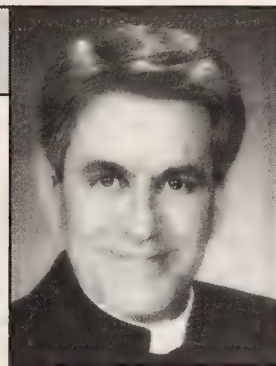
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### God And The Presidents

Presidents Day has come to be recognized more for sales and long weekend getaways than a patriotic celebration. But it's a good time to spend a little time with two great leaders who were outspoken in acknowledging their personal dependence on God. While many historians have described the political journeys of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, far fewer have looked at their public journey with the Lord. God presided over every critical decision made by these men of faith.

Not many citizens now realize how often Washington insisted that our freedom as a nation has its origin in God — and will endure only so long as this truth is cherished. As commander in chief of the colonial army, he told his troops: "Let us therefore rely on the goodness of the cause and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions."

Washington implemented the instructions of Congress that the men in his army

be provided with spiritual assistance by assigning chaplains to each regiment. "The blessings and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary, but especially so in times of public danger."

Taking the oath of office as first president of the United States on April 30, 1778, Washington spontaneously added this four word prayer of his own: "So help me God," an invocation still used in official oaths by those taking public office, in courts and in other legal proceedings.

And he spoke of our dependence on God in his inaugural address: "It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act, my fervent supplication to the Almighty Being who rules over the universe — who presides in the council of nations — and whose beneficial aids can supply every human defect."

Just as Washington's words blended spiritual and moral values into every aspect of American life, Abraham Lincoln repeatedly invoked God's presence in America's history. He coined one of his most memorable phrases when he de-

clared Americans "an almost chosen people" whose rise "held out a great promise to all." He hoped to be "a humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty."

During the Civil War's dark days, Lincoln depended on prayer, "When everyone seemed panic-stricken ... I went to my room ... and got on my knees before Almighty God and prayed.... Soon a sweet comfort crept into my soul that God Almighty had taken the whole business into His own hands."

Later he reminded both sides of the conflict that American slavery had been an "offense against God," and that the scars of "this terrible war" demanded compassion: "With malice toward none; with charity for all," North and South must "bind up the nation's wounds ... and to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

In truth, my friend, millions of Ameri-

cans, including presidents, have relied on their faith in God and for the moral knowledge that told them how to conduct their lives, including their political lives. The ability of religious faith to fire political imagination and conscience at the executive levels of government must not be underestimated or ridiculed.

As Stephen Carter observed in the *Culture of Disbelief*, "When pundits worry about the influence of religion on politics, they are worrying, as it were, against history." Indeed, history has already decided.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "The Power of the Citizen," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Pope's Comments On Evolution

**Q.** We hope you can clear up some confusion about what our Holy Father said recently about evolution.

We have read that, according to the pope, many recent scientific discoveries lead us to realize that "the theory of evolution is more than a hypothesis."

However, two recent newspaper columns claim that this is a mistranslation, composed by certain "secularists" and promoted by some American Catholics. The real translation, they claim, is the one in the Vatican newspaper.

To be honest, the translation they say is right doesn't make much sense. Can you help? Where could we obtain a copy of the pope's talk?

**A.** On Oct. 22 of last year, Pope John Paul II presented a message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences concerning

new scientific information on the theory of evolution and explained the Church's position about that theory.

As you are aware, the theory of evolution proposes that, through many eons, our human bodies evolved from pre-existing living beings into their present form.

I, too, have seen a number of writers who say much the same as the ones you read. They generally reflect a strong fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible, especially the Genesis stories of creation.

At any rate, the information they present is incomplete and often false. They obviously feel it is important to minimize what Pope John Paul said.

Shortly after the pope delivered his message, the English language edition of the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* quoted the Holy Father as saying that "new knowledge has led to the recognition of more than one hypothesis

in the theory of evolution."

A few days later the same newspaper's editor acknowledged its wrong translation and affirmed the correct translation.

Forgive my quoting French for a moment, but it will help answer your question properly. In his message the pope said the following: "... de nouvelles connaissances conduisent a reconnaître dans la theorie de l'evolution plus qu'une hypothese." The normal English translation of that sentence, and the correct one according to *L'Osservatore Romano*, is "(N)ew knowledge leads to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis."

The pope goes on to say that the convergence of results in scientific work, conducted independently, "is in itself a sig-

nificant argument in favor of this theory."

No one familiar with our pope and his respect and love for science and scholarship will be surprised by his words.

At very least, it proves, if proof were any longer needed, that the pope is not a fundamentalist when it comes to interpreting the Scriptures. He is open to every help qualified scholars can give us to delve more deeply into the truth. As he reminds us elsewhere in this message, "We know, in fact, that truth cannot contradict truth."

The text of this message is available from *Origins*, CNS Documentary Service, 3211 Fourth St. NE, Washington DC 20017-1100. Ask for the Dec. 5, 1996 issue.

## Spirituality for Today

Father John Catoir



### The Legacy Of Pope John Paul II

Tad Szulc (pronounced "Shultz"), in his biography titled "Pope John Paul II," was full of praise for his friend Karol Wojtyla, but he admitted cautiously that it was too early to determine how history will judge his papacy.

The Holy Father has defined himself as a restorative pope, but the word "restorative" has often puzzled me. Exactly what is it that he wants to restore? The need for restoration implies that the Church before 1960 was better and healthier.

Father Thomas Merton writing in 1958 had a slightly different view. He described the Church this way: "Stern, practical legalism. Man face to face with the demands of the divine will.... Harshness, aggressivity. Ascetical separation of 'body' (evil) and 'soul' (good).... Primacy of economics tacitly admitted. Dis-

trust of what is interior, distrust of joy, of happiness. Asceticism seen as self-discipline, dour, individualistic, puritanical."

Is the pope trying to go back to this model?

Father Merton admitted that his description was an oversimplification; nevertheless he was uncomfortable with the rigidity of the day.

St. Augustine's influence was still strong. Augustine said that God was our end, but in order to attain our end we needed to aim at perfection. To him that meant a single-minded pursuit of the things of the spirit, as opposed to the things of this world.

Augustine encouraged us to hold this world in contempt.

Thomas Merton turned to Scripture for enlightenment and found it in the words of Jesus, "Follow me." For him

Jesus was the way of perfection. "God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

Thankfully Vatican Council II swept aside the Augustinian pessimism and taught us to rejoice in the joys and hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of this world. Indeed, we were taught to embrace the world and strive to make it a more just and humane place to live.

When Pope John XXIII announced plans for the council in 1959, he was interested in reform, not restoration. Six years later many of the pastoral reforms he envisioned, as well as some he never dreamed of, were overwhelmingly approved by the council fathers.

The most significant reform had to

do with collegiality, the idea of shared authority between the bishops and the pope. Pope Paul VI gave his approval to this.

Whether true collegiality has been achieved is a matter of hot debate in the Church today. Many believe it has not. It was one of the main problems cited by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago before his death.

It is too early to tell how history will judge the papacy of Pope John Paul II. He has been a tireless champion of orthodoxy and social justice, and for that we are grateful. But the question remains: Has he implemented the spirit of Vatican II as fully as the council fathers expected?

Time will tell. Perhaps we will need a Vatican Council III to find the answer.



## Catholic High School Features Father, Son Teaching In Tandem



Glenn A. Young and Glenn A. Young share more than just their name. The father and son teach at St. Mary-Bundschu Memorial High School in Independence, Mo.

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By LORETTA SHEA KLINE

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (CNS) — A father and son who teach at St. Mary-Bundschu Memorial High School in Independence have more in common than their last name.

For one, they have the same first name.

When Glenn Anthony Young, 27, joined Glenn Allan Young, 49, on the faculty this school year, it created a slight problem: How do you distinguish "Mr. Young" from "Mr. Young"? The solution: the designations "Mr. Young the Elder" and "Mr. Young the Younger."

Both Youngs share other traits. Both were highly influenced by their Catholic educations, both tried other careers before teaching, and both have intense classroom styles driven by a belief that what they are doing makes a difference.

And both were inspired by men they admired.

The elder Young, who describes his youth as troubled, believes he probably would have ended up in prison if a teacher had not taken interest in him when he was 11 years old. He met the teacher in a summer youth program.

"My life and love of what I'm doing I patterned after a man that I loved — Jim Eskew," he told *The Catholic Key*, newspaper of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. "He took me under his wing, and straightened my life out."

Young attended St. Pius X High School, where Eskew was a teacher and coach. And when Young joined the St. Mary faculty 25 years ago, Eskew was his principal. In fact, it was Eskew who encouraged Young to become a teacher.

Young, who has a bachelor's degree in police science, did probation work for two years and grew dissatisfied dealing with hardened offenders. Eskew suggested teaching.

"I thought, why don't I try to work with kids and help steer their lives in a proper direction, rather than working with them after they had already committed a crime," Young said.

Eskew was Young's role model both professionally and personally. When Eskew died in 1990, Young felt as if he had lost a family member.

"I hope I can have a fraction of the impact he had on lives," said Young, who teaches geography and American government and also has a master's in sec-

ondary administration. "I know he is looking down on me, and keeps me going."

Young said he uses humor — "mounds of it" — to reach students, and enjoys keeping them guessing as to what he will do next. He added he continually tries to improve by reading, listening, thinking and making an effort to come up with new ideas.

"I don't consider myself a success," he said. "I'm working for success."

To the contrary, says Young's son. "I see him as being a real expert at what he does," he told *The Catholic Key*.

The first-year teacher said that having a chance to work with his dad means a lot to him. He sees it as the passing on of a tradition.

"I see how dedicated my dad is, and that comes out of Mr. Eskew's influence on him," Young said.

The younger Young attended nursing school for a year before deciding to major in English. After graduating from college, he spent four years with the Kansas City Health Department doing AIDS prevention education and working with people being treated for tuberculosis.

But he said his desire to become a teacher was born out of his love of the school environment and his passion for teaching religion. He is working toward a master's degree in theology by taking summer courses at the University of Notre Dame.

Young said he cannot help getting excited about the subject. "I hope they (students) do understand that it is something you can feel real passionate about in your life," he said.

"I learned so much being a student in a Catholic school myself," he added. "I don't think I appreciated it all the time. I look at my life now, and see so much of it as the result of what I learned in a Catholic school."

While a student at Archbishop O'Hara High School, Young tutored inner-city children, worked at a soup kitchen and volunteered for food drives, his father recalled.

"The neat thing about Glenn is that he has a very big heart, to help mankind in any way that he can," his father said.

"Seeing him every day, doing the thing he has the passion for, makes me extremely proud of the good individual he's grown to be."

## Vocations Update

Greetings and peace!  
The "good news" is that two men have recently responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to begin studies for the priesthood in the Diocese of Charlotte.

Charles Messler, a lifelong Catholic, is 48 years old. He has taught in Catholic schools and has most recently been involved in renovation and restoration projects as a general contractor. As a young man, Charles spent one year in seminary, left to complete college, married, was widowed, and again heard the call to the priesthood.

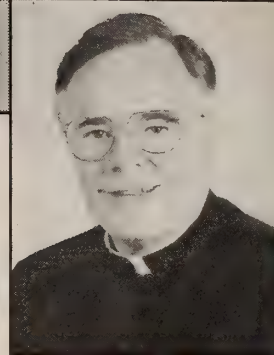
Charles is from Hibernia, N.J., and as of this month is studying at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He is currently enrolled in his first year of theology.

Stephen Doering, 25, attended Catholic schools in his hometown of Baton Rouge, La. He graduated from Elon College in Burlington, N.C. and worked for a year teaching and counseling troubled adolescent boys. Through his studying the history of the Roman Catholic Church and its significant place in civilization, he rediscovered his life's calling. With the devoted encouragement of a college professor, Steven made the decision to live his faith by way of the priesthood. He entered St. Vincent Seminary in

Latrobe, Penn., in January.

These men are an answer to your prayers and are presented here with the hope of inviting men — both the young and not-so-young — to consider being priests. Charles and Stephen have very different backgrounds and experiences. However, it is same Spirit that has prompted their response.

Please join me in inviting others to ponder being called to priesthood in the Diocese of Charlotte.



Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, is the director of vocations for the



Stephen Doering

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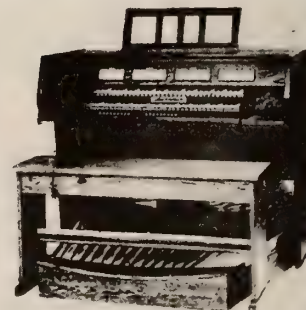
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## Jesús perdido y hallado en el Templo

CIUDAD EL VATICANO (VIS).— En la Audiencia General del 15 de enero en el Aula Pablo VI, el Santo Padre se centró en el relato evangélico de Jesús perdido y hallado en el Templo de Jerusalén, en el cual “Jesús revela con su fuerte personalidad, la conciencia de su misión”.

“A través de este episodio, Jesús -dijo Juan Pablo II- prepara a su madre al misterio de la Redención. María y José, en los tres días dramáticos en que el Hijo se separa de ellos para permanecer en el Templo, viven la anticipación del triduo de su pasión, muerte y resurrección”.

El hallazgo de Jesús al tercer día “constituye para sus padres el descubrimiento de otro aspecto relativo a su persona y a su misión”. Recordó la pregunta de María a Jesús: “¿Hijo, por qué nos has hecho esto?”. Y añadió que “se podría percibir aquí el eco de los ‘porqués’ de tantas madres frente a los sufrimientos que les acarrearán sus hijos, y también de los interrogantes que surgen en el corazón de todo hombre en los momentos de prueba”.

El Papa evocó la respuesta de Jesús a su Madre: “¿Por qué me buscabais? No sabías que yo debía estar en las cosas de Mi Padre? Con esta expresión, El, de un modo inesperado e imprevisto, descubre a María y a José el misterio de su Persona, invitándoles a superar las apariencias y abriéndoles perspectiva nuevas sobre su futuro”.

“María y José no perciben ni el contenido ni el modo de su respuesta, que parece tener la apariencia de un rechazo”. La Virgen, concluyó el Santo Padre, “conservando en su corazón un acontecimiento tan cargado de significado, alcanza una nueva dimensión de su cooperación a la salvación”.



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**El Papa bautiza una niña** — El Papa Juan Pablo II cuando bautizaba a la pequeña Mauri Carla Theresa de México en la Capilla Sistina el 12 de enero, fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. El Papa bautizó varios bebitos durante este servicio.

## María en la vida oculta de Jesús

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).—En la Audiencia General del 29 de enero en el Aula Pablo VI, el Papa habló de la Virgen en la vida oculta de Jesús, y señaló que “en la atmósfera digna y laboriosa de Nazaret, María se esforzaba en comprender la secuencia providencial de la misión del Hijo”.

Aunque “los Evangelios ofrecen pocas noticias sobre los años transcurridos por la Sagrada Familia en Nazaret (...) se puede deducir que el clima de serenidad y de paz presente en la casa de Nazaret y su orientación constante hacia el cumplimiento del designio divino, conferían a la unión entre la madre y el hijo una profundidad extraordinaria e irrepetible”.

“Las labores cotidianas sencillas y humildes asumían a sus ojos (de María) un valor singular, en cuanto a que Ella las vivía como un servicio a la misión de Cristo. El ejemplo de María ilumina y alienta la experiencia de tantas mujeres que desarrollan su trabajo cotidiano exclusivamente entre las paredes domésticas. Se trata de un empeño humilde, escondido, repetitivo y, con frecuencia, no suficientemente apreciado”.

Juan Pablo II añadió que la Virgen, en su labor doméstica, “vive la esperanza de un modo excelso; sabe que no se quedará decepcionada aunque no conozca los tiempos y los modos con que Dios realizará su promesa. En la oscuridad de la fe y ante la ausencia de signos extraordinarios que anuncien el inicio de la tarea mesiánica del Hijo, Ella aguarda, más allá de toda evidencia, esperando el cumplimiento de la promesa por parte de Dios”.

## El Papa concluye la semana de oración por la unidad de los cristianos

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).— A las 6:00 de la tarde del día 25 de enero, fiesta de la conversión de San Pablo y último día de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos, Juan Pablo II presidió una Misa en la Basílica romana de San Pablo Extramuros.

Esta celebración, señaló el Papa, “asume un significado ecuménico particular, gracias a la presencia de nuestro queridísimo hermano en Cristo, Católicos de la Grande Casa de Cilicia, Su Santidad Aram I, a quien saludo con afecto cordial y fraterno”.

En la homilía, el Papa habló de “el designio de salvación de Dios para todas las naciones. Se trata de un plan universal, se podría decir incluso ‘ecuménico’”. Agregó que “esta misión universal de salvación asume un fuerte relieve en el día en que la Iglesia recuerda la conversión de San Pablo”.

Antes de su conversión “el celoso fariseo Saúl estaba convencido de que el designio de salvación tenía que ver solamente con un único pueblo: Israel”. Persiguió a los discípulos de Cristo en Jerusalén y “desde Jerusalén se dirige hacia Damasco (...) (donde) es iluminado por la luz que viene de lo Alto. Cae a tierra y en aquel momento dramático Cristo le hace caer en la cuenta de su error”.

“Desde el momento en que Jesús resucitado se le reveló en Damasco hasta el testimonio supremo que dio aquí en Roma, Pablo fue un ferviente servidor de la comunión que debe existir entre los miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo”, dijo Juan Pablo II. Añadió que la inspiración que llevó a escoger la reconciliación como tema de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos de este año vino de “la actividad apostólica (de Pablo) a favor de la reconciliación y la comunión de los creyentes, luego de su conversión”.

## El cardenal sodano celebra una misa por la paz en Guatemala

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).— En la mañana del 16 de enero, en la Capilla Paulina del Vaticano, el Cardenal Secretario de Estado Angelo Sodano, en presencia de sacerdotes de Guatemala y de otros países, celebró una Misa de acción de gracias por el reciente acuerdo de paz firmado en Guatemala.

El Obispo Cipriano Calderón Polo, Vicepresidente de la Pontificia Comisión para América Latina, y otros prelados de la Secretaría de Estado, estaban entre los concelebrantes. Asistieron los Embajadores ante la Santa Sede de Guatemala, Honduras, Cuba, Argentina, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, México, Venezuela, Panamá, Brasil, Perú, Paraguay, Uruguay, Portugal, España, Eslovenia y Estados Unidos.

El Cardenal Sodano resaltó varios fragmentos de la carta que Juan Pablo II escribió al Presidente de Guatemala el 17 de diciembre de 1996, en la que señala que la nueva paz alcanzada “es ciertamente un don de Dios y fruto del diálogo” y “por tanto, es realmente un momento de gracia para el pueblo guatemalteco”.

También habló de la urgencia de paz en el mundo y de su fragilidad en muchos lugares y de la necesidad del perdón para “salir de situaciones marcadas por odios antiguos y violentos”.



## Mensaje del Padre

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

Filipenses 2, 6-11: "El, siendo de condición divina, no se apegó a su igualdad con Dios, sino que se redujo a nada, tomando la condición de servidor, y se hizo semejante a los hombres. Y encontrándose en la condición humana, se rebajó a sí mismo haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte, y muerte en una cruz. Por eso Dios lo engrandeció y le dio el Nombre que está sobre todo hombre, para que al Nombre de Jesús se doble toda rodilla en los cielos, en la tierra y entre los muertos, y toda lengua proclame que Cristo Jesús es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre".

Hermanos y hermanas, en la Cuaresma revivimos el camino de Jesús, el camino del Calvario. La carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses nos recuerda que ese camino empezó muchos años antes y duró toda la vida de Jesús. El camino de Jesús empezó con un rebajamiento divino. Se despojó de su condición divina, se inclinó hacia la humanidad tomando la condición de siervo. Es el misterio de la Encarnación, del Verbo hecho carne. Es el misterio de Dios humilde y oculto en la humanidad. Recordamos que nosotros seremos efectivos en nuestra misión de cristianos en la medida que nos mantenemos humildes y ocultos en el Señor.

Esto a veces es difícil para nosotros dada la realidad de lo que sufren los que nos rodean. Queremos ser defensores de la verdad, de la justicia; queremos denunciar toda opresión y violación de los derechos humanos. Nos es muy palpable cómo los pobres se inclinan bajo la opresión social, política, económica, cultural. Jesús también predicó una Buena Nueva a los pobres y la liberación a los cautivos. Pero la

predicó con un corazón manso y humilde, oculto en su Padre.

Hoy día es urgente el respeto a los derechos humanos, el anuncio de la justicia. Por eso mismo, es igual de urgente que compartamos la experiencia de Jesús, la experiencia de rebajamiento. Esta experiencia duró toda la vida de Jesús. Es un error pensar que la cruz de Jesús viene únicamente al final de su vida. El fue rechazado por su propio pueblo; los dirigentes de su pueblo lo perseguían; sus discípulos en muchas ocasiones no sabían de qué estaba hablando y peleaban entre sí sobre quién iba a ser el más grande, el más importante. Jesús llevó estas cruces toda su vida. El acepta pacientemente las limitaciones de los que trabajan y predicar con El.

Al empezar la Cuaresma, caminamos hacia el Calvario y la Resurrección junto con Jesús. Iniciamos este camino con un acto de rebajamiento. Nuestro camino no puede ser distinto que el camino recorrido por El. No existe otro camino: si queremos elevar a los pobres de Cristo, debemos compartir lo que El experimentó rebajándose. Debemos aceptar limitaciones similares. Debemos aprender a aceptar a las personas imperfectas; así somos todos. Vivimos y actuamos en una comunidad imperfecta. Por amor a la comunidad, hemos de abandonar preferencias personales y cuidarnos de todo lo que no nos deja inclinarnos hacia el pobre, como Cristo se inclinó a lavar los pies de sus discípulos.

Hermanos y hermanas, al iniciar este camino de la Cuaresma hacia la Pascua, hagámoslo humildes y ocultos en Cristo, recordando las palabras de San Pablo: "Se inclinó hacia el hombre tomando la condición de siervo".

## El Decálogo

**E**l término *Decálogo* significa: *Las 10 Palabras*. Nosotros las llamamos *Los 10 Mandamientos*.

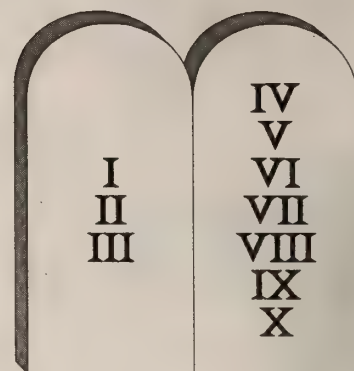
Por la Sagrada Escritura sabemos que expresa con fidelidad la voluntad divina acerca de la conducta de todos y cada uno de los seres humanos. Proclama la ley que Dios mismo manifestó a Moisés en el monte Sinaí (Ex. 20, 2-17 - Dt. 5, 6-21).

En la catequesis de la Iglesia la forma de conservar y explicar el *Decálogo* ha variado con el transcurso de los siglos. La forma más conocida y seguida en catecismos y textos morales nace con San Agustín, en el siglo V y la reproducimos aquí:

1. Adorarás al Señor tu Dios y el El sólo servirás.
2. No pronunciarás el nombre de Dios en vano.
3. Santificarás los días de fiesta.
4. Honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre.
5. No matarás.
6. No cometerás adulterio.
7. No robarás.
8. No mentirás.
9. No desearás la mujer de tu prójimo.
10. No codiciarás las cosas ajenas.

En el Antiguo Testamento, en el marco de la Antigua Alianza entre Dios y su pueblo Israel, el *Decálogo* ocupa un lugar prominente, ya que constituye el testimonio perenne de la misma Alianza (Ec. 25, 26 - Dt. 5, 2). Dios se revela a su pueblo, dándole a conocer su voluntad y su pueblo, al aceptarla y cumplirla, lo reconoce como Dios único, vivo y verdadero. La observancia del *Decálogo* es la preparación del pueblo de Israel para recibir de una forma conveniente y digna al futuro Mesías, a Jesucristo, el prometido Redentor de la humanidad.

En el Nuevo Testamento, además de preparación para recibir a Jesús, la



observancia del *Decálogo* es la base sobre la cual el Redentor construye en el hombre redimido el edificio de la gracia.

De hecho en la Nueva Alianza esta observancia está explícitamente confirmada (Mt. 5, 17) y los mismos consejos evangélicos la suponen (Mt. 19, 5-21). Por supuesto, para los discípulos del Señor el *Decálogo* debe ser interpretado y vivido desde la perspectiva de hijos e hijas de Dios: una observancia filial motivada por el amor, que es el mandamiento supremo que nos ha dejado el Señor.

En la próxima edición: el Primer Mandamiento.

Comentario al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica — Edición Española — Con permiso de los Padres de la Sociedad de San Pablo.

## Sepultado Cardenal Landázuri,, recordado como hombre de los pobres

LIMA, Perú (CNS) — El Cardenal Juan Landázuri Ricketts, ex- Arzobispo de Lima, fué sepultado el 19 de enero en la Catedral de Lima, cerca del altar de Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo.

El Cardenal, quien prestó servicios durante 35 años, más que cualquier otro Arzobispo de Lima, murió de cáncer el 16 de enero a la edad de 83 años.

El Cardenal Augusto Vargas Alzamora, de Lima, presidió la Misa de Funerales, que fué concelebrada por más de 50 obispos, incluyendo al Nuncio Papal, Monseñor Fortunato Baldelli, y más de 150 sacerdotes.

Entre los asistentes a la Misa estuvieron el Presidente del Perú, Alberto Fujimori, acompañado por miembros de su Gabinete; el presidente del Congreso peruano, Víctor Joy Way; el Alcalde Alberto Andrade, de Lima; y el presidente del Tribunal Supremo, Raúl Castillo.

Después de la Misa, millares de peruanos de Lima y otras ciudades alrededor del país rindieron homenaje al Cardenal Landázuri, mientras su cadáver pasaba en procesión a través de la plaza central de Lima. Batallones de todas las fuerzas armadas peruanas participaron en la procesión.

Aproximadamente 50 personas por minuto habían desfilado por la Catedral para presentar sus respetos al cardenal peruano durante una vigilia de tres días efectuada en dicha catedral.



**Familiares Esperan** — Familiares de rehenes retenidos dentro de la Embajada japonesa en Lima durante una vigilia que mantuvieron en las afueras del complejo. Rebeldes del grupo Tupac Amaru se apoderaron de la Embajada el pasado 17 de diciembre para obligar al gobierno a dejar en libertad a miembros del movimiento que se encuentran encarcelados.

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**Vargas y Cipriani** — El Cardenal de Lima, Augusto Alzamora Vargas (izquierda) con el Arzobispo Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne en las afueras de la residencia del Embajador japonés en Lima el 26 de enero, a los 41 días que los rebeldes se apoderaron de la residencia. Los dos eclesiásticos la visitaron para reenfocar el interés de la Iglesia Católica en resolver la crisis.

## Monseñor Cipriani se une a comisión para ayudar con crisis

LIMA, Perú (CNS) — Un Arzobispo peruano que ha desempeñado un papel principal en la crisis de los rehenes en la residencia del Embajador del Japón, fue nombrado como miembro de una comisión que procura dar fin a la situación pacíficamente.

“Monseñor Juan Louis Cipriani, Arzobispo de Ayacucho, ha sido llamado a participar en la Comisión de Garantes por los Obispos peruanos, con el asentimiento de la Santa Sede y con la esperanza de que pueda lograrse una solución rápidamente”, dijo el portavoz del Vaticano, Joaquín Navarro-Valls el 16 de enero en el Vaticano.

A través de varias visitas dentro de la residencia, el Arzobispo ha celebrado Misas, escuchado confesiones, ayudando a redactar comunicados y hasta negociado por la puesta en libertad de algunos rehenes.

Más de 20 miembros del Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru se apoderaron de la residencia durante la noche del 17 de diciembre,

durante una recepción a la que servía de anfitrión el Embajador del Japón, Morihisha Aoki.

Los rebeldes retuvieron a más de 500 comerciantes, embajadores y otras personas de alto rango como rehenes, y habían puesto en libertad a la mayoría de ellos para el 6 de enero. Los rebeldes tenían aún a 74 rehenes el 17 de enero.

La comisión fue propuesta por el Ministro de Educación, Domingo Palermo, representante del gobierno peruano en las negociaciones con los rebeldes.

El dirigente rebelde Néstor Cerpa Cartolini dijo que él aprobaba la creación de la comisión propuesta. También dijo que los rebeldes no ejecutarían a ninguno de los rehenes, pero dijo al gobierno que los rebeldes no consideraban que su rendición fuera un fin aceptable para la situación.

“El modo pacífico no es que salgamos deponiendo nuestras armas y rindiéndonos. Eso es imposible”, dijo Cerpa.

## Diócesis publica guía bilingüe de reflexión para el milenio

PHOENIX (CNS) — La Diócesis de Phoenix ha publicado una guía para todo el año en español e inglés, para ayudar a los católicos a prepararse para el nuevo milenio, reflexionando sobre las lecturas dominicales del Evangelio.

La guía de reflexión de 56 páginas, titulada “Jesús: La Puerta al Milenio”, fue publicada como suplemento especial del “Catholic Sun”, el periódico diocesano de Phoenix.

Para cada lectura del Evangelio desde el 8 de diciembre de 1996 hasta el 23 de noviembre de 1997, la guía destaca también una “cita de semilla” para reflexión y oración, y delinea los modos de compartir y vivir la Palabra.

“Oro porque esta oportunidad para el crecimiento espiritual les ayude a dar testimonio a otros que ‘Jesucristo: Ayer, Hoy y Para Siempre’, está en medio de nosotros” dijo Monseñor Thomas J. O’Brien, Obispo de Phoenix, en un mensaje publicado en la guía.

## Arzobispo insta a perdón cinco años después de terminar la guerra

SANSALVADOR (CNS) — Cinco años después del fin de la guerra civil de El Salvador, Monseñor Fernando Sáenz Lacalle, Arzobispo de San Salvador, pidió a todos los residentes que procuren la reconciliación a través del perdón.

“No es cuestión de olvidar lo que sucedió; antes bien, se trata de volverlo a examinar con nuevos pensamientos”, dijo Monseñor Sáenz a los feligreses en una Misa celebrada el 18 de enero.

La Misa fue celebrada en la Basílica de la Virgen de Guadalupe, en San Salvador, para señalar el quinto aniversario del acuerdo de paz auspiciado por las Naciones Unidas entre el gobierno y los rebeldes izquierdistas.

El Presidente Armando Calderón Sol, los ministros del gobierno y los dirigentes comerciales, así como el Nuncio Papal, Monseñor Manuel Monteiro de Castro, se hallaban entre los concurrentes a la Misa.

Los ex-guerrilleros, que ahora son un partido político, tuvieron un servicio religioso separado en otra parte de la ciudad.

Ochenta mil personas murieron, otras 9,000 desaparecieron y decenas de millares de salvadoreños huyeron de sus hogares durante los 12 años de combates.

A tenor de los acuerdos de paz, el ejército fue disminuido en gran medida en su tamaño y purgado de oficiales superiores acusados de abusos contra los derechos humanos.

Se estableció una nueva fuerza de policía civil y se pusieron en práctica reformas constitucionales. Los ex-rebeldes depusieron sus armas y formaron un partido político.

Una comisión internacional de veracidad, establecida al final de la guerra, recomendó entre otras medidas una campaña pública de reconciliación, así como indemnizaciones económicas para las víctimas de los abusos contra los derechos humanos.

En una carta del Papa Juan Pablo II, leída por el Nuncio durante la Misa del 18 de enero, el Papa daba gracias por las gestiones de los salvadoreños para consolidar el trámite de paz.

## La Compasión

El diccionario de la Real Academia define la compasión como “sentimiento de ternura y lástima que se tiene del trabajo, desgracia o mal que padece alguno”. Seguramente no suena bien en los oídos del lector la palabra lástima, pero el diccionario nos reconduce a la ternura desde el amor, pues define lástima como “enternecimiento y compasión que excitan los males de otros”.

Vemos, por tanto, que la compasión se exterioriza, se manifiesta como sentimiento de ternura, pero necesariamente arranca del amor, se nutre de él, pues sabemos que la ternura es siempre consecuencia del amor.

La compasión está al alcance de cualquiera. Ser compasivo es estar diligente, pronto y atento a revestirse de ternura y comprensión para con aquellas personas que se sienten amenazadas por la enfermedad, la pobreza y la desesperanza.

La toma de conciencia ha de iniciarse con un trato cordial y afable, expresado en el gesto benevolente; la amplia y sincera sonrisa y la palabra cálida y amable que despierten en el hermano que sufre los sentimientos de comunicación y amistad.

Practicas la compasión cuando acoges al que sufre y le das cálida y sincera hospitalidad en tu corazón con sumo tacto y delicadeza, y le aceptas de manera tan natural y espontáneamente que es imposible que se sienta humillado por tu acción.

Si miras detenidamente en tu derredor verás que son incontables las personas aisladas, solitarias, enfermas y pobres que desfallecen lentamente a pocos pasos de ti. Esboza una sonrisa, tiende cálida y firme tu mano, y ofrécete solícito como hermano y amigo, y proporcionarás consuelo y esperanza.

Al crear hábitos de hacer el bien a nuestro semejantes, nos conducimos seguros por la única senda que acorta todas las distancias hacia la auténtica felicidad. Como dice un proverbio hindú: “El bien que hicimos la víspera es el que nos traerá la felicidad por la mañana”.

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**Encuentro de líderes Nicaraguenses** — El nuevo presidente de Nicaragua Arnoldo Alemán saluda al Cardenal Miguel Obando Bravo en Managua el pasado 13 de enero. El presidente le hizo una visita de cortesía al Cardenal a los pocos días de haber tomado posesión como presidente. Alemán prometió que esta nación no volverá a la guerra del pasado.

## El padre Stanley Rother: el primer santo de Oklahoma?

**OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)**— Para los 1,600 residentes del pueblo agrícola de Okarche, cerca de Oklahoma City, hay una clase de estupefacción al pensar que uno de los suyos podría llegar a ser un santo.

Pero para aquéllos que le conocieron, son precisamente la sencillez y la devoción de Stanley Rother lo que llena sus corazones de orgullo natal.

Herido mortalmente en una masacre hace casi 16 años, el biznieto de un agricultor alemán inmigrante que ayudó a establecer el pueblo de Okarche, en el centro de Oklahoma, fué uno de 13 sacerdotes — y el primer sacerdote estadounidense — martirizado durante la guerra de guerrillas de 36 años en Guatemala, una tragedia que se estima causó 140,000 muertes.

El humilde sacerdote que se ha convertido en un modelo para los católicos de Oklahoma es una de las 78 personas cuyos nombres han sido presentados para la canonización al Vaticano en febrero último por los obispos de Guatemala.

De ser canonizado, el Padre Rother sería el primer santo nacido en Oklahoma y sólo el segundo — después de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton — nacido en los Estados Unidos.

“Es abrumador para mí, el pensar realmente en la magnitud de lo que estamos diciendo”, dijo la Hermana Marita Rother de la causa de su hermano para la beatificación. “Pero la verdad es que todos tenemos esa posibilidad — pero depende de cómo vivamos nuestra vida de un día en otro. Stanley vivió cada día lo mejor que él supo hacerlo”.

El día en que el Padre Rother murió, el 28 de julio de 1981, las tropas mataron también a 13 personas e hirieron a otras 24 en el pueblo de Santiago Atitlán, una villa aislada a 50 millas al suroeste de Ciudad Guatemala.

El cadáver del Padre Rother fué devuelto a su pueblo natal de Okarche, pero su padre, Franz, estuvo de acuerdo con que se sepultara el corazón y alguna sangre de su hijo en la iglesia de Santiago Atitlán, donde se levantó una placa conmemorativa.

“El amaba al pueblo”, dijo Frank Rother, de 85 años de edad, “y ellos lo amaban a él”.



**El Padre Rother** — En esta foto de archivo se muestra al Padre Stanley Francis Rother, con niños indígenas tzutuhiles, poco antes de su muerte en 1981. El fué el primer sacerdote estadounidense muerto durante la guerra de guerrilla de 36 años en Guatemala.

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# Mary Spinks, Benefactress Of Diocese, Dies At 83

HENDERSONVILLE — Mary R. Spinks was a firm believer in Catholic education. A lifelong supporter of Catholic schools, Spinks last fall donated \$130,000 to Immaculata School for a computer networking project. "I have always felt education is so very important, and I think more emphasis should be put on it," she said after making the gift.

The Immaculata School benefactress and member of Immaculate Conception Church died Dec. 23, 1996, in Hendersonville after a brief illness. She was 83.

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Spinks split her residency between Henderson County, N.C., and Florida for the last 14 years. She was the wife of Frank Spinks, who died in 1994.

Her commitment to Catholic schools will continue to serve the diocese for many years. In her will, Spinks created an endowment in the diocesan Foundation for Immaculata School. The \$300,000 gift will supplement existing scholarships, according to Luanne Ferguson, Spinks' attorney. "The endowment will also be available to minority students. Mrs. Spinks was a very strong believer in reaching out to multicultural needs," Ferguson said.

"Through her gift to the diocese, Mrs.

Spinks is leaving a legacy to Immaculata School so it can continue to grow and serve more students in the future," said Jim Kelley, director of development and executive director of the Roman Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Charlotte. "More and more of our parishioners are following her example by remembering the Church in their will and estate plans."

Sister of Holy Cross Judith McKenna, principal, said students and faculty plan to have a memorial Mass in Spinks' honor. "She was part of the Immaculata School family. We certainly will miss her. Because of her generosity and interest, we were able to complete what was outlined in a five-year plan in one year," Sister Judith said of the computer project. "Mrs. Spinks wanted to do something that would positively affect the future of our children."

Spinks is survived by a daughter, Maureen Schan of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one granddaughter, Bonnie Nixon; one grandson, William Nixon; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, John Nixon.

A funeral Mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Largo, Fla.

## Student Designs Logo For Church Anniversary

HIGH POINT — As part of the 12-month celebration of its 50th year, young parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church were asked to design an anniversary logo to be used on church banners and liturgical items. Nine-year-old Robert Bosken, a fourth-grader, submitted the winning entry and was awarded with a U.S. savings bond by Father Joseph Zuschmidt, pastor.

Robert is the son of Kathy and Donald Bosken of Thomasville.



## Refugee Office Receives Grant

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte's Refugee Office recently received notice of a \$10,000 challenge grant from the Kathleen Price Bryan Family Fund of Greensboro.

To receive the grant, the Refugee Office must raise an additional \$20,000 in new pledges from non-governmental sources by Jan. 1, 1998.

The grant will enable the Refugee Office to develop its Community and Family Strengthening Project for newly arrived refugees who have been resettled into the Charlotte region from around the world. This unique project is designed to enhance the refugees' orientation to the

U.S. by disseminating pertinent information and facilitating relationships between the refugees and the community, particularly area agencies such as the Police and Health Departments.

The Refugee Office is an agency of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte which empowers its refugee clients to become self-sufficient, self-reliant and productive members of society by providing quality services and a caring support system upon their arrival into the Charlotte area.

The Kathleen Price Bryan Family Fund supports North Carolina nonprofit initiatives in arts, youth, education, health, human services and public interest.

For more information, contact the Refugee Office at (704) 568-8806.

## Speedway President To Receive Award

BELMONT — Howard A. "Humpty" Wheeler Jr., president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway, will receive the Grace Award in ceremonies at Belmont Abbey College Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Commons.

The event, sponsored by the Belmont Abbey College Board of Advisors and the Belmont Abbey College Associates, will culminate in an after-dinner presentation of the award bearing the name of Charles L. Grace, president of Cummins Atlantic, Inc., in Charlotte and long-time

supporter of Belmont Abbey College. Grace serves on Belmont Abbey's Board of Trustees and is its past chairman.

The Grace Award is presented each year to an outstanding area businessperson and citizen whose contributions and commitments have significantly improved the quality of life throughout the region. Wheeler is the third recipient of the honor.

Wheeler, whose professional background includes stints as a writer, television producer, management consultant and boxing promoter, joined the Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1975. During his tenure the speedway has doubled its seating capacity to 120,000.

Among the numerous awards he has received over the years, Wheeler was honored with the Charles J. Maxwell Award, given by North Carolina to the most outstanding person in travel and tourism. He has been named National Head Injury Foundation's Man of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year by the Charlotte Athletic Club as well.

He has served on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, the N.C. Governor's Travel Commission, Catholic Social Services and the Charlotte Drug Council. He currently serves on the boards of the National Head Injury Foundation, Speedway Children's Charities, Belmont Abbey College and the N.C. Governor's Sports Commission.

Proceeds from the award ceremony will provide scholarship funds for the families of employees of the Belmont Abbey College Associates. For information on attending the event, call (704) 825-6890. Costs are \$85 per person, and \$625 for corporate tables seating eight.

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### Correction

Our Lady of Mercy School students Jackie Dalessio, Trey Ketcham, Jennifer Heruska and Katheryn Lyons were misidentified in a Catholic Schools Week story on page 3 in the Jan. 24 edition of *The Catholic News & Herald*.

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## People In The News

### U.S. Priest Heads International Youth Sports Exchange Program

By LUCIEN CHAUVIN

PROSPECT, Conn. (CNS) — On most Monday nights, Father Philip Cascia can be found in the church hall of St. Anthony's Parish in Prospect calling out bingo numbers.

If he's not on hand for the weekly bingo, Father Cascia can sometimes be found having dinner with Cuban President Fidel Castro in Havana or with Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet in Hanoi.

Since 1989, Father Cascia has added the role of global goodwill ambassador to his daily tasks as parish priest.

His personal relationships with international officials have helped open doors to the teams made up of U.S. high school students he takes to foreign countries.

As the head of Intersport, a nonprofit group that takes high school sports teams to countries that do not have the best of relations with the United States, Father Cascia has led

groups of young men and women to China, Cuba, South Africa, Vietnam and the former Soviet Union and its now-independent nations. He is currently working on a deal to bring a high school baseball team to North Korea.

The 40-something diocesan priest said he had the idea to organize Intersport in 1988 while teaching and coaching at a Catholic school in Waterbury, Conn.

The sports exchange involves mainly baseball and soccer teams, but Father Cascia has also taken U.S. high school volleyball teams and wrestlers to different countries.

The priest said the push to formally organize Intersport came from an unexpected source: former President Ronald Reagan.



CNS photo from Intersport

Father Philip Cascia (right), founder and director of Intersport, poses with martial arts action star Chuck Norris. Norris, a supporter of Father Cascia's nonprofit sports exchange program, shares a sporting interest with the priest, who is a fourth-degree black belt in freestyle jujitsu.

When the students returned from Moscow, Father Cascia received a call from the White House saying that Reagan wanted to meet them. The president wanted to know what the students thought about young people in the Soviet Union. Father Cascia said the president took him aside and told him the sports exchange was an excellent idea and that he wanted the priest to continue the effort.

"The program gives young people an opportunity to appreciate what we have here ... but at the same time see that our country is not the center of the universe. It is a chance to build understanding among young people in different countries," the priest said.

### Mother Teresa's Health Improved

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa's health has improved from what it was in late January, said her doctor.

"I have been visiting her. She is better now," Dr. Ashish Kumar said Feb. 2.

Mother Teresa, 86, had been suffering respiratory problems and spinal pain, and in late January the spiritual director of the Missionaries of Charity expressed doubt that she would live much longer.

The Missionaries of Charity postponed a scheduled Feb. 2 election of a superior general of their order during their chapter until the end of February. Church sources said the nuns' reluctance to elect a new leader while Mother Teresa is still alive was seen as a major hurdle in the run-up to the chapter, postponed from October because of Mother Teresa's ill health.

"They will hold discussions for about a month. Any time during that period they can make up their mind to choose a successor to Mother Teresa," Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta told reporters Feb. 2.

The archbishop announced in early January that, because of health problems, the 1979 Nobel peace laureate and founder of the Missionaries of Charity had decided to step down as the order's superior general.

In August and September, Mother Teresa was hospitalized for three weeks for cardiac problems, malaria and a lung infection.

She fell out of a chair and injured her head about a week after her release and was hospitalized for 10 days.


In November, Mother Teresa underwent angioplasty to remove blockages in two of her major coronary arteries.


She was released from the hospital and returned to the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse Dec. 19.

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## Junior And Senior High Youth Workshop Addresses Sexuality



Faith Formation Coordinator for the Central Region Peg Ruble (center) leads a group activity with teens during the sexuality workshop at St. Mary Church.

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

SYLVA — Cold winds and icy roads could not deter more than 70 junior and senior high youths from meeting at St. Mary Church in the foothills of the Smokies to add yet another chapter to the "Battle of the Sexes."

For two hours that morning, junior high students from St. Mary's, St. Joseph's in Bryson City, St. John's in Waynesville and St. Francis of Assisi in Franklin listened and responded as Peg Ruble, faith formation coordinator for the central region of the diocese, helped them explore their feelings about the opposite sex. The senior high group met in the evening.

Ruble previously addressed concerns at a meeting with 20 of their parents to explain the purpose of these sessions. She stressed the need for a healthy, holistic and Catholic approach to sexual issues which she insists must be situated in the wider context of human relationships.

Ruble reviews Church documents with parents, assuring them that the ideas she presents represent authentic Church teaching. The statement of the U.S. bishops, *Sexuality: A Perspective on Life-long Love and Learning* (United States Catholic Conference) and *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* are her chief resources, but she also draws from Scripture and documents like the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. "I make this an educational opportunity for parents, too," says Ruble.

The faith formation coordinator does not only review the documentation, but tries to show its appropriate usage with differing age groups. "I share insights

developed by Richard Richert in the *Insight into New Creation Series*, a parish education program in human sexuality published by Brown and ROA, which is one of the best written resources for educators," explains Ruble, who conducts an average of 15 such workshops each year.

Ruble says parental concerns usually focus on the mixed messages their children are receiving — the bold assertions of the culture vs. a perceived weakness of Church proclamations. She contends that the Church's message is already strong enough, but that parents must try to live it in their homes, and that parishes have an educational responsibility in this area. "Sexuality is an area often neglected by parishes because it is a countercultural topic that people still find scary and difficult to discuss," says Ruble, who has teens of her own. She describes her personality as one that lends itself to presenting such information factually, but in a loving way. "The topic is a hard one to broach with people. In order to do so you have to know what true love looks like," she says without flinching.

For their part, the teens participating in the session seemed energized by the opportunity to exchange views openly. They engaged each other and their adult leaders in group exercises designed to elicit their convictions about masculinity and femininity.

The challenge of being male and female, created in the image and likeness of God, but conditioned by the values of an exploitative culture, surfaced repeatedly. For the youngsters convened at St. Mary's, this was a challenge charged with peril and promise alike.

## Church Minister Of Music Directs Schola Cantorum

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

WINSTON-SALEM — It was a match made in heaven: Dr. Marc Innes, an accomplished opera singer, musician, and director, and Schola Cantorum Carolinanae Borealis, a group of singers from area churches, performing together traditional Catholic music.

When Dr. Innes, Minister of Sacred Music and Liturgy at Holy Family Church in Clemmons, was asked to direct Schola Cantorum Carolinanae Borealis (Latin for "Northern Carolina School of Plain Songs or Chants"), he couldn't resist the challenge even though he was currently directing six other choirs. "I agreed to be the music director provided the group perform once a month at Holy Family," he recalled.

Part of their mission statement reads to "reacquaint congregations with the rich tradition of music in the Roman Catholic Church." Schola, in existence for only 11 months, is achieving this goal through performances at parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte at celebrations such as Father Thomas Walsh's retirement Mass and Christmas midnight Mass at Holy Family; the 75th anniversary of Holy Angels Church in Mt. Airy; the Feast of St. Francis Mass at St. Francis Church in Mocksville; and monthly Masses at St. Phillip Church in Statesville.

"It's wonderful to be able to preserve the traditional celebration of the Mass," said Enid Hageman, a member of the school whose love for the chants inspired her conversion to Catholicism years ago.

The repertoire of the group consists of more than 60 selections ranging from Gregorian chants such as "Ave Maria" (chant) to "Adoramus te, Christe" and from "The Seven Last Words of Christ" and Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus." The Gregorian chants, however, stand out as the hallmark of the group.

Inspired during the period c.370-c.600, the Gregorian chants were named after Pope Gregory I, who was instrumental in their early preservation. Often done without accompaniment, the chants have stylistic difference, described as plain, severe, jubilant, or ornate. The text, sung in Latin, relies heavily on the Psalms and illustrates a strong influence by Jewish tradition and liturgy.

"These sacred hymns have survived the test of time, and the Latin text as suggested in Vatican II continues to provide the necessary bridge for all cultures," said Dr. William Chimiak, parishioner at St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem and bass singer for Schola.

In the tradition of the first School of Singers in Rome, Dr. Innes provides not only musical direction, but ensures deeper interpretation of the music through instruction on sacred liturgy and history. Besides extensive European studies, he obtained seven degrees in the U.S., including a Doctorate of Musical Art from Julliard School of Music, Master of Music from Northwestern University and a Master in Sacred Music at the Eastman School of Music.

Through Schola, Dr. Innes and his 16-member school are educating congregations who may have forgotten or who have never been exposed to this timeless and harmonic prayer form. Members also see the music as a way to bring dignity, reverence and beauty to the Mass. St. Augustine goes even further to say, "Music, that is the science or the sense of proper modulation, is likewise given by God's generosity to mortals ... to lead them to higher things."



Dr. Marc Innes directs the traditional selection "Panis Angelicus," at Midnight Mass at Holy Family Church. For information about joining the school or if you would like to invite Schola to sing at your parish contact Dr. Marc Innes, (910) 766-8133 or visit their web site, <http://www.wfu.edu/~ebrokea99/schola/schola.html>.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Lenten Enrichment Services

CHARLOTTE — The St. Thomas Aquinas Church Lenten enrichment program follows Stations of the Cross at 8 p.m. Fridays during Lent. Speakers include the Rev. Dave Carl, pastoral care director of Carolinas Medical Center, who will discuss forgiveness on Feb. 14; and Capuchin Father John Aurilia, who will present his experiences as secretary for Padre Pio, Capuchin stigmatist, on Feb. 21. Sessions last about 30 minutes, and baby-sitting is provided.

### Operation Rice Bowl Begins

Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl Lenten program combines prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving. Proceeds benefit the poor. To participate, contact your parish or call (800) 222-0025.

### Catholic Daughters Welcome New Members

LENOIR — The local chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America is eager to welcome new members. For details, call Gail Stewart, (704) 726-0701.

### AIDS Resource, Care Team Groups Meet

WINSTON-SALEM — The AIDS Task Force Care Team training is Feb. 21 from 6-9 p.m. and Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Parkway Presbyterian Church. Training focuses on supporting the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

For information, call Sisters of St. Joseph Sister Angela Case, (910) 722-7001.

NEWTON — The Cornerstone resource group, which assists parishes in establishing AIDS/HIV ministries, meets March 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. For details, call (910) 725-7321.

### Lenten Adoration

CHARLOTTE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction is at St. Matthew Church during Lent following the 9 a.m. Friday Mass and lasting until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass.

### Parish Missions

MONROE — The Feb. 16-19 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mission, "The Call to Holiness," directed by Patrician Father James W. Jackson, focuses on scriptural, musical and personal illustrations of holiness. The mission begins at Mass Feb. 16 and proceeds Feb. 17-19 at 7 p.m. For details, call (704) 289-2773.

CHARLOTTE — The St. Matthew Parish Mission, directed by Capuchin Father Vincent Fortunato and Brother Kellen Mears, is Feb. 23-27.

### Fashion Show and Card Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Theresa Guild's Fashion Show (by the Ragpicker Shop) and Card Party is March 11 from 7-10:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church. Tickets are \$6. Play cards or bring your favorite board game. Refreshments, door prizes and an art print raffle are included.

For reservations and tickets, call Joyce Anderson, (910) 765-5384, or Jenny Pателя, (910) 765-3487.

### Charismatic Mass Celebrated

HIGH POINT — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday each month in the Maryfield Nursing Home Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

### Interfaith Conference on Aging

CHARLOTTE — The annual Interfaith Conference on Aging is March 12 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church. The program, "Search for Meaning in Later Life: Views from Various Religious/Cultural Traditions," will focus on nine faith perspectives. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Make checks payable to Centralina Council of Governments and mail to Centralina Council of Governments, Attn.: Gayla Woody, P.O. Box 35008, Charlotte, NC 28235. Deadline is March 1.

### Holy Angels Bowl-a-Thon

BELMONT — The Holy Angels annual "Angel-Bowl" fund-raiser is March 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Major League Lanes in Gastonia. For pledging information and other details, call Sandi Rankin, (704) 825-0435.

### Knights' Fish Fry

CHARLOTTE — The Knights of Columbus Charlotte Council #770 Lenten Fish Fry is Feb. 21 from 3:30-8:30 p.m. at the council hall, 220 East Kingston Ave. Cost is \$5 per plate. For more information, call Joe Hunt, (704) 399-6611, or call the hall on Feb. 21, (704) 332-3077.

### Respect Life Family Retreat

HICKORY — The Charlotte Diocese Respect Life Office sponsored family retreat, "God's Plan for Love and Life," directed by Barbara McGuigan, California's education director for Human Life International, is Feb. 28 and March 1 at St. Aloysius Church. The Feb. 28 adult session is 7-9 p.m., followed by a reception. The March 1 youth session is 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., followed by Mass. Cost for the youth session is \$5, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 20. To register, send checks, payable to the Respect Life Office, to 1524 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28207, Attn.: Maggi Nadol. For information, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

### Newman Lecture Scheduled

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Jesuit Father Richard McCormick, a theology faculty member of Notre Dame University, leads the 1997 Newman Lecture at the Oratory March 1 beginning at 10 a.m. Discussions include dissent in the Church and physician-assisted suicide. For information, call Sarah Morgan, (803) 327-6450, or write to the Oratory, Center for Spirituality, Box 11568, Rock Hill, SC 29731.

### Knights Host Tournament

CHARLOTTE — The Knights of Columbus Council #770 free-throw tournament for 10-14 year olds is Feb. 16 at

5 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Winners participate in the district championship following the tournament. For information, call Chuck Malinowski, (704) 544-1927.

### Mass Time Changes

REIDSVILLE — The new time for Spanish Mass at Holy Infant Church is 1 p.m. on Sundays.

### Health Ministry Fair

CHARLOTTE — The St. Gabriel Church Health Ministry health fair is March 8-9 in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses. Booths will display physical, spiritual, mental and social health information. A children's activity takes place at the 9 a.m. Mass March 9. For information, call (704) 847-7014.

### Religious Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church adult education series continues Feb. 18 with "Holy Smoke!," a discussion on the faith lives of parishioners, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the activity center. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

### BMHS Sponsors Blood Drive

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School's Student Council annual Red Cross Blood Drive is March 24 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the gym. To schedule an appointment, call Linda Kennedy, (910) 725-4247.

### Franciscan Family Meetings

GREENSBORO — The Franciscan Family of Greensboro hosts informational meetings Feb. 16 and March 2 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Franciscan Center on 233 N. Greene St. For more information for new members, call Georgette Schraeder, (910) 454-3479 or Frank Massey, (910) 299-5038.

### Pax Christi Chairperson Visits

MINT HILL — Mary Carter Warren, national chairperson of Pax Christi, USA, offers two discussions on peace Feb. 16 at St. Luke Church. "Be a Peacemaker — The Time is Now ... and I Am Here" is from 1-4 p.m., and "Fighting Fair — Peacemaking in the Family" is 6-8 p.m.

### Cursillo Closings Scheduled

CHARLOTTE — The Cursillo men's Closing is 5 p.m. on Feb. 16 at St. Matthew Church. The women's Closing is 5 p.m. on April 6 at St. Matthew Church. All Cursillistas are invited.

### Life In The Spirit Seminar

CHARLOTTE — The Life in the Spirit seminar, aimed at reaching a deeper knowledge of the Holy Spirit in our lives, is at St. John Neumann Church from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12. For information, call Joe Tittl, (704) 846-4649 at home or (704) 391-9537 at work.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Gospel According to the Media" is a Feb. 28-March 2 retreat focusing on bringing others to Christ through the media di-

rected by Gail Hunt Violette and Loretta Wnetrzak. Cost is \$90.

"In the Silence; In the Resurrection" is a March 23-30 retreat directed by Glenmary Father Jack McNearney focusing on Holy Week. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Seniors' Spring Pilgrimage

CHARLOTTE — The seniors of St. Gabriel and St. Matthew parishes have scheduled an April 8-10 pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. Cost is \$160, and includes transportation, four meals and lodging. For reservations and information, call Lou Scharff, (704) 541-6855, by Feb. 17.

### BMHS Senior Receives Honors

WINSTON-SALEM — Judges in the state competition for the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award unanimously chose Bishop McGuinness High School senior Allan Huebner as the 1996-97 recipient.

As the NCSDAR Good Citizen, he will receive a \$1,250 scholarship, which he intends to use while majoring in computer science at Notre Dame University's School of Engineering.

In addition to receiving the Good Citizen Award, Huebner has been designated as a Notre Dame Scholar in recognition of his academic achievements and personal qualities. He has also been awarded a four-year ROTC scholarship from the U.S. Navy which will cover tuition and book costs.

Huebner is the son of Stephen and Diane Huebner of Winston-Salem.

### CCHS Faculty Members, Student Honored for Service

CHARLOTTE — As part of its celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Charlotte Catholic High School recently honored Anthony DiDonato, head of the Social Studies department, and Kathryn Claiborne, head of the Media Center, for 25 years of service on the school's faculty. The surprise tribute took place during a special Mass Jan. 29.

In other CCHS news, Nicholas Souders, a senior, has been selected as one of North Carolina's top high school volunteers in the 1997 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, an annual nationwide program recognizing young people for outstanding self-initiated community service. Named a Distinguished Finalist, Souders will receive a bronze medallion for his volunteering to help raise money to provide medical care for a Bosnian child refugee in the Charlotte area.

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## World And National News Briefs

### New Jersey Inmate's Release To Have Abortion Prompts Debate

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (CNS) — The release of a Somerset County Jail inmate to have an abortion and the appointment of an attorney to represent the interests of the unborn child have touched off a debate in New Jersey. But the fate of the unborn child of 33-year-old Sonya Jackson remained uncertain Feb. 5, four days after Superior Court Judge Leonard Arnold released her from jail, citing Jackson's "absolute right to terminate this pregnancy." "This court is not a legislature, this court is not a political arena, this court is bound by the law," Arnold said in announcing his decision. However, he left standing his earlier appointment of lawyer Richard F. Collier Jr., president of the Legal Center for the Defense of Life in Morristown, as the unborn child's legal representation.

### Geneticist Resigns After Admitting Embryo Experiments

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dr. Mark Hughes, a geneticist at a Catholic-run medical center in Washington who had admitted in January to performing tests on human embryos, has resigned voluntarily. Hughes was the director of the Institute for Molecular and Human Genetics at Georgetown University Medical Center, where he also was a professor. The resignation, dated Jan. 24, was announced Feb. 3. According to Georgetown spokeswoman Clare Fiore, the Jesuit-run university did not ask Hughes to resign because he told university officials the work was an isolated incident and not research that involved

ongoing experimentation. "He apparently wanted to focus on that type of research, which he cannot do here because of our restrictions," Fiore said. "He is no longer an employee of the university."

### Religious Leaders Urge New Approach To Welfare Overhaul

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (CNS) — In an unprecedented show of unity, Missouri religious leaders have asked that principles of justice and compassion be applied to a retooling of their state's welfare system. The heads of Missouri's four Catholic dioceses were among the 47 religious leaders who signed the statement on welfare. "We can only work for welfare reform that strengthens families, encourages productive work and projects vulnerable children," the statement said.

### Bishops Denounce Ruling For Man's Right To Assisted Suicide

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — The Florida Catholic Conference has denounced a ruling by a state judge that a dying man has the constitutional right to have his doctor help him die. Judge S. Joseph Davis Jr. of the Palm Beach Circuit Court, ruled Jan. 31 that Charles E. Hall is legally entitled to have his physician, Dr. Cecil McIver, provide him with a lethal dosage of drugs so he can commit suicide, thereby ending his suffering from AIDS. Davis' order included an exemption from prosecution for McIver and anyone else present at or assisting in Hall's suicide. And it attempted to limit the scope of the ruling to only Hall's specific case.

### Vatican Confirms One-Day Papal Visit To Sarajevo In April

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican confirmed that Pope John Paul II will make a one-day trip to Sarajevo in April to promote reconciliation and religious harmony in the wake of several years of war.

The pope will travel to the Bosnian capital April 13 at the invitation of the Bosnian government and Cardinal Vinko Puljic of Sarajevo, a Vatican statement said.

It said the pope had two main objectives in making the visit: to encourage the Catholic community in Bosnia-Herzegovina to carry on its "active Christian witness in every part of the country," and to promote understanding and cooperation with the members of all religions.

The Vatican provided no details of the papal program, but one main event was expected to be an outdoor Mass for the approximately 500,000 Catholics of the Sarajevo area.



CNS photo from Reuters  
The papal nuncio for Bosnia, Archbishop Francesco Monterisi (left), and Cardinal Vinko Puljic of Sarajevo announce the visit of Pope John Paul II to the Bosnian capital.

### Philippine Bishops Call For Calm Following Murder Of Bishop

COTABATO CITY, Philippines (CNS) — Philippine bishops called for calm after Oblate Bishop Benjamin de Jesus of Jolo was killed Feb. 4 outside the cathedral in his southern Philippine apostolic vicariate. Archbishop Fernando Capalla of Davao, who heads the Philippine bishops' Commission on Interreligious Dialogue, warned against "rushing to make connections between Bishop de Jesus' murder and Abu Sayyaf or other Muslim extremist groups. It is hard to make any conclusions right now. It is the responsibility of the church to make strong pronouncements against the deed, but to offer forgiveness in spite of it. That's what our Christian faith means."

### Ecuadoran Church Urges Economic Reform

QUITO, Ecuador (CNS) — The majority of Ecuadorans favor the resignation of President Adbala Bucaram, according to a poll published Feb. 3 in the capital, Quito. According to a poll conducted by the firm Cedatos, 57 percent of those interviewed called for the president's immediate removal from office. Another 41 percent said Bucaram should remain in office, but only if he makes important changes in his policies. The president of Ecuador's bishops' conference, Bishop Jose Mario Ruiz Navas, said in January that the Bucaram government is "making the rich richer and those most in need even poorer."

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## Parish Profile

**BISCOE** — When Our Lady of the Americas Church was founded in 1989, a multicultural outreach to the ever-growing Hispanic community in the Charlotte Diocese was further strengthened.

Bishop John F. Donoghue, along with Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father Gerard R. Clarke, established the first Catholic Church in Montgomery County. Among the local population were thousands of Hispanics, whose rich cultural and religious heritage is reflected and lived in Our Lady of the Americas Church. Father Clarke, who had previously served as chaplain at the Hispanic Center in Charlotte, was designated administrator. He remains in Biscoe today.

Bishop Donoghue dedicated and blessed the sanctuary in February 1990. Two Masses in Spanish were originally scheduled, along with one in English. Since then, growth in the congregation prompted the addition of a Saturday vigil Mass as well.

In an effort to promote Hispanic cultural and religious identification, Our Lady of the Americas Church is adorned with symbols: an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe — "la Morenita" — and a large candle with many colored bands representing the flag colors of Hispanic peoples. Outside, cacti surround the church's mission bell and mission cross.

For Hispanics and Americans, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is significant in that she was specified patroness of Latin America in 1910 by St. Pius

X and patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII in 1945.

The emphasis on community is strong in the parish, with ethnic lines disappearing into a co-operative effort involving Hispanic and American parishioners alike. American parishioners, of which there are about 100, work side-by-side with their Hispanic brothers and sisters to maintain the church's vigor, both physically and spiritually. Parish volunteers renovated the church building's interior in 1992, for instance, and a group of retired parishioners maintains the church grounds and assumes the responsibility of church repairs.

The educational mission within Our Lady of the Americas Church is shared by volunteers through an active CCD program taught in English and Spanish. Hispanic parishioners learn English as a second language at the church as well.

More than 2,000 immigrants have come to the area since the church's founding; now, the Hispanic population totals about 5,000 people. Father Clarke, who holds a doctorate in Spanish Literature and taught Spanish in high school and college for 32 years, serves as shepherd to a family of more than 400 people who gather to celebrate the universality of their Catholic faith. He notes that the American parishioners have served as a bridge to the Hispanic community through volunteering services, talents and financial resources in spiritual, educational, and social activities.

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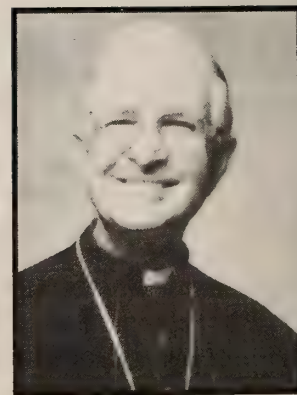
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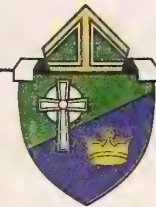
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## Called To Conversion

**GREENSBORO** — Bishop William G. Curlin presided at the Rite of Election and the Call to Continued Conversion for the Greensboro and Winston-Salem vicariates Feb. 16.

During the ceremony at Our Lady of Grace Church, 35 catechumens and 75 candidates were presented by Father James O'Neill, OSFS, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church and vicar for the Greensboro vicariate.

A catechumen is a person who has been found ready by the community of faith to take part in the next celebration of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, Eucharist) at the Easter vigil. A candidate has been baptized in another Christian tradition and is preparing for reception into full communion of the Roman Catholic Church, or is a Catholic who is preparing to complete their reception of the sacraments of initiation (confirmation, and/or Eucharist).

"The conversion you will be living isn't a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It's a day-to-day journey," Bishop Curlin said. "I thank God for your presence here and the work of the Spirit which is bringing you into the fullness of our sacramental life in Christ, especially the Eucharist."

## Diocese of Charlotte Explores Options For Triad Catholic Schools

Plans for triad Catholic Schools in the next millennium were endorsed February 11, 1997 by pastors and principals (of the triad region) and presented to Bishop William G. Curlin for consideration.

The proposal includes plans for construction of a more regionally located state-of-the-art high school, and the creation of a middle school on the same site as a relocated Bishop McGuinness High School.

A middle school would create classroom space in existing elementary-level schools to allow for anticipated growth in the triad area.

In a Feb. 13 letter to triad area Catholics, the Reverend Mauricio West,

Vicar General and Chancellor, said, "Each of these elements or directions is designed to provide the best option in accommodating needed expansion in relation to triad Catholic schools. Bishop Curlin will convene another meeting of the participants within the coming months to initiate a review of a number of pastoral, educational and financial issues related to this expansion project."

Currently, the triad area is served by five elementary (K-8) schools: Our Lady of Grace, St. Pius X in Greensboro; Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo in Winston-Salem; and Immaculate Heart of Mary in High Point. Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem, (9-12) is the only high school serving the region.

## Church Officials Consider How To Counter Muslim-Christian Violence

By JOHN THAVIS

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Across Asia, the Middle East and Africa, recent episodes of violence between Muslims and Christians have worried church officials and left them wondering how to best counter the trend.

The victims have ranged from a slain bishop in the Philippines to poor Christian families in Uganda. So far in 1997, Muslim-Christian conflicts have also erupted in Pakistan, Egypt and Indonesia.

But while deploring the violence, Vatican experts have been careful not to characterize it as a "religious war."

Bishop Michael L. Fitzgerald, secretary of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, cautioned that each episode has local causes that must be taken into consideration.

"I wouldn't see this as a reflection of a crisis in Christian-Muslim relations. It is obviously discouraging, but it underlines even more the need for talking together," he said Feb. 16.

Father Felix Machado, who heads the Asian desk at the Vatican council, said the real problem was the growing politicization of religions.

"I don't think Islam and Christianity, as religions, are in conflict. But there is more exploitation of religious differences for political gain, with one group being placed against the other," he said.

The result, he said, is frequently a "majority-minority syndrome" in which tensions can easily flare up into violence.

Vatican diplomatic officials were attentively studying the political and religious aspects of several events:

— In Jolo, a Muslim-dominated area of the Philippines, Bishop Benjamin de Jesus was shot to death outside his cathedral in early February, and authorities detained two suspects linked to an extremist Muslim group.

— In Indonesia, several hundred people were killed in Borneo in January as indigenous Dayaks, who are Christians, attacked the homes and shops of Muslim immigrants.

Later, thousands of Muslims ransacked the churches, banks and shops of a Christian neighborhood outside the Indonesian capital of Jakarta. Muslim-

Christian riots in other parts of the country left several dead and scores of buildings burned.

— In Pakistan's Punjab region in early February, after decades of peaceful relations, local Muslims rioted against Christians, destroying 12 churches and burning hundreds of books used by seminarians and students. Some 800 Christian families were left homeless in the violence, which one priest said was abetted by local civil authorities.

— In northern Uganda, Muslim guerrilla groups reportedly conducted three raids on Catholic missions in late January, vandalizing church structures and stealing equipment and money.

— In Egypt, Muslim militants stormed a church charity meeting in early February and shot to death nine Coptic Christians. It was the worst violence inside a church in recent Egyptian history.

Vatican officials said Bishop de Jesus' murder in the Philippines underscored the increased risk Catholic leaders are facing in some predominantly Muslim areas. In places like Algeria, bishops and priests have been specifically targeted by Muslim extremists.

But as Bishop Fitzgerald pointed out, Bishop de Jesus' funeral was attended by hundreds of Muslims from the area, and the slaying was quickly followed by encounters between the local bishops and Muslim representatives.

"This is significant. There are signs that religious leaders are coming together," Bishop Fitzgerald said.

Others questioned whether the religious aspect of the Philippines killing may have been overplayed and noted that authorities now think a family grudge played a part in the crime.

Jesuit Father Thomas Michel, a Muslim expert who knew Bishop de Jesus well, said the biggest single factor in the attack may have been the easy access to guns in the Philippines. That's a worrisome development in other parts of the world, too, he said.

"The trend that I find is not so much of Muslim-Christian violence, but a trend of availability of weapons, which in itself induces people to acts of greater vio-

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# Task Force Addressing African-American Concerns

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

CHARLOTTE — As a result of a formal position statement issued by the Diocese of Charlotte's African-American Affairs Ministry expressing concern over the relative absence of African-Americans throughout the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Systems (MACS), members of the ministry and school officials have formed a task force to address issues raised.

The task force, which includes members of the African-American Affairs Ministry's board of advisors, MACS schools principals, board members and administrators, and two Charlotte area priests, has met several times since November.

"There is still the perception that MACS does not welcome African-American students, and that school officials don't seem to be bothered by the small number of African-American students and faculty. They also do not seem concerned about the decline of the African-American student population," said Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd, vicar for African-American Affairs. There are only three African-American teachers on the MACS faculty, he added.

Currently 69 of the 3,631 students enrolled — or 1.9 percent of the MACS student population — are African-American. That figure is down from 79 students during the 1995-96 school year, according to Dr. Charles LeBlanc, MACS regional superintendent.

"It's obvious we do not have the percentage of African-Americans we'd like to," the MACS superintendent said. "Every person who wants the opportunity for a Catholic education should have it."

"It's important that Catholic education be available to those people who wish to make use of its services, regardless of gender or nationality. We need to look at the human issue, not the color issue," he added.

The task force has formed five subcommittees to address areas of concern raised by the African-American Affairs Ministry. They include: *employment* — to look at ways to increase the number of African-American teachers and administrators; *enrollment* — to explore ways to increase the African-American student population; *curriculum* — to include African-American tradition, history and culture in curriculum; *cultural awareness* — to ensure faculty and student body are knowledgeable to the culture and needs of African-Americans; and *economic equality* — to ensure that neither social nor economic inequalities are allowed to deny equal opportunity for admission to MACS schools.

"Historically, Catholic schools have been a great evangelizer in the African-American community," Rev. Mr. Todd noted.

Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent of diocesan schools and a member of the employment subcommittee, said MACS officials have begun actively recruiting

more African-American faculty members. The superintendent visited Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A & T University last week. "We will also take part in a private school minority job fair and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's minority job fair in March," he added.

To better understand African-American perceptions of the MACS system, the task force is planning to distribute a survey to all black parishioners in the 11 churches that compose the Charlotte vicariate. The group hopes to have parishioners complete the questionnaire after Mass in the next few weeks.

"The survey is designed to find out why African-American (Catholics) are not putting children in the Catholic Schools system," Rev. Mr. Todd said.

Pat Murphy, principal at Our Lady of Assumption School, feels the task force is a positive step to creating better Catholic schools for the future. "It's important that we continue to talk to and understand each other, our cultural likenesses and differences, people to people."

"We need to work together, share our giftedness with each other, and be responsive to one another," she added. "I see this as a very beneficial thing to all in the schools and community."

During the process, the schools' Catholic identity must stay at the forefront, Dr. LeBlanc noted. "We've got to keep priorities in mind," he said. "Catholic modeling should take priority to all modeling."

The task force will meet again in March to tabulate the results of the survey, and to finalize what subcommittee recommendations will be implemented. Schools that make up the MACS system include: All Saints, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Ann, St. Gabriel, and St. Patrick (all elementary schools); Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School; and Charlotte Catholic High School.

## Cure of a Demoniac



"In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!' Jesus rebuked him and said, 'Quiet! Come out of him!' The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him." (Mark 1:23-26)



# Campus Ministry Provides Home Away From Home

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — Helping college students grow spiritually, academically and culturally is a task not taken lightly by Alberta Hairston.

The Catholic campus minister for North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and Bennett College since August 1994 says she has seen Catholic students "go underground" with their faith during college for a variety of reasons. That's why she considers campus ministry a most valuable resource.

"Campus ministry is very important for college students, especially in an area where the faith is in a minority," she says. Throughout the Diocese of Charlotte, the ministry receives funding from the annual Diocesan Support Appeal. At North Carolina A & T and Bennett — schools with all or nearly all African-descended student populations — Hairston has seen Catholics face challenges to their faith and, at times, their lifestyles.

"Primarily, our Catholic students are coming out of northern and eastern areas where they're accustomed to large, urban, predominantly black Catholic churches," she says. "Here, they find themselves in a minority both in their churches as well as among other Christians on the campuses. We try to offer students a safe, comfortable place to be who they are — to be black and be Catholic — in addition to giving them a place to call home."

In addition to the sense of family the students share with Hairston, whom they affectionately call "Mama H.," the ministry provides educational resources which teach and reinforce a variety of Church tenets. "We have a whole wall of books that have to do with faith and religion," the campus minister says, "as well as books that discuss Islam, Buddhism and the Protestant movement. If there are questions, I try to teach and make available to them the answers."

While Hairston notes that the group is largely self-managed, she hopes to provide a sense of direction in many aspects of college life. "I encourage them to govern themselves because that's part of the educational process," she adds. "I try to supplement their classroom learning by encouraging them to take leadership roles, to do hands-on things that ultimately are going to help them regardless of their major."

The group gathers for informal discussions on matters of faith, morality, sexuality and justice, she says, and every month they come together for Mass with Father Frank Connolly, pastor of St. Pius X parish in Greensboro. Hairston sees a steady influx of students come into Thea House, the Catholic student center, where a television room, kitchen, study areas and other amenities are frequented daily. Funds from the DSA allowed Hairston to purchase a much-needed computer recently as well.

The students also look for ways to offer outreach to the local community. By participating in events which celebrate African contributions to Catholicism and American society, for instance, the students combine faith with culture.

Hairston says such a form of outreach not only can enrich the community as a whole, but the students become active at their schools, in their cities and in their churches, "doing those things that will help them be participants in a parish setting, rather than just sitting in the pews."

She adds that almost half of the students involved in Catholic campus ministry at Bennett and A & T are not Catholic. "They're learning a lot about being Catholic, and they're having their questions (about the faith) answered," Hairston says. "They're learning Catholicism in an informal way by getting a feel for the Church and its form of worship."

For Alberta Hairston, campus ministry goes far beyond the walls of Thea House, located just across the A & T campus entrance. Seeing the ministry as an evangelical, educational and cultural outreach, she says it can provide much-needed strength to young Catholics during a potentially turbulent period of formation.

"Today, to say you're Christian and proud of it is often just not the popular attitude," she says. "So it becomes important that the Church presents itself to students in a friendly, approachable manner. Through campus ministry, they can see faith in action."

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
February 23-March 1



Sunday:	Genesis 22:1-2 9a:10-13, 15-18 Romans 8: 31b-34 Mark 9:2-10
Monday:	Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31
Friday:	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



## Pope Encourages 'Mutual Trust' Between Teachers And Teen-agers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Curriculum revisions and new teaching methods will not improve education unless teachers are able to create an atmosphere of love and respect in their classrooms, Pope John Paul II said.

"One often sees in teen-agers today contradictory attitudes which are a sign of confusion in the search for a fully satisfying self-realization," the pope said in a Feb. 18 message to middle school teachers.

The process of education must help them overcome their confusion and that cannot occur unless each student feels respected and trusted, the pope told the Union of Italian Catholic Middle School Teachers.

As Catholic educators, he said, the teachers must be committed to ensuring their professional relationship with their students is "lived in a spirit of love. This requires the offering of mutual trust and a commitment to collaboration between teacher and student."

Whatever confusion teen-agers today seem to be experiencing, "one needs

to look upon youths with trust; one must dialogue with them using open and direct language," he said.

But no matter how easy talking may be for some teachers, the pope said, their words will have little impact if they are not backed up by attitudes and a lifestyle proving the teacher's maturity and Christian faith.

Some 400 representatives of the teachers' association were holding their national meeting in Rome in late February. The pope sent a written message rather than meeting with the group because he was on his annual Lenten retreat.

"The Christian knows well that the future of the world is not only awaited, but is planned for and built with the positive elements of the present," the pope said.

As the Italian government, like many others, debates a reform of the country's education system, Pope John Paul asked the teachers to be "courageously open to innovations" and active participants in the design of new programs.

## Pope Says Sinfulness Will Not Lead God To Destroy World

By JOHN THAVIS

ROME (CNS) — Although people continue to commit sins, we should not fear the world's destruction as divine retribution, Pope John Paul II said.

The pope made the remarks during a visit Feb. 16 to a Rome parish, his last major official function before beginning a weeklong Lenten retreat.

Appearing fully recovered from a bout with the flu earlier in the month, the 76-year-old pontiff said Mass and spoke at length to groups of parishioners at a church on the southern outskirts of Rome.

His sermon recalled the biblical account of Noah and the great flood, prompted by the sinfulness of the people of that era. Yet the Bible makes it clear that God promised he would not send another flood to devastate the earth, he said.

"Through the ages of history, people have continued to commit sins, perhaps even greater than those committed before the great flood," the pope said.

"But from the words of God's covenant with Noah, we understand that no sin can lead God to annihilate the world which he created," he said.

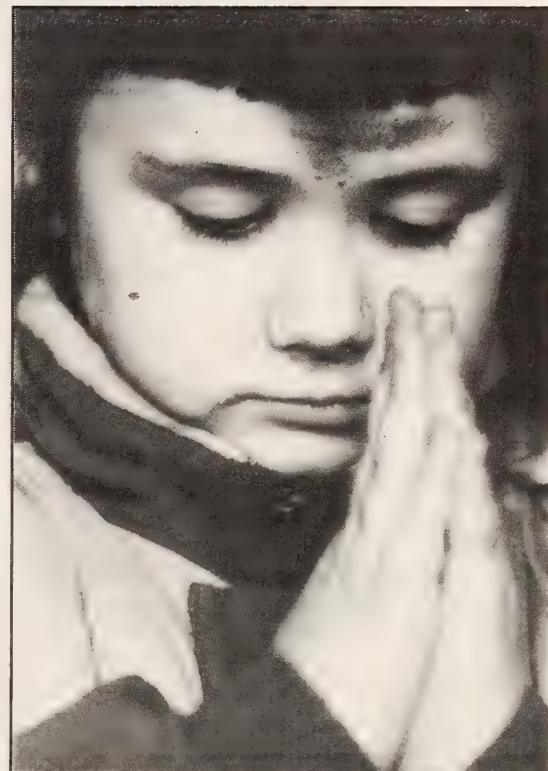
The pope said this new vision of the world underscores the value the created world has in God's eyes and his commitment to protect it from destruction.

Speaking later from his apartment window above St. Peter's Square, the pope endorsed the traditional Church approach to Lent — with prayer, fasting and charity.

He said prayer can take many forms, in a community or as an interior dialogue with God. Fasting should ultimately aim to make hearts more open to God, he said.

Charity, the pope said, should be more than an occasional gesture. It should become an attitude of welcome and sharing with others.

"It's enough to open one's eyes to discover the great many people around us who are suffering materially or spiritually," he said.



CNS photo by Michael Okoniewski

Five-year-old Danielle Hoosock leaves St. Daniel Church in Lyncourt, N.Y., after receiving ashes Feb. 12. The penitential season of Lent began in Latin-rite churches worldwide with the mark of the cross on Ash Wednesday.

## Violent Trend Worries Church Officials,

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lence. I think we're really missing the point when we attribute this to religious causes, although that may be the pretext," he said.

Ethnic or economic factors are often key to such violence, church officials said. The attacks in Borneo, for example, essentially involved a clash of two Indonesian cultures over territory. The armed forays in Uganda occurred in an area long tormented by ethnic-based roving militias.

In Pakistan, however, at least one clearly religious factor was cited: the ease of invoking religious blasphemy laws, which have been adopted over church objections. The rioting in Punjab was sparked by an accusation that Christians had desecrated the Koran, the Islamic holy book.

As for the ongoing Christian-Muslim dialogue, church officials said they

were convinced it was doing some good.

Father Michel pointed to the southern Philippines, where he said Christians and Muslims have worked hard in recent years to prevent a recurrence of widespread conflict that marked the 1970s. There and elsewhere, it's hard to guess what would have been happening if there had been no dialogue, he said.

Father Michel, who dealt with Muslim issues for the Vatican from 1988 to 1994, said he thought the whole concept of the church's dialogue with Muslims was evolving in a more realistic way.

"Previously, I think we had this unexamined idea of dialogue that fit in with a historical optimism, that things were going to continue to get better," he said.

"Now, I think we understand that dialogue has got to be carried on in the worst of situations, at all times," he said.

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The Catholic News & Herald  
Catholic Conference Center  
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**February 23**  
9:30 a.m.

Confirmation  
St. Benedict the Moor Church  
Winston-Salem

**February 25**  
6 p.m.

Meeting with Catholic State Legislators  
Raleigh

**February 26**  
5:30 p.m.

Mass & visit  
Catholic Student Center  
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Greensboro

**March 2**  
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Observance Of Lent Means Following God's Will, Says Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Feb. 12.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, Ash Wednesday, the Church begins her Lenten journey of prayer, penance and renewal in response to Christ's call to conversion: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:14). During Lent we fix our eyes on the cross of Christ and ponder its message of salvation and hope. The Lenten season is a time for growth in holiness through meditation on God's word and the discipline of personal and common prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are encouraged to show our conversion by practical solidarity with those in need. This year, as the church prepares to celebrate the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Lent calls us in a special way to deepen our love of Jesus Christ, the incarnate son of God and the savior of humanity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may all Christians grow in faith during this holy season and bear ever more joyful witness to the crucified and risen Lord.

### Pope Asks Rome Clergy To Keep Churches Open As Much As Possible

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II asked the clergy of Rome to keep their churches open as much as possible in order to meet the busy schedules of their faithful.

Priests, he said Feb. 13, must make a greater effort "to meet the needs, schedules and desires of our people, who often work very tiring hours and who need

to find priests ready to listen and able to give a word of faith, encouragement and consolation."

At his annual meeting with the pastors and leading clergy of the Diocese of Rome, which he heads, the pope focused his attention on efforts to strengthen the Catholic identity of Rome and its citizens in preparation for the year 2000.

The program, which includes the training and commissioning of some 12,000 lay missionaries committed to home visits and distributing copies of the Gospel, will not succeed without the guidance of holy priests, the pope said.

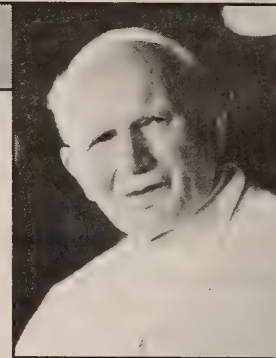
"We are ministers of reconciliation and, therefore, we carry out an essential part of our mission through ministry in the confessional," he said.

"But we cannot do so with sincerity and effectiveness if we ourselves do not first turn constantly to the mercy of God, assiduously confessing our sins and imploring the grace of conversion," the pope told the priests.

Priests do not own the Word of God, nor the sacraments, nor the parish churches, he said.

"The priest receives from Christ the goods of salvation on behalf of each (of the) faithful and of the entire people of God," he said.

Priests must preach the Gospel in fidelity with Church teaching "without ever confusing it or substituting it with our own words or views," he added.



## Guest Column

Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

### Reflections On The Third Sunday Of Lent: Spirit And Life

The first reading (Exodus 20:1-17) contains the Ten Commandments from the Sinai covenant. The ancient Israelites modeled this covenant on contemporary political suzerainty treaties — First came the identification of the overlord, "I am Yahweh your God." This was followed by a historical prologue reciting benefits conferred, "who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." Then follow the stipulations or laws to be obeyed.

The Ten Commandments fall into two groups of five listed in descending order of importance. The first is literally, "Do not prefer any other god to me." The Hebrews were not yet monotheists; but for them there would be only one God, Yahweh, whom they would serve. The second is originally, "Do not make any graven image of me" (in later versions, it is reworded to refer to idols). It reflects an insight that Yahweh could not be adequately represented by any statue; the only true "image" of God was man and woman in their complementarity.

The third commandment, "Do not use my name," meant that one should never pronounce the personal name of Israel's God (adonai, LORD, is substituted in worship). This also served to keep people from using His name in curses and blessings and thus seeming to manipulate Him. The fourth, "Keep the sabbath," enjoins a weekly day of rest. The fifth is to "Honor your parents," those who stand in the place of God.

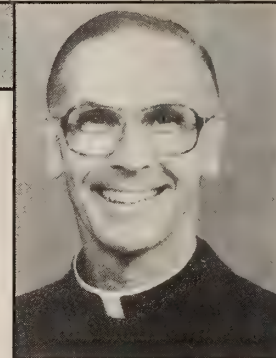
The sixth commandment, "Do not murder," reflects the worst thing one could do to a fellow member of the community. The seventh, "Do not commit adultery," has more to do with life than sex. At this time, life after death was thought of only as survival in the name and person of one's children, and this gave the man the right to know who his children were. The eighth commandment really means "Do not kidnap," the next

worse thing you could do to another was to sell him into slavery. The ninth, "Do not commit perjury," is rather minimalistic: when you are called to testify, then you must tell the truth. The tenth states, "Do not covet (desire and take) your neighbor's house (property)," spelled out as "wife, manservant, maidservant, ox, and ass."

These Ten Commandments have often been called the highest moral code of antiquity. In the rather primitive terms of 3,000 years ago, they expressed loyalty to their God by promising not to prefer other gods to Him, to practice justice toward their fellow countrymen, and to exact vengeance upon their enemies. Early Christians saw in the teachings of Jesus an invitation to interiorize these laws and concepts: Love your enemies, forgive one another, don't even be angry with another.

In some respects, we have come a long way in our religious insight since biblical times, especially in our acknowledgment of the dignity of the individual human person, in our concepts of freedom and religious liberty, and in our abhorrence for slavery and racism. In some other areas, we seem not to have made as much progress. But our challenge is to keep growing. Our call as Christians is to follow Jesus along His way, not literally by living as He did in first-century Palestine, but by becoming more and more imbued with His Spirit and by thinking and acting in accord with it in the realities of this day and age.

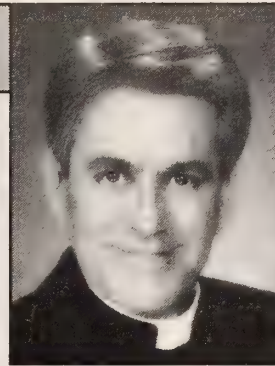
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Keeping Promises, Taking Responsibility

Whitney Lee could not decide what she wanted to be. A doctor, maybe. Other days, she thought a country singer. Of course it really looked like fun to ride on the back of a garbage truck. But Whitney was only four and had plenty of time to decide.

But she didn't. On Super Bowl Sunday, 1995, Whitney Lee died. She was killed when a 17-year-old drunk driver smashed into the car her mother, Ann Lee, was driving.

Time stopped only for Whitney. Mrs. Lee also has a three-year-old son who needs her. And there is something else she must do. A promise she made to her daughter while the child lay in a coma for two days: "You will not die in vain. I will not let anybody forget you, or how you died."

So she leaves her Gulfport, Miss., home to tell her story. She lobbied her state legislature for tougher drunk driving laws. She has spoken out on television. Mostly, though, Ann Lee talks to

young people, showing them pictures of her child, dead and alive. She begs them not to drink and drive.

One day the driver, no longer so young, will also speak on the same subject. That won't be until he finishes a 20-year prison term for driving under the influence and causing the death of Whitney Lee. The judge's sentence includes five years of probation. During that time he will have to address youth groups on the "effects of his decision" to drink and drive.

The judge included one other requirement with the consent of the Lees. He levied a \$520 fine. Every week for the next 10 years the convicted driver must write a check for \$1 and send it to the Lee family. And it must include the notation "for the death of your daughter, Whitney."

It's been said that you can't legislate morality. That's true — up to a point. Taking responsibility for our actions is integral to being people of conscience. This young man may not need a sentence to make him remember his actions and their

consequences, but insisting on reflection, however brief, is just and merciful.

Guilt is a terrible burden. Yet one is worse. When you have hurt someone, whether intentionally or as the result of bad judgment, you must feel shame. Mark Twain said that a human is "the only animal that blushes. Or needs to." People may boast about not playing by the rules — or the Commandments. But it is a matter of simple responsibility to admit when something is your fault.

Once you acknowledge to yourself what you have done wrong, the next step is confession to God and God's people. Contrition calls for accountability. You need to act, to make amends, to do everything possible to right the wrong. Some matters are so serious, there can be no complete restitution. Whitney Lee will never grow up. Still, you need to ask forgiveness. It may not be granted. That's something that you have to live

with.

What about the person who was wronged? Why should someone forgive? Does the guilty one deserve it? "Forgiving means to parson the unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all," said G.K. Chesterton. I know that to

God no one is unpardonable.

Ann Lee never wants anyone to forget her daughter and that includes the young man responsible for her death. But forgiveness she has already offered him.

"Blessed be the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Turning the Other Cheek

Q. In a column some time ago, you spoke of the Gospel passage about "turning the other cheek" (Mt. 5:39).

My nephew asked me about this recently, and I could not give a satisfactory answer. He didn't say why he asked, but I think his children and family take unfair advantage of his generous nature.

What does this commandment of Jesus really mean? If someone hurts us must we keep on letting them? Shouldn't we ever, as we used to say, "give them some of their own back"?

A. The verse you quote contains one of the many remarks of Jesus that seem to contradict experience and common sense. I think at least two considerations are vitally important here.

First, Jesus is acknowledging and warning us against the danger that if we resist evil the wrong way, we become the evil we are fighting.

Part of evil's insidiousness is that it conquers us, can only conquer us, not by its own strength but by enticing us to imitate the violence against life, the destructiveness, which is the very essence of evil.

It is no coincidence that shortly after the words you quote (Mt. 5:39) Jesus commands us to become perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, who makes the sun and rain fall on the good and the bad.

If we are to be holy as the Father is holy, our Lord insists, then we too must treat people, even the "worst," with kindness and compassion. If we don't, we become like them.

In other words, in our response to evil of whatever kind we are never detached observers or actors. We are deeply involved personally.

If our reaction becomes (as we are so often tempted), "I can be just as mean as you are," that is precisely what will

happen. We become as evil as the evil we claim to reject.

To say it in traditional terms of temptation by the devil, he almost never tempts us directly to evil; our hearts and wills are too much attracted to what is good for that to happen. So he seduces us to think we are doing the good by responding to evil and lies with our own version of lies and of disrespect for life and truth, and he has us hooked. It's what happened to Adam and Eve. It's what happens in every sin.

This theme is central, of course, in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) and is repeated throughout the Gospels, nowhere so clearly as at the cross.

The Gospel writers tell us that when all their animosity on Calvary was played out, the enemies of Jesus seemed mysteriously to realize the cosmic event that

was taking place before them. All the evil and violence they stood for was being conquered by the infinite, perfect good hanging on the cross.

So they played their last card. "Let him come down from the cross now and we will believe" (Mt.

27:42). Show us that your raw power is greater than ours, and we will accept you. Interestingly, this challenge was considered so important to the crucifixion event that both Matthew and Mark repeat it twice.

Of course Jesus refused, and by His death and resurrection proved, we believe, that His and the Father's kind of loving, life-giving and life-respecting power would prevail in the end.

As St. Paul sees it, the maxim "Do

See Dietzen, page 13

## Letters

### Little Flower Was Not The First

There was an error in a recent edition of *The Catholic News & Herald* concerning the Church of the Little Flower in Revere, N.C. It was actually the third Catholic Church in Madison County, not the first.

The following is from the record of Jesuit Father Andrew V. Graves:

1886—St. John's Catholic Church in Hot Springs, N.C., was a mission of St. Lawrence Church in Asheville.

1905—Mrs. Bessie Safford, being the only Catholic in Hot Springs, feared vandalism to the church. She wrote Bishop Haid, requesting his permission to tear down the church and build a chapel next to her home. She was granted

permission on the condition that her gates would never be closed to the public. The chapel was built of local stone and attached to the northwest corner of her house on the west side. She used the altar, organ, and pews from St. John's. She bought stained glassed windows from France. The chapel was named "Our Lady of Loretto."

1931—Jesuit Father Lawrence Toups was appointed pastor at Revere. Since there wasn't a church there, he offered Mass at people's homes, and sometimes under big pine trees. He frequently spent the night in his sleeping bag.

About this time in 1930 or early 1931, a gift of \$1,000 was given to him to build a church there. It was named "The

Church of the Little Flower."

Hazel Moore

### Is There More Than One Brand Of Catholicism?

Permit me to seek clarification regarding a statement in *The Catholic News & Herald* some weeks ago.

Mr. Scott Hahn, a convert to Catholicism, was referred to as a "zealous and balanced communicator of contemporary orthodox Catholicism."

It leads one to wonder if this suggests there's a brand of Catholicism out there that is not orthodox? If so, it'd be neighborly of someone to identify the alternative species. I feel there are many in the Diocese of Charlotte that would

find this matter of great interest.

The Rev. Edgar Holden,  
O.F.M. Conv.





## Pro-life Speaker To Visit Hickory Parish

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HICKORY — The year 1997 is already booked for Barbara McGuigan, California's education director for Human Life International. Fortunately, St. Aloysius Church is among her stops as



Barbara McGuigan

she presents a two-part retreat, "God's Plan for Love and Life," Feb. 28 and March 1 sponsored by the Charlotte Diocese Respect Life Office.

After lectures at Georgetown University and Loyola College-Baltimore, a Catholic high school retreat in Pennsylvania and taping a youth program for television, McGuigan, twice nominated a Catholic Woman of the Year, will come to Hickory. "We are fortunate to have someone of her caliber come to the diocese," said Maggi Nadol, diocesan Respect Life Coordinator.

Even after 20 years of ministering to youth and their families, McGuigan still marvels at how the ministry has blossomed. Starting with a pro-life talk to a confirmation class and their sponsors in California, she now speaks to thousands each year, not including radio and television appearances.

"I remember that first talk and the apprehension I had after saying 'yes' to the confirmation director. The more I studied abortion, the more depressed I became and the more I felt I was not the one to give this talk," McGuigan recalled.

God had a different idea. The success of that presentation launched many other speaking engagements. Today she is in great demand, traveling as far as Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Ireland and New Zealand with her message of God's love and mercy.

"For the first few years, I concentrated my talks on abortion and the victims of abortion. But I realized that if I wanted to make a difference I needed to get at the root of the problem: abused sex," said McGuigan. Thus was born one of her retreats, "God's Plan for Love and Life," which included not only talks on the sanctity of life but the proper use of God's gift of sexuality.

When questioned about her success, she gives the credit first to God, then to her parents and the Church. She added that her parents had prepared her for this ministry, "They took the time to answer all my 'whys?' I encourage parents to inspire their children with the truth so they can go on to inspire others."

Since abstinence is not a popular topic in a culture which preaches the opposite, McGuigan is often the "David" against "Goliath." But somehow, through her genuine love of youth, her message is making a difference.

For more information or to register, call Maggi Nadol, (704) 331-1720.

## Missionaries Of Charity Superior General To Be Elected By Feb. 25

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Missionaries of Charity sources in Calcutta say a superior general for the religious order will be selected "definitely on or before Feb. 25."

They told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, that the elections will be held when the 123 electors at the order's ongoing chapter are ready.

The congregation's constitution allows for up to four scrutinies, or ballots, and there are no set time limits, so an election date cannot be set exactly.

Mother Teresa, who founded the order in 1950 and has led it since, is now 86 years old and ailing, and she is not expected to be re-elected. She was elected unanimously in all seven previous chapter elections since 1961.

The current chapter, being held at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse in Calcutta, was postponed from October due to Mother Teresa's heart problems, which required her to undergo her third angioplasty in five years in November.

The chapter convened following a mandatory eight-day retreat held Jan. 16-23, but the election process scheduled to begin Feb. 2 was postponed.

Missionaries of Charity sources earlier said the sisters' reluctance to elect a successor to Mother Teresa while she is ailing was proving to be a major hurdle.

The motherhouse is closed to outsiders during the chapter. The electors and nuns involved said they are sworn to secrecy concerning chapter proceedings and added that Mother Teresa is well.

The Missionaries of Charity constitution stipulates that the superior general, called "mother" by congregation members, be elected by secret ballot with an absolute majority of votes.

If three scrutinies fail to produce an absolute majority, a fourth will take place, with only the leading two members from the previous ballot eligible for votes.

Should a tie happen in the fourth ballot, the elder of the two sisters is considered elected and cannot refuse her election unless the chapter allows it.

Six councilors general are also elected through secret ballot to help manage the affairs of the congregation.

According to the constitution, the superior general must be at least 40 years old and have been in final vows for at least 10 years. She may be re-elected for a second but not a third term.

The successive elections of Mother Teresa as superior general were exceptions to the constitution and were made with permission from the Vatican.

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## Guest Commentary

### The Subtle Mysteries Of Ordinary Time

By FATHER PATRICK DALY

During Ordinary Time, the thoughts of pastors turn to the mysteries of the Church and of the sacred liturgy. These mysteries allow no easy answers. Here's a sample:

1. Why is it that, no matter how long the various parts of Mass take, people always blame the length of the Mass on the homily? "Ran a little long today, Father."

2. How come Catholics can't live without the weekly parish bulletin? Last winter we missed the bulletin a couple of times during huge snow storms. People were positively testy. "What do you mean no bulletin? What will I read during the homily?"

This mystery has a corollary. How come if everyone reads the bulletin, they can't remember it? During the week they call the parish office so that the secretary can read it to them. Perhaps they just like hearing it.

3. Why does it take so long to line the people up for the Offertory procession, and why do they always seem so surprised when the ushers come to get them? (What? Now?) We can sing six whole verses of a song, and they are still only halfway up the aisle. We have a short aisle.

4. Where do those people go who have to leave the church as soon as they receive Communion? Are they having a sudden anxiety attack? Do they have a plane to catch? Maybe they just want to get to the door and light the vigil candles before they are all gone? (Most likely

they are trying to beat the Protestants to brunch at the local Holiday Inn. There is nothing like the promise of eggs Benedict to turn a herd into a stampede.)

I've thought about putting alarms on the doors (Caution: Leaving Mass early will cause alarm to sound!) Once I went to a Baptist church where they locked the doors until the service was over. We have much to learn from our separated brethren.


5. Why do people leave dirty Kleenexes in church? At home do they blow their noses and then just drop the tissues on the floor? I think not. What they seem to do is store them up all week in their purses and pockets, and unburden themselves in church. Maybe we should put litter bags in the pews like the ones people have on the dashboards of their cars.

6. Why won't some people sing? Perhaps they don't know the words. We cleverly have hymnals. Perhaps they don't like music. Perhaps they do like music. Perhaps they don't think it's their turn. No easy answer to this one.

7. How can we get Christian charity to extend as far as the parking lot? People who have just wished each other peace moments before are cutting each other off in the driveway.

These are among the mysteries of "ordinary time."

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### "Carmen Jones" (1954)

Bizet's tragic opera is updated to World War II, when a soldier (Harry Belafonte) falls for a pretty worker (Dorothy Dandridge) in a Southern parachute factory, then goes AWOL to follow her to Chicago where he strangles her after she dumps him for a prizefighter. Directed by Otto Preminger, the strong period Americana and fine African-American cast can't overcome the disappointment of the movie's flatly dubbed singing and stiffly staged musical numbers. Sexual situations and innuendo.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Jackie Robinson Story" (1950)

Robinson stars as himself in a dramatized account of his life from college athlete and World War II service to being hired in 1946 by Brooklyn Dodgers president Branch Rickey (Minor Watson) as the first black player in organized baseball. Directed by Alfred E. Green, the low-budget production emphasizes Robinson's prowess on the field and his resolve to be a credit to his race, despite insults and threats by white bigots. Halting but sincere treatment of its era's struggle for racial equality.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Hank Aaron: Chasing the Dream" (1995)

In recounting Aaron's 1954-76 baseball career and his part in opening the major leagues for other African-American players, writer-director Mike Tollin amplifies the newsreel footage with dramatic re-creations and informative interviews. Narrated by actor Dorian Harewood, the feature-length television portrait of an individual and his times knits together baseball nostalgia with social history in unusually compelling fashion that most will find well worth watching.

### "Man and Boy" (1972)

Western about a black ex-cavalry man (Bill Cosby) who struggles to maintain his Arizona homestead in spite of racial tensions after the Civil War, with the action centering on the odyssey of father and young son trying to recover a stolen horse. Directed by E.W. Swackhamer, the racial dimension is handled quite well and the story has a certain gritty honesty but the plot has some gaping holes and foggy motivations, especially in a climactic shootout. Stylized violence and some salty dialogue.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

### "Nightjohn" (1996)

A young girl slave (Allison Jones) on a cotton plantation in the 1830s faces the wrath of her cruel master (Beau Bridges) after secretly being taught to read by the title character (Carl Lumbly) who's determined to bring the power of literacy to his oppressed people. Directed by Charles Burnett, the television production gets strong performances from a largely African-American cast in a dramaportraying the painful injustices of slavery and one man's attempt to transcend its inhumanity. Some intense scenes of physical and spiritual violence.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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Jon Tenney (left), Matthew Perry and Salma Hayek star in the romantic comedy "Fools Rush In." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material is inappropriate for children under 13.

## Fools Rush In

### Sentimental Date Movie Has A Heart

NEW YORK (CNS) — Whether a spitfire from South of the border and a WASP from the Big Apple can find marital bliss in Las Vegas is the focus of Columbia's "Fools Rush In."

Whether the audience can buy the ups and downs of their rocky relationship is the real question — and for easy-to-please romantics the answer is yes. This is a nonviolent, easy-on-the-eyes tale of lust turned to love in the face of constant culture clashing.

Vivacious Isabel (Salma Hayek) works out of Vegas as a photographer, but drives home to Mexico once a week for dinner with her extended Catholic family of parents, five brothers and assorted relatives.

She believes in signs and destiny, and in fact has just broken off with her Mexican boyfriend since there were no signs to indicate he was Mr. Right.

At a Vegas restaurant she bumps into transplanted New Yorker, workaholic Alex (Matthew Perry), and feels it is fate. But Isabel is embarrassed to wake up the next morning beside him — not something a good Catholic girl should do. She flees and he can't locate her.

Three months later she returns simply to inform him she is going to have his baby, but expects nothing in return. After an evening of soul searching, Alex persuades her to marry him immediately and then the fun begins.

Her family at first wants to kill him, while his snobby parents arrive on their doorstep and assume she is merely the Mexican cleaning lady. Isabel is feeling none too sure that he married her for the right reasons and Alex is being pressured to transfer back to New York just when the baby is due.

Instead of a happy family of baby makes three, divorce seems to be their destiny.

The upside of director Andy Tennant's romantic comedy is the depiction of a young couple who made a mistake but are striving to establish a loving and lasting relationship, honor their com-

mitments and start a family in earnest.

The movie also offers a positive portrait of Isabel's Mexican-Catholic family as warm and nurturing, not as stereotypical hot-tempered Hispanics.

The film's vision of Catholicism may be well-meaning as well, but here faith seems mostly a matter of superstition and believing in signs and fate, hardly an accurate reflection of what being Catholic is all about. Nonetheless, the fact that Isabel takes her religion seriously and turns to prayer for guidance is more than the average Hollywood movie would bother to include in its script.

And the movie is centered on Hayek's Isabel, a feisty personality who brings Perry's bland Alex to life as he is suddenly wedded to a culture where people express their emotions openly — and proceed to paint his house all manner of bright colors.

Sure the outcome is predictable and almost in the category of formula when Isabel goes into the fastest first-time labor in history in a downpour at Hoover Dam, scene of their decision to marry in the first place.

But given their believable desire to give their rushed-into nuptials a fighting chance, romantics in the audience will root for them and be pleased by their second wedding, this time a dual religious ceremony with all parents present and accounted for.

Certainly it is a picture of how a marriage can teeter on the brink but not be destroyed if both parties make their best effort to understand and compromise for a greater good.

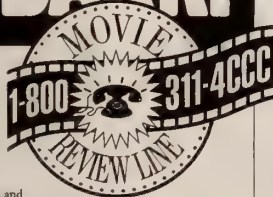
In other words, it's a sweet date movie, one that is a bit overstuffed sentiment but with its heart in the right place.

Because of sexual innuendo, occasional profanity and an instance of rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material is inappropriate for children under 13.

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# Happiness in all the wrong places

By Father Lawrence E. Mick  
Catholic News Service

"You will receive \$10 million!" the envelope shouted at me, while the fine print quietly added "if you have and return the winning number."

Almost every month my mail contains a letter promising abundant riches if I just return my sweepstakes entry form with the winning number. Many of these letters try to tempt me by describing how wonderful my life will be if I am the lucky winner.

This kind of appeal is effective in our culture. Most people harbor a secret dream of winning big someday and having their lives transformed. Just note the long lines of people purchasing lottery tickets when the jackpot climbs to \$20 million. "If only we could win," we think, "our troubles would be over."

With the proliferation of lotteries, however, many reports have described the winners' experiences. Apparently, some winners found that winning the lottery was the worst thing that ever happened to them.

Accompanying their newly acquired wealth were headaches, ruined marriages, destroyed friendships and unexpected misery. Which merely proves the old adage that you can't buy happiness.

growth in happiness. Growing in holiness means that we increasingly focus our hearts and our lives on the true source of happiness and turn away from

yearning for more. Our hearts have the capacity for more joy than this life can provide.

Every sin is ultimately an attempt to

mens to celebrate the scrutinies, we all are invited to "scrutinize" our own lives and to celebrate the sacrament of penance as a way of redirecting our hearts toward true happiness.

Lent is not a time of unrelenting sadness. There may be sadness and remorse over our sins, but the liturgy speaks of Lent as a time of joy.

The first preface for Lent in the missal, for example, says that each year God gives us "this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed."

As we move closer to the Lord and orient our lives more fully to love, we come to know more and more joy. But this does not mean our lives will be problem-free.

There may be times when we are beset with difficulties and find it hard to feel any joy or happiness. At such times, we need to call to mind and cling to the fundamental truth that God loves us and cares for us: This is the bedrock of our joy.

Even amid life's difficulties and sorrows, this joy remains at a deep level within us, for we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Those who know this happiness are

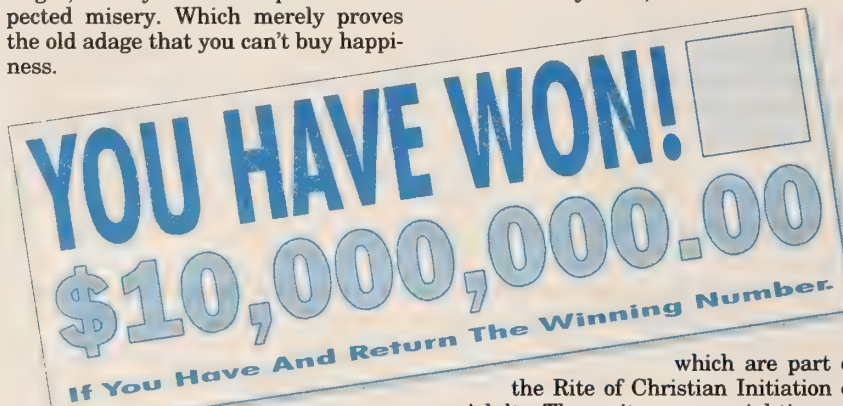


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false idols bearing empty promises.

On Lent's third, fourth and fifth Sundays, parishes with catechumens preparing for baptism at Easter celebrate the scrutiny rites,

put something or someone else in God's place, hoping to fill the emptiness within.



Happiness is something we all seek. The pursuit of happiness is even listed in the U.S. Declaration of Independence as an inalienable right given by the Creator.

The problem is that we so often pursue happiness in all the wrong places. This can lead us into sin if the temptations that attract us involve sinful behavior. How does this work?

The temptation holds out the hope of happiness. Though the wrong behavior involved cannot make us happy, it is nonetheless the hope of happiness that tempts us.

Curiously enough, our growth in holiness actually can be understood as

which are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. These rites are special times of prayer that God will enable the catechumens to overcome whatever is defective and sinful in their lives and strengthen what is good.

The scrutinies remind us all of the importance of facing the sin and evil that infect our lives.

The first step in overcoming sin is to admit that it has sometimes found a home in us.

But the scrutinies do not focus only on the negative; they also seek to strengthen "all that is upright, strong and good" in the catechumens' lives.

We can only successfully turn from sin if we turn to the good. We will only find true happiness if we turn from the things that offer false hope and turn toward the source of true joy.

Of course, this pursuit of happiness is a lifetime endeavor; we never quite get there in this world. We can find much happiness, and our lives will be increasingly joy-filled as we give ourselves to Christ and live according to the Gospel.

Still, all the joys and happiness that we do experience in this life leave us

**"God loves us and cares for us: This is the bedrock of our joy. Even amid life's difficulties and sorrows, this joy remains at a deep level within us."**

As a popular song put it several years ago, we go "looking for love in all the wrong places." God is love, and it is to God we must look if we want to be happy.

As the liturgy invites the catechu-

the big winners in the sweepstakes of life.

(Father Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a freelance writer in Dayton.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*It would be an unhappy state of affairs if we were happy and didn't know it. Maybe that's why many counselors encourage people contending with difficulties to take notice of every good thing happening in their lives.*

*It's not a matter of "wishing away" people's problems or suggesting they don't need to be addressed. But every life consists of more than problems.*

*What kinds of good things occur?*

*—Love is shown in surprising ways.*

*—Growth is witnessed unexpectedly (in someone else; in ourselves).*

*—People thought to be fearful and foolish exercise courage and good judgment.*

*I believe it does us a world of good if we take notice of all such "happenings." It takes practice, however. So here is a practice plan.*

*One day this Lent, take time out in God's presence. Ask what good things happened in your life today.*

*—Were you greeted by someone's uplifting smile?*

*—Were you grateful that someone else was happy?*

*—Did you sense God's action in your life?*

*—Did you complete a task you considered important?*

*—Did you handle a difficult relationship fairly well?*

*Repeat this exercise tomorrow and the next day, identifying whatever is good in your life. Think of it as naming God's gifts to you.*

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# Amazing discovery! Formula for happiness

By Anne Hansen  
Catholic News Service

My family is barraged daily by messages conveying the notion that the right clothes, car or computer will make them feel happy. These things may bring contentment for awhile. However, when the novelty of the purchase wears off, then what?

Being the mother of five children, I will not deny that putting my money worries aside might make life more enjoyable. But would it be the key to happiness?

I know people who do not lay awake nights worrying about tuition or taxes. They have the means to make just about any purchase. But even they still seem to be searching for that one thing that will finally bring happiness into their lives.

So what is this elusive thing we all search for?

My work allows me to listen to the stories of many families. Their stories are sometimes filled with hurt and uncertainty. I cannot offer a formula for their success, but I can note that there is so much turmoil that they need to stop and reassess priorities and make changes.

The families and individuals that

appear the happiest are those who understand what they want out of life and are moving in that direction. They express a real trust in God and a willingness to live by God's commandments.

These people realize that peacefulness within their family is far more important than any material good. Their joy comes from life's simple

with her youngest daughter. This is the mother of four active children and a full-time student herself.

She was thrilled to sit and play with her 6-year-old and think of nothing more than what to eat for lunch. She wondered aloud why she didn't do this more often. It felt so good!

I listen to parents present scenarios of unruly children. They are at

It does not work to have happiness as a goal in life. For happiness is a byproduct of our interactions with others.

A woman I was working with in a bereavement ministry training class realized in the middle of the class that she had never allowed herself to grieve for her dead parents. The knowledge that she could still work through the grieving process even years later made her feel hopeful. She left the class with a smile.

Let me propose this as a newspaper headline on happiness: Amazing Discovery — Formula for Happiness: Slow down, simplify, downsize!

Not particularly profound, and Wall Street will not pick it up, but maybe some families will.

(Hansen is a parent education consultant and free-lance writer in Camarillo, Calif.)



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**"I want my children to understand that ... it is how they handle their human relationships and their trust in God that will ensure them a meaningful life."**

their wits end and will do anything to regain control and peace in their homes.

It often comes as a surprise that their own state of mind and feelings may be causing some of the turmoil. When offered advice that includes more family time, fewer business trips and dinner together as often as possible, they are skeptical. It's reassuring, some time later, to hear the success stories.

I want my children to understand that all the money in the world or all the things in the world will not make them happy. It is how they handle their human relationships and their trust in God that will ensure them a meaningful life.

things: family, friends, a good meal, time to take a walk and appreciate the beauty around them.

Does this sound like a cliché? Are these ideas too simplistic? I do not think so.

A friend of mine laughed as she told me she had spent a whole day doing nothing but sitting on the couch

## THIS EDITION IN A NUTSHELL

*An unceasing quest for happiness is a factor of the human condition. But in our human predicament, we constantly are challenged by this reality: While growth in holiness goes hand in hand with growth in real happiness, looking for happiness in all the wrong places leads us away from God. What, then, is happiness? And how can happiness co-exist with the problems and perplexities of our actual circumstances?*

## The peace that can co-exist with trouble

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

The desire for happiness is universal. God's people in both the Old and New Testaments shared the basic human yearning for happiness. But, strangely, they had no word corresponding exactly to our words "happiness" or "happy."

The one word which comes close to what we mean by this elusive state is the Hebrew "shalom." This is commonly translated as "peace," but it means much more than freedom from care or trouble.

"Shalom" is a strongly positive term connoting fulfillment, perfection. As such, "shalom" is a gift from God. Through it, we share in God's perfection. And through it we discover that peace goes hand in hand with following God's will.

In the story of Jesus' birth, the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). A bit later, the aged Simeon will exclaim: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:29-30).

Simeon had seen Christ, who is peace.

Since peace is God's gift, human striving for it is fruitless on its own. The fascinating book of Ecclesiastes dramatizes this truth.

The author of Ecclesiastes poses as Solomon: wealthy, wise, sensually indulgent. But he discovers, to his dismay, that none of these things brings him the happiness he wants. He has tried them all and found them to be "vanity" (emptiness) and a grasping for the wind.

Is humanity then doomed to unhappiness?

No. There is a happiness available to everyone, but it is not found in any of those things for which people so frantically strive, and definitely not in an excess of any of them. It is found in a moderate enjoyment of life's simple pleasures.

"Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart, because it is now that God favors your works.... Enjoy life with the wife whom

you love, all the days of the fleeting life that is granted you under the sun. This is your lot in life, for the toil of your labors under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 9:7,9).

Perfect happiness is beyond our reach, but a measure of real happiness is within the reach of all. And it is a happiness that can co-exist with trouble and pain.

Here I am referring mainly to peace. Remember, peace is not just freedom from trouble. Peace is much more positive. It can arise when you've done as much as you can in a given situation, you've prayed about it and the last step is to remain hopeful.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### What is your idea of happiness?

"Being content, being with family, feeling secure, feeling loved and loving others. When my spiritual life isn't good, other things aren't good either." — Bryan Barcaro, State College, Pa.

"I'm happiest when I'm in touch with who I am inside and able to express that... I was able to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, and I was happy to be there working together with women from all over the world for the betterment of women." — Mary Gindhart, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Happiness means ... contentment, being at peace with oneself. Serenity comes to mind. The spiritual qualities are the most important, more than having the nice house, the good job." — Rick Joiner, Richmond Va.

"Love. Having somebody love you.... Good health would add to that." — Don Turney, Reno, Nev.

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## Seattle Prelate Returns To Ministry After Treatment For Leukemia

By CHRISTINE DUBOIS

SEATTLE (CNS) — Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy of Seattle resumed his public ministry Feb. 10 with a Mass and anointing of the sick at St. James Cathedral.

He took the occasion to speak of his own struggle with leukemia and to challenge the idea of assisted suicide.

The 64-year-old archbishop was hospitalized Dec. 1 with reduced kidney function and acute leukemia. He was hospitalized for 39 days and has been recovering at home since then.

The evening Mass at the cathedral marked the World Day of the Sick, an annual observance initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1993 for Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In his homily Archbishop Murphy said that in the past he celebrated such observances as one bringing the gifts of God's word, the Eucharist and anointing to others who were sick.

"Tonight, however, I come as one who also shares the human condition of fragility and illness," he said. "I join all of you who suffer from cancer or leukemia, HIV or aging, broken bones or broken spirits, emotional or physical disabilities."

"I still have leukemia," he told them. "I am still in need of your prayers."

The archbishop administered the anointing of the sick to about 20 people and was himself among the hundreds who received it from assisting priests.

He called it ironic that the last time he met with his people for an evening Mass in the cathedral was in November when Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago died.

"That gathering provided me with the opportunity to reflect on the realities of life and death," he said. "I did not realize then that I would have the opportunity to speak about these same realities from personal experience."

"Our society today finds it far too easy to dismiss the value of the weak and fragile among us," he continued. "The great temptation today is to remove the aging and dying from our midst in the name of compassion or a false sense of autonomy. There is the great cry to legalize assisted suicide to protect the dying from what they fear most: intractable pain, loss of control (and) human dignity, and financial stress."

But "assisted suicide is not compas-

sion," he said. "True compassion is the willingness to share the pain of others, to be present to them, to learn from them and to recognize that human life is a gift from God. We cannot allow a court, a legislature or another human being the right to say that one human being, though fragile, sick or aging, has less value than another."

Decisions about human life "from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death," he said, "are not a matter of only privacy or only the autonomy of the individual."

Instead, "such decisions must recognize the value of faith, family and friends who offer their support, love and care," he added. "Just as quality experiences of living call for the presence of others, the quality experience of dying requires the same."

He said that as someone with a life-threatening illness, he can "appreciate the possibility of death."

"However," he added, "I appreciate even more the care, love, faith and hope that family, friends and health care personnel have shared with me."

He said he plans to choose "only those treatments that offer a reasonable hope of benefit" and not those which would impose "excessive burden" to himself or others.

At a press conference before the liturgy Dr. David White, the hematologist in charge of the archbishop's treatment, said Archbishop Murphy has responded "remarkably well" to chemotherapy but still has slight blood irregularities and is receiving weekly transfusions.

The archbishop said he was looking forward to returning to limited public ministry. He said he was not aware of any plans to name a coadjutor archbishop to assist him.

Facing a life-threatening illness has given him a new appreciation of life, he said. He now savors the splendor of a sunset and pauses to study intricate wood carvings in the cathedral.

"It's like a Polaroid camera," he said. "You look at things and you want to take hold and develop it slowly."

"You do it with people," he added. "You don't say, 'Hi, how are you?' and not wait for an answer, as we often do. You appreciate and savor the moments we take for granted."

## Rosalynn Carter Works To Improve Care For Dying

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Faced with an apparent rise in demand for assisted suicide, a new coalition chaired by former first lady Rosalynn Carter is working to improve the care of the dying.

"If the medical community had not failed in caring for patients at the end of life, we would not have to be addressing this issue (of assisted suicide)," Carter said Feb. 13.

She made the remarks at a press conference held in Washington to announce the formation of the "Last Acts" coalition, of which she is honorary chair.

But she said it was not just the medical community but society at large that had failed the dying. "We don't plan for death," she said. "We don't recognize the problems that come with the end of life."

Carter said her husband, former President Jimmy Carter, "hopes the Supreme Court rules against" assisted suicide, but that she agreed with an earlier comment by Dr. Kathleen M. Foley that "before the assisted suicide debate and after the assisted suicide debate, the dying will be with us."

Foley, co-chief of the pain and palliative care service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said the coalition will be working to identify "barriers to humane, compassionate end-of-life care in the United States" and suggest ways to overcome them.

Funded by an initial \$1.7 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Last Acts coalition is made up of 72 national organizations including the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, the National Consumers League and the National Council of Catholic Women.

"Last Acts will be much more than platitudes about a good death," said Dr. Steven A. Schroeder, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "It will challenge patients, families, health care professionals, medical educators, the clergy, and other stakeholders to undertake new and creative efforts to improve care at a critical time in people's lives. It will push for specific reforms across the board — reforms that, if successful, will

involve millions of Americans."

Among the specific reforms, he cited:

- Comprehensive health insurance plans that include coverage for end-of-life care and services such as hospice and home care, pain management and palliative care services.

- Standards of practice for health professionals, religious leaders, lawyers and financial managers regarding communication with patients and clients on death and dying.

- Changes in medical textbooks, "so that death is not depicted solely as a failure, but also as the natural culmination of a life."

- Better training for health professionals and clergy in death and dying counseling.

Schroeder said a 1995 study of 9,000 patients in five medical centers, commissioned by the Johnson foundation and reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that patients experience "more pain than is necessary" and that their desires about treatment often differ from the care they receive.

Carter said her interest in care for the dying began when she watched her father die when she was 13 years old. Her grandmother died the following year, and her grandfather — then age 70 — came to live with her family until his death at age 95.

Even now she continues to be a caregiver for her 91-year-old mother, who "wants me home all the time" in Plains, Ga., she said.

"We all will face caregiving in one way or the other, particularly since Americans are living longer with chronic illnesses," Carter said. "I can't think of a more noble undertaking than Last Acts, because the campaign will help people face death with the knowledge that they will be cared for on their own special and unique terms."

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## For Lent, Cardinal Tells Catholics To Abstain From Judging Others

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — For Lent, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony has asked Catholics to stop “judging and condemning others.”

Citing the Catholic Common Ground Initiative inaugurated last summer by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, Cardinal Mahony urged “that a high priority be given to adopting a far more generous spirit of charity and civility towards one another.”

Before his death from cancer last November, Cardinal Bernardin inaugurated the Catholic Common Ground Initiative to unite and revitalize mainstream U.S. Catholics around their shared faith, values and mission.

In his 1997 message for Lent, Cardinal Mahony said he joined the initiative because “I felt that a spirit of harsh judgment, bitterness and disunity were beginning to take hold at many levels in the church here in our country.”

“This strident spirit was being expressed in various columns and letters to the editor in official and unofficial Catholic periodicals and newspapers, on radio talk shows and even in public demonstrations pitting one group in the Church against another,” he wrote.

“I was becoming ever more sad to see this meanness replace the ideal to which Jesus has called us,” he said. “The harm to relationships within the Church itself was growing and the real public scandal exhibited to people outside the church was becoming embarrassing.”

He cited Jesus’ warning in Scripture not to judge or condemn others.

“Too many people continue to discover a small splinter in someone else’s eye without recognizing the wooden beam in their own,” he said. “Joined to this excessive zeal to condemn others is a prideful self-righteousness by which certain people offer themselves as the paradigms of orthodoxy — thus justifying their lack of charity, understanding and forgiveness.”

He suggested that for Lent, Catholics should:

- Not only fast from food and drink, but abstain from “judging and condemning others.”

- Pray “for the unity of our Catholic community, for those with whom we might disagree and for a new civility among all of us.”

- Study and reflect on the Bible, especially passages on Jesus’ patience and forgiveness in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

- Prayerfully study the sections of the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” on the characteristic marks of the Church as one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

- Reach out in charity not only to the poor and homeless, but also “to those who may differ with us so that our dialogue and conversation will reflect Jesus’ call in our lives.”

Upon Cardinal Bernardin’s death Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., succeeded him as head of the initiative committee.

## Pole Says He Was Mentally Unstable When He Killed Priest

By JONATHAN LUXMOORE

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The convicted killer of a Polish priest now being considered for beatification has said he believes he was made mentally unstable at the time of the murder by the anti-church ideology of the communist secret police.

However, he added that he had never hated the Catholic Church and had visited his victim’s grave during several day-releases from prison.

“It was like a drug — I was a drugged maniac, definitely not a psychologically healthy person,” said Grzegorz Piotrowski, a former Interior Ministry agent.

“I was so drowned in ideology that even at the risk of the death penalty, as the prosecutor later demanded, I decided to defend the ‘firm’s interests.’”

In an interview with Poland’s popular *Super Express* daily, Piotrowski said he was not fully aware of what he was doing when he murdered Father Jerzy Popieluszko with three fellow-agents from the ministry’s church-monitoring department in 1984.

“I acted with a feeling of higher purpose. I thought even suffering inflicted on individuals was justified if it secured peace in the state,” he said.

Piotrowski gave the four-hour interview after being granted six months’ release from Piotrkow Trybunalski prison by a Polish appeals court, which accepted his plea to be allowed to support his family with temporary work.

Piotrowski, whose life sentence was reduced to 15 years in 1987, was freed on parole after serving just nine.

However, the Supreme Court ordered him to return to jail in February 1995 after ruling that the parole order had “failed to reflect society’s sense of justice.”

The three other agents convicted of the slaying were also released early after two controversial sentence revisions.

Piotrowski told *Super Express* that, after the murder, he had “finally sobered up” after watching Father Popieluszko’s

funeral on television. He added he had paid several visits to the priest’s Warsaw graveside during 24-hour home leaves, and the faces of Father Popieluszko’s mourning parents had become “deeply etched” in his memory.

“Shocked by the thousands of people I saw there, I began to understand what had happened,” Piotrowski said.

The bound and gagged body of the 37-year-old Father Popieluszko, who was well known for his work among industrial workers from Poland’s then-outlawed Solidarity movement, was dredged from a reservoir at Wloclawek, Poland, in October 1984.

A formal process for his beatification was launched Feb. 8 at Warsaw’s St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, where the priest is buried.

Preaching at the Mass inaugurating the beatification, Poland’s Catholic primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, said the process would not be “straightforward or easy” and would aim at “proving through proofs and testimonies” that Father Popieluszko’s death “had its foundation in the Church’s faith.”

However, he added that the Church believed all conditions had been fulfilled in the priest’s case.

“An act of martyrdom must conform to circumstances described by church law, meaning a persecutor who is full of hatred for God and the Church, and a persecuted person who placed God above his own life,” the cardinal said.

A former prosecutor in the Popieluszko case, Edward Wende, told Poland’s Catholic information agency KAI Jan. 31 that Piotrowski had written letters to several Catholic priests, as well as Father Popieluszko’s parents, which “if honest, testify that he is currently experiencing internal changes.”

Piotrowski told the newspaper: “There are moments now when, with all the power of my will, I call to the figure of Father Popieluszko, addressing him intimately. But it is only a monologue — from the other side, there is only silence.”

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## Airline Officials Allege Gunfire Caused Crash That Killed Bishop

JOLO, Philippines (CNS) — Airline association officials alleged gunfire may have caused a plane crash at the Jolo airport in which a retired Filipino bishop and three others died.

Government officials said an official investigation was not complete.

Lito Juane, vice president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association, said Feb. 17 that the plane had been "shot at seven times" in the right wing, referring to the association's independent investigation into the Feb. 14 crash.

The day of the crash, witnesses said sparks could be seen coming off the right wing shortly after takeoff. According to Jolo residents, armed bandits in hills near the airport occasionally fire at arriving or departing planes.

But Renato de Villa, Philippine secretary of defense, said Feb. 18 that the association's investigation should not be taken "at face value."

"I hope that people would not jump to conclusions until after an official investigation on the matter," he added.

Retired Bishop Antonio Nepomuceno of Cotabato, Philippines, died in the crash the day he attended the funeral of Bishop Benjamin de Jesus, apostolic vicar of Jolo.

Bishop Nepomuceno, one of several bishops who participated in the funeral Mass, was in the plane bound for Zamboanga when it hit a tree just after takeoff.

In addition to the 71-year-old bishop, a magazine reporter, the pilot of the single-engine plane and an unidentified man were also killed.

Thousands of Christians and Muslims attended the Feb. 14 funeral at Jolo's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for Bishop de Jesus, 56, who was shot and killed Feb. 4 as he was getting into his car outside the cathedral.

Soldiers held back crowds who heard the service broadcast on loudspeakers outside the church. Government snipers occupied the belfry, and some 2,000 soldiers were on duty in the town amid police intelligence reports that Muslim extremists planned to assassinate more Christian leaders.

A liturgical dancer waved a bamboo cross holding a cassock stained with red paint, moving fellow bishops and other participants to tears, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. Bishop de Jesus was wearing a cream cassock and skull cap when he was shot outside the cathedral in Jolo, 560 miles southwest of Manila.

During the processional, 26 Philippine bishops and Archbishop Gian Vincenzo Moreni, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, walked under a canopy of swords raised by 60 Knights of Columbus clad in white uniforms and feathered hats.

Archbishop Carmelo Dominador F. Morelos of Zamboanga and Father Filadelfo Estrella, Philippine Oblate provincial, assisted the main celebrant, retired Bishop George Dion of Jolo, 85.

In a message to Filipino Catholics,

Pope John Paul II described Bishop de Jesus as "a true servant of peace and a tireless worker for harmony" between the region's Muslim majority and the rest of the population.

Catholics account for about 14,500 of the 624,000 people within the boundaries of the apostolic vicariate, which serves nine parishes and two mission areas.

Police detained a man and his 19-year-old son in connection with the murder. The two were said to be sympathizers of the outlawed Islamic extremist group, Abu Sayyaf.

Earlier, the Philippine bishops' conference denied press reports that Masses in the apostolic vicariate had been canceled to bring speedy resolution to the killing of Bishop de Jesus.

The national *Philippine Daily Inquirer* had reported that Masses were canceled in mourning for the bishop.

UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, reported that Msgr. Pedro Quitorio, bishops' conference spokesman, said services had been moved to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, where the bishop's remains lay prior to the funeral. The chapel is located in the compound of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate College of Notre Dame near the cathedral in Jolo.

The more than 1,200-member Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines declared Feb. 14 as a national day of mourning and prayer for Bishop de Jesus.

Marist Brother Manuel de Leon, the association's president, asked member schools to celebrate Mass, light candles and hold eucharistic adoration during the day, to coincide with the bishop's burial in Jolo.

## CPA Figures Show Rise In Catholic Circulation Due To Magazines

RONKONKOMA, N.Y. (CNS) — A nearly 10 percent increase in overall Catholic magazine circulation has fueled a rise in the total circulation of Catholic publications in the United States and Canada, according to the Catholic Press Association.

U.S. magazine circulation went up 11 percent from 1996 levels, from 14,011,477 to 15,491,747, said the CPA, a trade association for Catholic publications that is based in Ronkonkoma, a Long Island suburb of New York.

Canadian magazine circulation dropped slightly from 863,637 to 861,611, but the U.S. increase brought the total magazine circulation up to 16,353,358 from last year's 14,875,114, or about 9.9 percent.

Total circulation for 644 Catholic newspapers, magazines and newsletters in the United States and Canada stands at 26,790,289, according to the CPA's tally, up nearly 6 percent from last year's figure of 25,343,743.

The jump in U.S. magazine circulation in 1997 more than makes up for the 6.7 percent drop suffered between 1996 and 1995, when it totaled 15.1 million. This year's increase came despite a slight decrease in the number of U.S. Catholic magazines, from 254 to 250.

Circulation for 167 U.S. diocesan newspapers rose just 0.2 percent, from 5,572,838 to 5,585,511, while the 13 Eastern-rite publications saw a drop of 0.1 percent, from 72,472 to 72,361. The five U.S. national newspapers dropped 1 percent, from 214,000 to 211,637.

Some of the figures were first published in the February issue of the *Catholic Journalist*, the CPA's monthly newspaper. A statistical summary of Catholic publications was included in the CPA's

1997 directory, also released in February.

Foreign-language publications suffered the biggest circulation drops. Canadian foreign-language publications dropped 37 percent, from 281,500 to 177,100, while U.S. foreign-language publications dropped 15 percent, from 460,528 to 392,128. The U.S. change was attributable to the reclassification of a Spanish-language Puerto Rican newspaper into the diocesan paper category.

But that reclassification led to a near-quadrupling in the "other diocesan newspapers" category, which skyrocketed from 21,700 in 1996 to 81,700 in 1997.

Circulation held steady for Canadian national and diocesan newspapers. The figures remained unchanged from last year's levels of 36,100 and 80,000, respectively.

Newsletter circulation was up, too. While the Canadian number remained unchanged — one newsletter with a 12,000 circulation — U.S. circulation grew 2 percent, to 3.79 million, and the number of newsletters increased by three, from 132 to 135.

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### Aprons For Alzheimer Patients

CHARLOTTE — The members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Charlotte 1199 are wearing "Fidgety" aprons made by the State Regent, Lucille Kroborh. The colorful aprons have buttons, velcro openings, zippers, ribbons and other decorations that provide sensory stimulation for Alzheimer patients. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will solicit funds in April for the "Safe Return Program." The program helps return memory-impaired people to safety through a national database.



## 1996 Showed Increase In Number Of Missionaries Killed, Says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In 1996 at least 46 missionaries were killed — an increase from the previous year, according to the Vatican missionary news service that released the report in mid-February.

Forty-one of the victims were working in Africa, 19 of them in Zaire, said a report in the Feb. 20 edition of International Fides Service.

"The Church has always had courageous children who have given their lives in order to carry the light of the faith to the nations, but the past 12 months have seen an exceptionally high number of missionaries killed in action," the report said.

Last year the news service announced that in 1995, 30 missionaries were killed while abroad.

In its summary for 1996, Fides named the 46 priests, religious and lay

workers and gave their countries of origin, and where and when they died. The count included three bishops, 18 priests, eight male religious, 13 nuns and four others.

The list started with U.S. Presentation Sister Patricia McAleese, hacked to death on a beach in Ghana Jan. 8, and ended with a Zairian diocesan priest, Father Pascal Kanyamanza, who died Christmas Eve.

Fides noted that the actual number of victims might be higher, because the list does not include those who are missing and feared dead. Among the missing is an African bishop.

The report included without comment the four missionaries known to have been killed in the first six weeks of 1997, including Bishop Benjamin de Jesus of Jolo in the Philippines.

### Dietzen, from page 5

not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good" (Rom. 12:21) is part of the way of life to which we are committed as followers of Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, whatever good intentions we might claim, once we begin resisting what we perceive as evil with our own pettiness, vindictiveness, unkindness, jealousy and cruelty, we have al-

ready been conquered by evil.

Second, very briefly, genuine love and caring seriously obligate us to intervene when we see people act destructively toward themselves or others.

As Jesus says in that same Sermon, however, we are never permitted to judge or correct others until we have first carefully judged ourselves and our motives (Mt. 7:5).

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions for Father Dietzen may be sent to him at the same address.

### Correction:

The CRISM Corner in the Feb. 14 issue listed March 20 as the date for CRISM's "Day Tripping With Father Mo" event. The trip has been postponed until May. The date will be announced in the CRISM Corner in a future edition of The Catholic News & Herald.

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## 'Climate Of Impunity' Remains In El Salvador, Official Says

By MIKE LANCHIN

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Five years after the signing of peace accords, a "climate of impunity" still exists in El Salvador, "favoring all types of crime," warned an official at the Jesuit-run Central American University.

"Problems which caused so much suffering in the past have still not been resolved and are still going on," said Benjamin Cuellar, head of the university's Human Rights Institute.

The institutions involved in fighting crime and imparting justice "must play their proper roles," added Cuellar.

Human rights groups say 80,000 people died and some 9,000 more disappeared during the country's 12-year civil war, which ended in January 1992.

Cuellar said the new civilian police force set up after the end of the war has failed to live up to expectations. The 7,000-member civilian force replaced the three existing security bodies, which were renowned for systematic human rights abuses and corruption.

The university's Human Rights Institute is currently assisting three Salvadoran families struggling to uncover information about the killings of their sons. In each case, police officers were allegedly involved, yet the investigations have been blocked by the authorities.

According to Cuellar, these cases "call into doubt any advances so far made" in the country. He said they show the "frailty of the situation" in the country, which could "lead us back into something far worse than the past."

In one case, the battered body of Rosali de Vilanova's 24-year-old son, Adriano, was found at the foot of a ditch near his home on Sept. 5, 1995.

"I've been waiting for 18 months for the truth to come out, but nothing has come about," she said. "I have lost faith in the police and the justice system."

Independent investigations carried out by a national newspaper, the human rights office of the Archdiocese of San Salvador and the government's Human Rights Ombudsman office have all identified the assassins as local police officers. A group of officers were initially arrested, but were later released and never charged.

De Vilanova spoke of a "total lack of collaboration" on the part of the public security authorities and of her own frustrations at the lack of justice in her son's case.

These sentiments were shared by the family of Ramon Mauricio Garcia Prieto, a young architect who was gunned down in broad daylight in front of his wife and 2-year-old son in June 1994.

"We don't seek vengeance ... rather that the public knows the truth about Ramon's killing," said his mother, Gloria de Garcia Prieto.

The family believes Ramon was murdered by hired gunmen, among them active police officers, on the orders of an influential military chief. Despite being wealthy landowners and coffee growers, the Garcias have been unable to use their influence to bring the killers to justice.

The Vilanovas and the Garcias spoke of facing a "wall" when they tried to pursue investigations into their sons' deaths.

The Garcias have been receiving death threats, and unmarked cars constantly watch their house.

Carlos Gaytan's attempts to clear up his son's death have been equally frustrating. Fifteen-year-old William Gaytan was shot to death at point-blank range by police officers who had been pursuing him for alleged joy-riding.

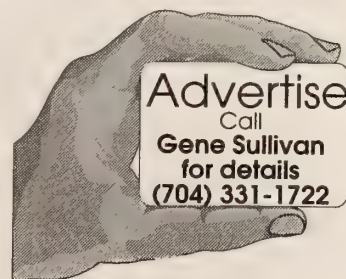
The officers involved have been charged with manslaughter, not homicide.

### Rock Hill Oratory Announces Summer Camp Schedule

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The Oratory Religion Camp, now in its 27th year, recently announced the schedule for its two one-week 1997 summer sessions. Campers under the age of 13 entering grades 2-7 in September will gather at Camp York in Kings Mountain State Park from July 13-19 and July 20-26 to live, pray, play and study together during a resident experience of Christian living.

Morning sessions are devoted to religion activities, and afternoons to recreation and crafts. Campers live in cabins with staff persons and need to bring clothing, toiletries and bedding.

The cost for each camp session is \$90. For more information and applications, contact The Oratory Religion Camp, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, S.C. 29731. Volunteer counselors are encouraged to write for a staff application as well.



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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Lenten Services

**HICKORY** — Stations of the Cross and Benediction are Fridays at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church.

Community Lenten services are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. at Hartzell Memorial UMC with Rev. Pat Pearce officiating. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo the Great churches.

**GREENSBORO** — The Way of the Cross is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church. The parish Lenten Mission is March 3-5 beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

**CHARLOTTE** — Ecumenical Lenten Services sponsored by Park-Sharon Neighborhood Churches are Thursdays from 12:30-1 p.m. at Sharon Presbyterian Church. Lunch is offered.

A day of reflection led by Jesuit Father James, Devereux, pastor of St. Peter Church, is March 8 at St. Gabriel. For information, call Andrew Getz, (704) 362-5047 ext. 276.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction is at St. Matthew Church following the 9 a.m. Friday Mass and lasting until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church presents a Lenten enrichment program Fridays following 8 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Sessions last about 30 minutes, and baby-sitting is provided. Call (704) 549-1607 for information.

### Catholic Women's Mini Retreats

**GREENSBORO** — The Greensboro Council of Catholic Women's mini Lenten retreats continue on Wednesdays, Feb. 26, March 5, 12 and 19 at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and light refreshments. Ladies from all parishes are welcome.

### Youth Soccer

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Gabriel Athletic Association offers spring soccer for fourth and fifth grade girls. Registration is \$45. Call Maureen Benfield, (704) 362-5047, by Feb. 24 to register.

### Franciscan Center Presentation

**GREENSBORO** — Dr. Howard A. Chubbs, Pastor of Providence Baptist Church for 31 years, presents "Racism — A Demonic Force That Threatens the Vitality of the Church. How Do We Dismantle It?" Feb. 27 from 12:10-1 p.m. at the Franciscan Center.

### Lay Ministry Program

**CHARLOTTE** — Dr. Anthony J. Tambasco, chair of the Theology Department at Georgetown University, will facilitate the program "Baptized for Mission: Lay Ministry in our Parish, our Church, our World" from 12:30-5:30 p.m. March 1 at St. Peter Church. Participants will pray and reflect on the responsibility of the laity in today's Church.

### Ultreya

**CHARLOTTE** — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

A Charlotte Cursillo Community Ultreya meets the fourth Sunday each month from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. The event includes a pot luck lunch. Baby-sitting is available. For information, call Joe and Sandy Farrelly at (704) 846-2913.

**MORGANTON** — Ultreya for the Morganton and Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

**SALISBURY** — Ultreya for the Salisbury and Albemarle areas meets the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Volunteers Needed

**ASHEVILLE** — Teenagers 14 and older are needed to work as volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital. Deadline to register for summer orientation is April 1.

### Ecumenical Conference

**ASHEVILLE** — An Ecumenical conference co-sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte's Office of Justice and Peace and the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, "Economic Initiatives: Issues of Justice and Faith," is March 15 from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

**CHARLOTTE** — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Mountain Retreat Scheduled

**HOT SPRINGS** — A spiritual journey retreat directed by Bobbie May with Father Vincent Alagia and Rev. Mr. Hugo May is March 7-9 at the Jesuit House of Prayer. Cost is \$100, with a \$25 deposit needed to reserve a space. Send deposit to Jesuit House of Prayer, Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743. Call Father Alagia, (704) 622-7366, for details, or Bobbie May, (704) 327-8692, for retreat content.

### Marian Movement Cenacle

**CHARLOTTE** — Scalabrinian Father Francis Geremia of Italy, interpreter for Father Stefano Gobbi, founder of the worldwide Marian Movement for priests, conducts a day of prayer and reflection in the form of a cenacle March 2 beginning at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Church.

The Marian Movement of Priests includes priests and lay people who promote consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fidelity to the Pope and the Church, prayer and recitation of the rosary.

### Interfaith Conference on Aging

**CHARLOTTE** — The annual Interfaith Conference on Aging is March 12 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church. The program, "Search for Meaning in Later Life: Views from Various Religious/Cultural Traditions," will focus on nine faith perspectives. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Make checks payable to Centralina Council of Governments and mail to Centralina Council of Governments, Attn.: Gayla Woody, P.O. Box 35008, Charlotte, NC 28235. Deadline is March 1.

### Holy Angels Bowl-a-Thon

**BELMONT** — Holy Angels' annual "Angel-Bowl" fund-raiser is March 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Major League Lanes in Gastonia. For pledging information and other details, call Sandi Rankin, (704) 825-0435.

### Newman Lecture Scheduled

**ROCK HILL, S.C.** — Jesuit Father Richard McCormick, a theology faculty member of Notre Dame University, leads the 1997 Newman Lecture at the Oratory March 1 at 10 a.m. Discussions include dissent in the Church and physician-assisted suicide. For more information, call Sarah Morgan, (803) 327-6450, or write to the Oratory, Center for Spirituality, Box 11568, Rock Hill, SC 29731.

### Organ Concert

**ASHEVILLE** — St. Eugene parish hosts an organ concert Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. featuring Michael Brannon and Valerie Borland. Admission is free, and a reception follows. For more details, call the parish office, (704) 254-5193.

### Landings Follow-Up Program

**BREVARD** — "Living Our Catholic Faith, 101," an outgrowth of the Landings program providing adults an opportunity to learn and grow in faith, continues at Sacred Heart parish March 2 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "Finding My Own Path in Faith," presented by Richard Carl Wolf, western region faith formation coordinator. For information, call (704) 883-9572.

### Health Ministry Fair

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Gabriel Church Health Ministry's health fair is March 8 and 9 in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses. Booths will display information pertaining to physical, spiritual, mental and social health. A special activity for children will take place for children at the 9 a.m. Mass March 9. For more information, (704) 847-7014.

### Life In The Spirit Seminar

**CHARLOTTE** — The Life in the Spirit seminar, aimed at reaching a closer relationship with Christ through knowledge of the Holy Spirit continues at St. John Neumann Church from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12. For information, call Joe Tittl, (704) 846-4649 at home or (704) 391-9537 at work.

### St. Patrick's Day Benefit

**SHELBY** — The Ladies Guild at St. Mary Church sponsors a St. Patrick's Day Bridge Benefit March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Cost is \$5. Other card and board games are welcome. For information, call Jean Konitzer, (704) 484-1986 or the church, (704) 487-7697.

### Living Waters Retreats

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "In the Silence; In the Resurrection" is a March 23-30 retreat directed by Glenmary Father Jack McNearney focusing on Holy Week. Cost is \$250.

"Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Seniors' Spring Pilgrimage

**CHARLOTTE** — Seniors from St. Gabriel and St. Matthew parishes will visit the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. April 8-10. Cost is \$160, which includes transportation, four meals and lodging. For reservations and more information, call Lou Scharff, (704) 541-6855.

### Barbecue and Flea Market

**MINT HILL** — St. Luke parish presents its first annual Barbecue and Flea Market March 8. Flea market hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and barbecue hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Flea market spaces are available at \$20 each. For more information, or to reserve a flea market space or purchase barbecue tickets, call Kris Becker, (704) 545-5666, Joy Grottle, (704) 545-4592 or the church office, (704) 545-1224.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.

### MACS School Board Openings

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Regional Board of Education is seeking applications to fill Board positions for the 1997-98 school year. The three-year terms begin July 1, 1997. Practicing Catholics who have a child in MACS, intend to enroll a child in MACS or have previously had a child in MACS qualify for Board service. Individuals having MACS committee, PTO or other school experience are particularly encouraged to apply by sending a resume and letter stating why you would like to serve by March 30 to: MACS Nominating Committee, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.



## World And National News Briefs

### Bishop Says Peru Negotiations Open "New Hopeful Stage"

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Negotiations between representatives of the Peruvian government and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement rebels represent "the beginning of a new hopeful stage" of the hostage crisis in Lima, said Bishop Miguel Irizar Campos of Callao. "We cannot be overly enthusiastic about this process, because it will take some time," said Bishop Irizar, spokesman for the Peruvian bishops' conference. "It is certainly an improvement in comparison with the stalemate that preceded the dialogue." The first face-to-face meeting between Minister of Education Domingo Palermo and Roli Rojas Fernandez, a lieutenant of Tupac Amaru leader Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, was held Feb. 11 in a house near the Japanese Embassy in Lima. The house was rented by the Red Cross.



Children from the neighborhood of the besieged Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima offer free lemonade to a Peruvian policeman Feb. 7. Signs above the stand read, "Only for journalists and police" and "He who is thirsty come to me and drink: Jesus Christ." Tupac Amaru rebels took over the compound Dec. 17 and were still holding 72 hostages.

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### Church Changes Needed To Reach Generation X

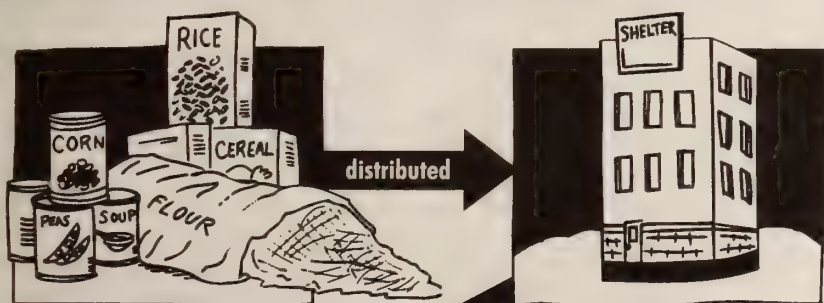
DE PERE, Wis. (CNS) — The Church is going to have to think and act in a whole new way if it hopes to meet the needs of Generation X, said an assistant professor of religious studies at St. Norbert College. It will be a difficult task because those in Generation X — persons born between approximately 1965 and 1985 — see Christianity "as just another home page," said the professor, Howard Ebert. This is because Christianity has become just another voice, rather than the formative voice in our society.

### Anti-Hunger Groups Launch "Hunger Has A Cure" Campaign

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Many of the nation's top anti-hunger organizations have joined forces in a major new campaign to end hunger in the United States through public education and advocacy. Titled "Hunger Has a Cure," the campaign was launched at a Feb. 11 press conference in Washington. Benedictine Sister Christine Vladimiroff, president and CEO of Second Harvest, a Chicago-based network of more than 180 community food banks nationwide, said hunger is a disease affecting nearly 30 million Americans, including more than 13 million children. "The disease is a silent stalker of American youngsters," she said. It "shortens life, increases infant mortality, breaks down the immune system, stunts growth and makes it difficult, if not impossible, for a child to learn." "It is a disease we can cure," she added.

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### Cardinal To Pope: Write More Books — They Fund Projects

ROME (CNS) — Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo said he has asked Pope John Paul II to write more books. With part of the royalties from the pope's 1994 book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," the Vatican is helping construct a home for Rwandan orphans modeled on Boys Town, said the cardinal, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family. "I told him, 'Holy Father, you must keep writing,'" Cardinal Lopez Trujillo said Feb. 11 at a Rome meeting on preparing for the year 2000.

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# St. John The Baptist Church



**TRYON** — The presence of the Benedictines in western North Carolina has done much to build up the Church since the 1870s, when members of the order arrived in Belmont to establish a monastery and college. The monastery was elevated to abbey status in 1884, and the Benedictines in 1910 were given the status of "nullius" — that is, without diocesan jurisdiction.

While operating under nullius status, the Benedictines extended their work beyond the 500-acre estate upon which they built their monastery and school. One such place was Tryon, where in 1911 they built the first church in their eight-county territory.

With less than a dozen people in attendance, the structure was dedicated as St. John the Baptist Church in October 1911 by Benedictine Abbot Leo Haid — also consecrated a bishop in 1888 by Bishop James Gibbons, then vicar apostolic of North Carolina. The congregation included the church's primary benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hallahan of Philadelphia. Benedictine Father Michael McInerney, the renowned architect of Belmont Abbey who designed some 500 buildings in his career, had designed plans for the church. In 1924, he began a five-year pastorate at the Tryon parish.

From its founding until the reduction of the "nullius" to Gaston County in 1944, St. John the Baptist Church existed as a mission of Belmont Abbey. In 1923, the mission's parishioners — for decades numbering around 12 — and local townsfolk directed a refurbishing project of the church and grounds. That year a rectory was built as well. Father James Manley, the only priest in the church's early history who was not a Benedictine, was pastor.

With the end of the Benedictines' pastorate in 1944 came St. John's first resident pastor, Father Vincent Mahoney. Growth in the St. John Church congregation had been virtually nonexistent into the late 1950s; no reports exist stating that the church's seating capacity of 75 was ever filled. Still, an influx of retirees from the North visiting and moving to the North Carolina mountains began in the '60s, and a steady increase in church membership ensued.

Meanwhile, the rectory began serving a three-year period as a place of worship, when on June 25, 1959 — just a day after the feast of St. John the Baptist — the church burned.

With tremendous help from the local community, the congregation immediately set out to build a new spiritual home. Gifts of money, materials, labor and support arrived from the area and from across the country, and with a contribution from the Catholic Extension Society, construction began in January 1962.

Father (now Msgr.) Joseph Kerin

administered as pastor of the Tryon congregation during the rebuilding phase, which ended when Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh dedicated the new church in August 1962. About 55 parishioners composed the church family at the time.

Having arduously served as a multipurpose building, the rectory had become nearly uninhabitable by the mid-1960s. A new rectory was purchased in 1967.

Growth has been steady since then, with parish organizations and programs having been founded and developed during the past few decades. The Altar Guild, which was already well-established by the mid-1940s, is the longest-running committee in the parish and remains a staple of church life today, along with a variety of groups and commissions whose primary purpose is to increase parish connection with adults, children and the community.

With a continued increase in the Catholic population — thanks to the continued migration of northern Catholics as well as developments in roads leading to

the mountains — the St. John Church congregation numbered 130 in 1973. By the mid-'80s, the figure had reached 300.

The St. John community celebrated its 75th anniversary in October 1986. As part of the jubilee, a church bell, donated by parishioners including the senior youth group, was placed into the bell tower that had been built along with the church in 1962.

Father Lawrence Heiney has served as pastor at St. John since July 1995. In an effort to provide the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions and make suggestions about the parish, Father Heiney has begun a series of town meetings. During a recent meeting the parish council, whose members represent a variety of commissions, explained their groups' roles in the parish. In addition, they discussed plans for the present and future of St. John the Baptist Church, the only Catholic church in Polk County and one with the tradition of a faith-filled community.



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## Holocaust Survivor Thanks Vatican Official For Nuns Who Hid Her

By **JUDITH SUDILOVSKY**

**JERUSALEM (CNS)** — A Jewish woman hidden by nuns during the Nazi Holocaust thanked a Vatican official who met with Holocaust survivors saved by Catholics.

Lilianne Levitt and her twin sister were hidden by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in a cloistered convent in Belgium from the age of 2 until they were 11 years old.

Their mother had committed suicide, and their father went into hiding with the Dominican brothers nearby, she told Cardinal Edward Cassidy, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

"There was a sister who was like a mother to us. She was not only beautiful on the outside, but also on the inside. We called her Mimi," Levitt told the cardinal Feb. 11 in Jerusalem.

"I wanted to tell you how much I thank you because they saved me and my sister," she said. "We owe them a lot, and I thank you."

Cardinal Cassidy met with the survivors while he was in Jerusalem for a two-day symposium on the future of Jewish-Catholic relations.

"We see how complex it is to speak about the relationship of the Church with the Holocaust," the cardinal said. "Some people certainly did not live up to the ideals which the Gospel placed before them, but we see here there were others who did live up to the ideals and were willing to put their own lives at risk to help people."

Some 300,000 Holocaust survivors live in Israel; of that number, some 100,000 were children during World War II, said Benny Navon. He is chairman of the board of the Amcha Center, which

organized the meeting between the cardinal and the Holocaust survivors.

Amcha is a Hebrew word that means "God's people" and was used as a code word by Jews during the Holocaust. The center provides support to survivors and their children.

Some Jewish children were spared the fate of their parents by hiding with Christian families or religious orders, said Navon.

"They had a saving relationship with Catholics not as the Catholic Church, but as individual people," he said. "We want to show our gratitude to the people of moral courage."

Cardinal Cassidy has been president of the Commission for Relations With the Jews since 1989 and has helped coordinate meetings and cooperative ventures involving Catholic and Jewish leaders.

He also was instrumental in organiz-

ing a 1994 Vatican memorial concert, where some 100 survivors of the Holocaust met with Pope John Paul II.

Pope Pius XII has been criticized by Jews as not having spoken out forcefully enough against the Nazi atrocities during World War II.

In predominantly Catholic countries such as Poland, almost the entire Jewish population was exterminated. Some Jews believe that many of the teachings of the Church at the time, including that Jews were guilty of deicide, fed into anti-Semitic Nazi propaganda. Some parish priests, instead of opposing the Nazis, supported their actions against the Jews.

Research of declassified information from the war by U.S. Jesuit Father Robert Graham on the Vatican's response to mass deportations and killings of Jews shows repeated appeals by Pope Pius XII to end the persecution.



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## Faith Formation Journeying with Jesus



Mark Wilson, 9, of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point was the winner of the Office of Faith Formation's poster contest. The contest was held in conjunction with the Diocese of Charlotte's celebration of Faith Formation Week March 2-9. For a related story, see page 3.

## Seniors Discuss Plan To Address Needs

By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

*This is the second in a series of articles focusing on the concerns and needs of the elderly in the Diocese of Charlotte, and how the Church is addressing this very important issue.*

**HICKORY** — Count Kay and Ray Cuzzone among those who would consider living in a diocesan-operated retirement facility if one were available to Catholic seniors in the area.

"We'd be very interested," says Mrs. Cuzzone, 71, "if the Church opened a nursing home, assisted living or retirement center. A facility that could meet any or all three of those needs would be excellent."

The Cuzzones moved to Hickory 19 years ago. A design engineer, Mr. Cuzzone worked for General Electric for more than 38 years before retiring in 1982. The couple currently live in a townhouse, but the St. Aloysius parishioners know the day may come when they have to turn to others for assistance.

"I don't know if we'll always be able to manage for ourselves," Mrs. Cuzzone

said. "If something happened to me, I could see a definite need for Ray."

Mr. Cuzzone was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at age 29. It has prevented him from golfing, bowling and enjoying other activities. Now 74, he no longer is able to drive. "The last couple years, it's been harder. Ray can't bend his fingers as well, or bend down to tie his shoes," Mrs. Cuzzone explained. "The body just doesn't work like it used to."

"It's something we have to live with," she added.

Mrs. Cuzzone has been involved with the diocese's CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) program since its inception, and sees many needs for the diocese's more than 20,000 Catholic seniors. "One of the greatest (needs) is housing. What kind of housing are we offering the elderly?" she asked.

There are other wants and needs as well. "Many older people don't drive at night, so they would like Mass and other church activities to be during the day if possible," she added.

"I also know one couple that has inquired about getting Mass on TV here. Their elderly mother lives with them, and

that is something she really enjoyed up North," Mrs. Cuzzone noted. "We've talked to the cable company about that."

Like many other seniors, the Cuzzones are content in western North Carolina and want to stay in the region. "We've made good friends, and are familiar with the area," Mrs. Cuzzone said. "This is home."

Mary Finlayson admits she doesn't fit the mold. At 77, she is as active today as she was 20 years ago.

The Our Lady of Assumption parishioner in Charlotte is always on the go, splitting her time between church and volunteer activities. "I'm the organist at 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, and organist on-call too. I also work with both the youth and adult choirs," she says.

One day a week Finlayson can also be found playing the piano and leading sing-a-longs for seniors at the Little Flower Assisted Living Facility, while another day she performs at Selwyn Daycare. She is also renowned for leading the entertainment at CRISM activi-

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## Cloning Of Sheep Raises Ethical Concerns

By **LOU PANARALE**

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Recent reports about successful cloning in mammals have rightly raised ethical concerns about cloning humans, said Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

Doerflinger's Feb. 25 statement came after news broke worldwide about the first-ever cloning of an adult animal at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland.

The achievement, long thought to be biologically impossible, was accomplished with sheep. A total of nine cloned lambs have been born so far. The first, named Dolly, was born in July.

Genetic scientists who have observed the results of the recent clonings generally agree that the relatively simple procedure means the ability to clone human beings is not far behind.

"Catholic teaching rejects the cloning of human beings because this is not a worthy way to bring a human being into the world," Doerflinger said. "Children have a right to have real parents, and to be conceived as the fruit of marital love between husband and wife."

Children "are not products we can manufacture to our specifications," Doerflinger said. "Least of all should they be produced as deliberate 'copies' of other people to ensure that they have certain desired features."

Doerflinger referred to "Donum Vitae," a document released 10 years ago by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Titled "Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation," the Vatican document emphasized that "what is technically possible is not for that very reason morally admissible."

Although at the time cloning was not feasible, the instructions examined such procedures as "in vitro" fertilization involving a man and a woman not married to one another, as well as within marriage; experimentation on human embryos; surrogate motherhood; prenatal diagnosis and therapeutic procedures for the human embryo; infertility in marriage; and legislation related to procreation.

A fundamental concern of the Vatican instruction was that human life be respected; the embryo must be treated as a person and defended in its integrity, it said.

Moreover, the instruction emphasized

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# Faith Formation Week: March 2-9

## Faith Formation Has Impact Throughout The Diocese Of Charlotte

The faith formation efforts of the Diocese of Charlotte have tremendous impact on the formation of our diocese.

This work is led by parish catechetical leaders and volunteer catechists in each of the parishes. Their efforts are assisted by the four regional coordinators of the Office of Faith Formation.

There are parish programs in sacrament preparation which include Baptism parent programs, Pre-Cana programs, Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation programs. Other programs include formation for grades K-12, youth ministry, RCIA, RCIA for children, family education, adult education and many others.

The efforts of faith formation touch many. Nearly 3,300 dedicated catechists teach the truths of the Catholic faith and share the Good News throughout the diocese. It is because of them that we celebrate Faith Formation Week.

## Faith Formation Efforts Emphasize Spiritual Support In Western Region

Eighteen parishes and missions compose Catholic community life and worship in the Asheville area and west.

Ranging in size from the nearly 1,000-family Immaculate Conception Parish in Hendersonville to the intimate 12-15 member "winter" community at Prince of Peace Church in Robbinsville, each parish has unique strengths and charisms. Many parishes experience attendance that swells to nearly double during summer and vacation months. With Catholics from all over the country choosing a second-home parish in these mountain resort areas, faith formation programs are both blessed and challenged.

Because many parishes are composed mainly of elders in different stages of retirement, faith formation emphasis turns to spiritual support and companionship, adult catechesis and social issues. And because these same parishes also have some children, teens, young adults and young families, attention often turns to parish-wide catechesis. This means that leaders pay attention to the overall health of parish life, community and service in addition to offering specific faith formation programs. The smaller the community, the more easily "intergenerational" catechesis — formation in faith for people of all ages — happens naturally.

Many smaller parishes and missions are also beginning to offer what is called "Lectionary-Based" catechesis. This is a way of connecting a class-type experience with the Scripture readings from Sunday Mass. The children or youth learn a doctrine and explore a life experience as it relates to the context of the readings. This approach involves parents and

encourages informal follow-up conversation at home.

Other larger parishes have classroom programs that follow a curriculum that pays special attention to the seasons of the Church year.

### Central Region Catechists Spread The Faith

The central region cuts a path from the border of South Carolina to the northern border of Tennessee and Virginia down the center of the Charlotte Diocese. The 21 parishes of the central region range in size from 50 to 900 families. These communities of faith live out the Good News in sacrament, liturgy, catechesis, youth ministry and family programming. The majority of the faith formation in these parishes is coordinated by part-time ministers putting forth full-time efforts to bring Christ to the people.

While Sunday morning catechetical hour is the norm, there are Wednesday night catechist meetings, Tuesday morning Bible study, Thursday evening youth groups, Saturday morn-

ing workshops, weekend retreats, Monday Education Commission meetings and Friday RCIA training. Many volunteers enable this ministry to be carried out.

Parishes are celebrating Faith Formation Week with receptions, children's Masses, bulletin announcements, art displays, family retreats, certificates signed by the bishop, presentations, a parish community night, catechist recognition, bulletin boards in the parish hall, banners on the church lawn and an open house for all to walk the "Journey with Jesus."

## Families



### Southern Region Blessed With Dedicated Catechists

All 19 parishes that compose the southern region will celebrate the dedication and generosity of catechists during Faith Formation Week. Some parishes will offer open houses; others special dinners or recognition and prayers at liturgy.

In this region there are 1,400 catechists. That means there are more than 14,000 persons growing in faith through the conscientious dedication of volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to prepare, study, and pray in order to teach the truths of the Catholic faith to children, teen-agers, adults and inquirers from other faith traditions.

The directors of faith formation in each of the parishes are exceptional persons who coordinate programs, and train and empower catechists. They wear many hats and do many tasks. "To be all things to all men" so as "to bring all to Christ" is the daily task of these leaders.

Variety aptly describes the kinds of catechesis being provided for the sake of diverse needs. In one parish, the Montessori-based "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" is presented to children beginning at a very young age. In another, in addition to the usual forms of catechesis, there is a "Wednesday Night Gathering" at which a family meal is often served, followed by a range of programs to meet the needs of each family member. In other parishes, there are family-based catechetical programs in which the family both learns and teaches the faith as a unit. Parish catechetical leaders provide guidance to parents involved.

Many parishes in the region provide weekly courses or adult education forums. They address the growing thirst adults have to know more about their faith in order to answer their questions, their children's questions, and their neighbors' questions.

Much is being done, much more needs to be done. Still, the 1,400 catechists strive to bring a greater understanding of the Good News.

### Perpetua and Felicity



Perpetua, a young married woman, was arrested in Carthage in the year 203. With her were Felicity, a pregnant slave girl, and other catechumens. They were baptized while under arrest and refused to renounce their faith. The wild beasts of the amphitheater failed to kill the women, so they were beheaded. The feast of these martyrs is March 7.



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### Northern Region Served By 1,200 Catechists

The northern region of the Diocese of Charlotte is composed of 19 parishes and three missions within the Greensboro and Winston-Salem vicariates. The Faith Formation Ministry is led by 44 parish catechetical leaders and approximately 1,200 catechists.

These leaders work with the support of the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation through the services of a regional coordinator. Parish faith formation efforts vary widely, each meeting the range of needs in their respective parishes. Efforts include formation for children in kindergarten through grade 12, youth ministry, adult education, baptism, marriage and other sacrament preparation, RCIA, family education, and young adult ministry. Parishes range in size from 50 to 1,500 families.

Many programs and support activities are offered as a means to develop the connection to the larger Church as well as insure the effectiveness and orthodoxy of the catechetical mission of the diocese within each respective parish. The northern region offers a regional day of formation in the Fall in order to train catechists in their mission. Tracks for this training are also offered for Hispanic and youth ministry.

A regional resource room which contains materials and support information for catechetical leaders is located at Our Lady of the Highways parish in Thomasville. The region also sponsors a diocesan young adult retreat each Fall in Asheboro in collaboration with the Raleigh Diocese.

Parishes of the northern region are hosting a variety of events to celebrate Faith Formation Week. Most parishioners believe the connection to the diocese is made through the services of faith formation programs, parish catechetical leaders and catechists who live out the mission of Jesus in their teaching of the Good News.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
March 2-8



Sunday:	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kings 5:1-15a Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
Friday:	Hosea 14:2-10, Mark 12:28b-34
Saturday:	Hosea 6:1-6, Luke 18:9-14

### Number of catechists in the Diocese of Charlotte by region:

Western region: 309

Central region: 390

Northern region: 1,200

Southern region: 1,400



## Education Vicar Discusses Religious Education

CHARLOTTE — Father James Hawker, vicar for education in the Diocese of Charlotte, sees faith formation as a far-reaching entity that continually enriches the faith lives of believers. In a recent conversation with *The Catholic News & Herald*, Father Hawker explained one of faith formation's key elements: catechetics, or religious education. The following are excerpts from the discussion.

### What is meant by the term faith formation?

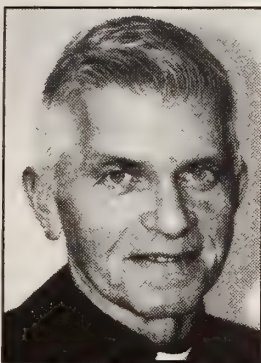
From one perspective, it refers to those experiences whereby the maturing believer is assisted to grow in his or her relationship with the risen Lord. The Scriptures, the Mass, the sacraments and the witness of believers are all directed to helping the person grow in faith. Another essential component of this mosaic is catechetics or religious education. Its role is to share the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church in a systematic and complete manner and in relation to one's daily life.

### What is the purpose of catechetics or religious education in the process of continuing faith formation?

Pope John Paul II in his apostolic exhortation entitled *On Catechesis in Our Time* states that "the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy with Jesus Christ" (paragraph 5). The Holy Father continues, "everything else is taught with reference to Him" (paragraph 6). If the person, according to his or her ability, has not been motivated to appropriate, assimilate and live the vision, values and virtues taught and exemplified by Jesus Himself, the purpose of catechetics has not been achieved.

Catechetics, then, is a sacred and serious enterprise. It is a grace-filled moment within which the child, youngster or adult is invited to meet and respond to the person and message of Jesus. Those who serve as catechists should never become discouraged if their

labors do not always bear fruit; rather, they must continue to speak in the name of the Lord and in the power of His Spirit with patience and persistence.



Father James Hawker

### How has the approach to catechetics or religious education changed in the Church during the past several decades?

In 1979, Pope John Paul II addressed the subject directly when he wrote, "catechesis needs to be continually reviewed by a certain broadening of its concept, by the revision of its methods, by the search for suitable language and by the utilization of new means of transmitting the message" (*On Catechesis in Our Time*, paragraph 17). This statement of the Holy Father has validated the appropriate adaptations apparent in contemporary catechetics. He is not overlooking the responsibility of the catechists to share the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church in a complete and systematic manner. However, he does not presume or expect that the goal would be realized after a year or two of catechetical involvement on the part of the maturing believer.

Although in the past there was a tendency on the part of catechists simply to share information, today there is a conscious, connected effort to do so in relation to the pope's statement regarding the continual renewal of the catechetical concept. You may recall that the teachings of the Church were once presented in a question-and-answer format. Definitions were shared and memorized. Today there is an emphasis on description as well as definition so that the meaning and relevance of the message might be apparent to those being catechized.

This approach is a response, at least

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## Immaculate Heart Of Mary Parishioner Wins Poster Contest

Students in faith formation programs throughout the diocese submitted drawings of their interpretation of the theme for the first Faith Formation Week celebration, "Journeying With Jesus."

More than 300 entries were received. The winner of the competition was Mark Wilson, 9, from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in High Point. His interpretation depicted a school bus full of people journeying to heaven with Jesus as their bus driver. The winning drawing is featured on Faith Formation Week posters at each parish.

Honorable mentions were awarded to: Marie Forney, Immaculate Heart of Mary; Juliana Dirco, Cristo Rey; Ryan Kelly, Our Lady of the Angels; Cristen Nimmons and Markitta Harmon, Our Lady of Consolation; Jennie Guan and Kristina Singleton, Our Lady of Lourdes; Tracey Wilson, St. Helen; Sarah Wolfe and Gabrielle Saluta, St. Leo; and Dave Roberts, St. Therese.

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The Chancery



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Dear Friends in Christ:

As Christian stewards, we are called to share our time, talent and treasure with those in need. The American Bishops' Overseas Appeal gives us an opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters throughout the world, as well as in our own country. This year's collection will be taken in our diocese on the weekend of March 8-9.

During his 1995 visit to the U.S., the Holy Father, in a message to Catholic Relief Services, said, in part: "The splendor of Christ's glory is reflected in the face of every human being and is even more so when that face is emaciated by hunger, saddened by exile, or oppressed by poverty and misery.... Christians must be ever attentive to the cry of the poor, serving the Lord who is present in their suffering."

Last year, Catholics in parishes nationwide responded by contributing more than \$12 million to support self-help programs for families and communities; to aid victims of natural and human disasters; to provide agricultural assistance, health care and to resettle newcomers to the United States. Our contributions allow the Holy Father to respond to emergencies around the globe.

Thanking you for your generous response to the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal and wishing you and yours God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
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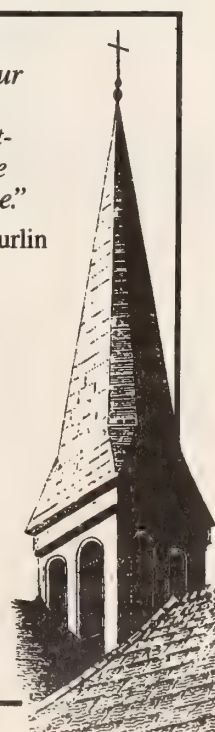
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



"It is small wonder that a society such as ours which has distanced itself further and further from the revelation of God has lost its sense of the awesome dignity of every human being. The culture of death is the grotesque consequence when a society has obscured the source of all life."

— Cardinal Bernard Law

Jan. 21, 1997 Homily at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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| <b>March 2</b><br>9 a.m.<br>Day of Renewal for<br>Knights and Dames of<br>Malta & new candidates<br>Charlotte                   | <b>March 8</b><br>Permanent Deacons Day<br>of Retreat &<br>Recommitment<br>Catholic Conference<br>Center<br>Hickory |
| <b>March 6</b><br>Priests Personnel<br>Committee Meeting<br>Charlotte   | <b>March 9</b><br>11 a.m.<br>Confirmation<br>St. Joseph of the Hills<br>Church<br>Eden                              |
| <b>March 7</b><br>Citizen of the Year<br>Awards Ceremony<br>National Association<br>of Social Workers, NC<br>Chapter<br>Raleigh | <b>March 11</b><br>Presbyteral Council<br>Meeting<br>Catholic Conference<br>Center<br>Hickory                       |

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Asks For Church, Regional Cooperation In Jubilee Preparations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — One day before the distribution of the Gospel of Mark to families throughout Rome, Pope John Paul II gave copies to the members of the Latium regional council.

In his annual meeting with the politicians and administrators responsible for the region surrounding Rome Feb. 15, the pope asked for a cooperative effort between the church and the regional government in preparing for the year 2000.

The Gospel distribution, which will take place during home visits, is part of an effort by the Catholic Church in Rome.

After long delays, the Italian government released almost \$2.2 billion Feb. 14 for public works projects in Rome and for Latium to get roads, parking lots, the subway system and lodging ready for the estimated 20 million pilgrims expected in the year 2000.

"A pilgrimage is, by its nature, a double experience: spiritual, with deep and strong religious motivations; and practical, insofar as it requires concrete realization such as the journey, the stops, the visits, transfers and meetings," the pope said.

"I deeply hope that the regional administration and the church community will work with respect for each other's competence and in a spirit of great collaboration to create a welcoming and efficient context around Rome," he said.

Piero Badaloni, president of the regional council, told the pope that a variety of the regional government's offices are working on projects for the jubilee year.

"They are works which have been judged necessary to make pilgrims' stay in Rome more comfortable," he said. In addition, they provide an opportunity "not only to improve the image of the city and the territory, but also the quality of life of those who live here ordinarily."

On Feb. 15, church and government officials appeared at a round-table discussion on preparations for the jubilee.

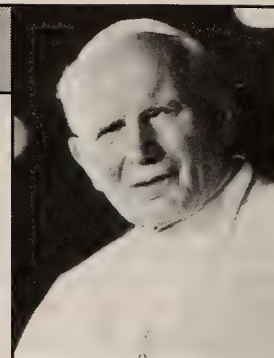
Paolo Costa, Italian public works minister, acknowledged that the funding of projects was far behind schedule.

"I hope that in the remaining 1,000 days we can make up time," Costa said at the discussion sponsored by *La Civiltà Cattolica*, a Jesuit-run journal.

Archbishop Sergio Sebastiani, secretary of the Vatican's central committee for the jubilee, said people must keep in mind the fact that the Holy Year is a spiritual event and a pastoral opportunity.

The Holy Year is not a business, nor a tourism project, nor an expression of millenarianism — the expectation of a cataclysmic event in connection with the year 2000 — nor, he said, is it "a misfortune" for Romans who will find their city filled with tourists.

"To those apathetic and distrustful Christians I would respond, 'Open your ears not to the shrill voices, but to the whispers of the Holy Spirit,'" the archbishop said.



## Guest Column

Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

### Reflections On The Fourth Sunday Of Lent: From Death to Life

The readings today call attention to a paradox of human living — that signs of death are so very frequently signs of healing and life.

The first reading, from the second book of Chronicles (36:14-23), was the original ending of the Hebrew Scriptures. But it did not seem right to close with the sad memory of the exile. So a later editor added the concluding verses about the liberation of the exiles, thus adding a note of promise and hope for the future.

Here we have that same paradox: Life comes through death. Was it truly possible that God could restore His chosen people, the nation of Israel, at the hand of Cyrus, the first king of Persia? We do not usually look to the enemy for healing and integrity. But God is always breaking through human expectations, and He raised up Cyrus, who allowed deported peoples to return to their homeland.

The second reading (Eph. 2:4-10) emphasizes that we cannot save ourselves. Whenever we begin to think that healing is wrought by our own hands, then we are thinking in very restricted categories. But if healing and wholeness are God's work, then the possibilities are as limitless as they are undeserved. Salvation is a gift we accept by faith. God saves us by raising us with Christ through death to life. We are already, the author writes, "citizens of heaven."

The Gospel reading (John 3:14-21) begins with an allusion to a legend of Moses lifting up a bronze serpent in the wilderness to cure those bitten by poisonous snakes. A comparison is then drawn with the crucifixion, which for the author was an act of exaltation. Just as the serpent Moses exalted in the desert was a symbol of healing, so is the Son of Man, exalted upon the

cross, a sign of healing for all who look upon Him. New birth is possible only when Jesus makes the transit to His Father through death, resurrection, and glorification. Death becomes a symbol of new life.

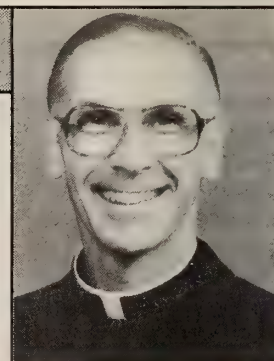
Here again is the paradox of human nature, in which death to selfishness and sin is the way to new life. And in the Christian view, it is precisely through the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ that we attain new birth. Passage from death to life depends not just on Jesus' objective achievement but on our subjective reaction, our response, our appropriation, through faith.

This is followed by the best-known verse in the Bible, John 3:16, chosen by the British and Foreign Bible Society as the pilot verse to be translated into every newly discovered language because it distills the essence of the New Testament: "For God so loved the world that He gave (gave as a gift and gave up to death) His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The author then spells out the consequences in his view: Whoever believes in Jesus will not be judged adversely, but the person who rejects Jesus and His message has already brought about his own condemnation. Eternal life, for this author, is not something that one simply hopes for in the future; it is a deliberate choice here and now.

May the eucharistic liturgy we celebrate in memory of the death and resurrection of our Savior lead us also through death to eternal life.

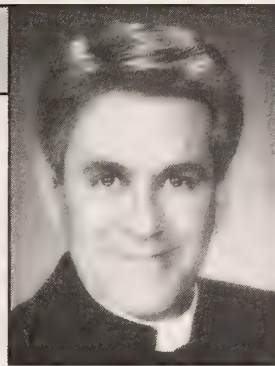
Jesuit Father Francis T. Gignac is a professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington.





## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Does Your Heart Need Work?

Traditionally, the Season of Lent invites us to concentrate attention on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. I suspect that many of us just grit our teeth and look upon this effort as "penance" to be endured. But a look at Jesus' own actions give a different perspective.

After Jesus was baptized in the river by John, He immediately went into the desert for 40 days to pray and fast. He had to discover how He was to live His life. To do so, He had to enter the heart of His Father. As the fruit of this intense experience, He was ultimately confronted with three tests. Jesus' response to these temptations would determine His future.

This is how I hear the words of that ancient and ageless struggle. The devil, in essence, said to Jesus: "You're hungry! You could turn these stones into

bread if You wish." The gist of Jesus' answer was: "I refuse to live my life according to the principle of PLEASURE!"

Then the devil tried another tack. Taking Jesus to a high mountain, he intimated: "If you worship me, I'll give you dominion over all the kingdoms of the world." Jesus' reply was: "I refuse to live my life according to the principle of POWER!"

Finally, the devil took Jesus to the tower of the temple and challenged Him: "Throw yourself down from this high place for it

is written that the Lord's angels will rescue you and keep you from harm." Jesus responded: "I refuse to abdicate my RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY OWN ACTIONS and thereby depend upon others to rescue me!"

Thus Jesus made a decision not just

for one moment, but for His life. He would refuse inordinate Pleasure, Power and Self-seeking. Just as He needed tools to be a carpenter, He needed tools to build His kingdom; Prayer which created union with God's heart, Fasting to curb His own desires and Almsgiving to show concern for and sharing with others.

We are no more exempt that Jesus was. When we look at ourselves honestly, we discover that the spirit of the world gradually and imperceptibly eats away at our good intentions. Most fortunately for us, the early members of our Church, in harmony with the spirit of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the other faithful followers of Yahweh, recognized that we too need regular periods of reflection and renewed effort if we are to imitate Jesus. So they gradually developed the Season of Lent. It too lasted for 40 days as a clear reminder of Jesus' time in the desert. As Jesus needed to

bind His heart with the Father's, we too are constantly called to be in touch with Christ's heart — to see as Christ sees, to love as Christ loves.

Our hearts become shopworn by constant involvement with the cares and self-centered spirit of

the world. Lent is a marvelous opportunity to find once again that intimacy with God. The wisdom of the ages invites us to use this period in serious and prolonged efforts to renew ourselves as God's people through the proven spiritual exercises of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Protestants and the Stations of the Cross

Q. I am doing some Lenten study on the Stations of the Cross. Why were they not carried over to the Protestant churches if they originated before the Reformation?

Is there a connection between the stations and the path to Calvary followed by modern visitors to Jerusalem?

A. The devotion we know as the Stations (or Way) of the Cross was one of many forms of devotion developed during the very late Middle Ages, generally the 1200s or 1300s.

Politically, culturally and religiously those were tumultuous and painful times for the vast majority of ordinary people. Practicing and passing on any faith was enormously difficult.

Into this picture came, among others, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic and their followers, who helped popularize such expressions of faith and prayer as the Christmas creche (St. Francis) and the rosary (Dominicans).

The Stations were one of these devotions, serving both as prayer and a sort

of catechism about the sufferings of the Lord.

Various Franciscan communities, who already held responsibility for the holy places in Jerusalem for Latin Rite Catholics, helped popularize the devotion.

The Stations once included seven falls under the cross. Another form had a total of 43 separate stations. But the 14 stations as we know them became fairly stabilized by Pope Clement XII in 1731.

For some years now most publications of the Stations of the Cross have included a 15th station or meditation, calling to mind Christ's victory over death in the resurrection.

The entire city of Jerusalem was leveled by the Roman armies about 40 years after the death of Jesus. Thus, locating precisely, for example, the falls of Jesus on the way to Calvary is next to impossible.

At any rate, the markings of the 14

stations along the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way) in old Jerusalem are comparatively recent. The accuracy and even historical validity of some of them are open to considerable question.

Nevertheless, the Stations of the Cross remain one of the richest ways in our tradition to reflect on our Lord's suffering and death.

The reasons Protestantism did not continue many devotional traditions such as the Stations are complicated.

Several Reformed churches mistrusted the use of pictures or other images in worship and prayer. This may be part of the answer.

Another could be that the Stations have always included incidents which come out of Christian tradition but are not found in the Gospels.

Our fourth station, for example, com-

memorates Jesus meeting His mother. Luke notes that Jesus stopped along the way to speak to "many women who mourned and lamented him," but he doesn't say Mary was among them. John places her at the foot of the cross, but not on the road.

With the Protestants' heavy emphasis on Scripture as the rule of faith, it is perhaps understandable that some of these popular devotions would not be picked up in their spirituality.

The story of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus is also not in the Gospels.

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## Letters

### Task Force Offers Hope For Seniors And Their Care-Givers

To the Editor,

Until I read the article "Diocese Working to Address Needs of Seniors" in the Feb. 14th edition of *The Catholic News & Herald*, I thought I was the only person in the state of North Carolina with direct care responsibilities of an elder.

I have in the last six months seen my 84-year-old mother move to Asheville from Illinois. She initially cared for herself, but due to a back fracture, has developed many needs.

I am the only offspring and friend she can rely on, and the situation is difficult because I have a family and work nights.

Trying to seek help through community resources has been very frustrating. I have thought about the new assisted living care facility in Charlotte, but that is too far away.

After reading your article, I thought of the many parishioners in my own church who could benefit from a retirement center in our area.

I pray the task force will be successful in their meeting the needs of our elders and their caregivers.

I look forward to future updates in "Corner on CRISM."

Mrs. Kenneth C. Watmough  
Asheville

### Faulty Translation

To the Editor,

In the special edition of the newspaper honoring Bishop Begley's Silver Jubilee, you translate the Bishop's motto, "Diligimus Fratres," as "We have loved the Brethren." Your translation is faulty as "Diligimus" is present tense. The correction translation: "We love the Brethren."

On this occasion charged with historicity, I felt it should also be adorned with accuracy, especially since Bishop Begley still "loves" (present tense) us, the Brethren.

Very Rev. Joseph Kelleher, V.F.  
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## Telecommunications Office Promotes Media Literacy

By **JIMMY ROSTAR**  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — When considering the cultural landscape of America, Gail Hunt Violette is amazed at the power of television and other media in the lives of children and adults alike. With that realization, the director of the Office of Telecommunications and the Media Resource Center emphasizes the need for constant, ongoing education.

"Our mission is to bring people to Christ through the understanding of telecommunications and the written word," says Violette, whose office is funded entirely through the Diocesan Support Appeal. "The purpose of the Office of Telecommunications is three-fold: to present media that's already produced, to produce video for religious education, and to provide media literacy education."

By definition, telecommunications involves the technology of relaying information through such vehicles as telephone, radio and television. Noting that the latter pervades the American lifestyle at extraordinary levels, Violette says catechists, religious educators and especially parents must strive to keep apprised of pop culture — which most certainly includes the ever-growing field of media.

"Young people today are so in tune with media," she says. "Now they have computers in their classrooms, and many have televisions in their classrooms, too. The media is a good teaching tool, but we have to recognize the fact that communication about its message is the key."

The diocesan telecommunications director, along with Associate Director Loretta Wnetrzak, is a facilitator of media literacy education at programs throughout the diocese and beyond. From their weekend retreat, "The Gospel According to the Media," to monthly newsletters, from parenting classes in parishes to an upcoming national teleconference, Violette and Wnetrzak, both certified catechists, strive to effect an understand-

ing of media from a Christian perspective in a variety of ways.

A continual reality in their efforts is the need for parents to dialogue with their kids about the media. "As Catholics, we have to communicate with our children about what they see," Violette says. "We have to talk about the values that are being presented, discuss them openly and make it a lesson."

In order for parents to be able to have that dialogue, Violette suggests that media literacy education — which she calls a "grassroots" movement — is an invaluable tool. To make available resources a greater reality, the Tele-

communications Office offers 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio cassettes and a small book collection through its media lending library, located at the Catholic Center in Charlotte. Resources include an extensive range of topics intended to enhance the faith lives of all age groups. "Everything we have in the library is catechetical," says Violette. "Items can be used for personal enrichment, and most of the time they are used in religious education programs."

Violette also produces videos for religious education purposes. Again, the variety of subject matter is wide, ranging from a series on the sacraments to lecturing to vocations.

In addition to operations at the Catholic Center and presenting an average of two to three media literacy education classes each month to a diversity of age groups and religious denominations, the telecommunications directors appreciate the relationship they have with everyone interested in analyzing media in light of Christian values.

Violette notes that sharing information between catechists, parents, pastors and parishioners most certainly assists the directors in their work. "We are a service department, and we want to help them in their life of religious education," Violette says of the collaborative effort.

## First Faith Formation Week Celebrates Gifts Of Catechists

By **DR. CRIS VILLAPANDO**

Join us for a first time celebration in the Diocese of Charlotte as we pay trib-

ute to the dedicated service of 3,300 catechists who diligently serve our parishes and missions. March 2-9 has been set aside in honor of these selfless volunteers for their abilities to nurture the faith of children, youth and adults in the regular religious education, RCIA, youth ministry, sacramental preparation and service to small faith communities throughout the 46 counties of our diocese.

In short, it's about the unsung heroes and heroines who respond to the call of the Spirit to continue forming disciples for Christ in our contemporary society. Moreover, we toast this catechetical leadership. Our celebration is one of awe as these *laborers in the vineyard* cultivate the spirit of Christ to those thirsting for faith.

Their jobs are not easy tasks; nurturing of faith involves more than the delivery of cognitive doctrinal packages. It takes the human touch of people in relationships exploring their commitment to Christ. This could be a teen-ager finding Christ, an individual exploring the riches of our traditions through the RCIA, or simply a young child discovering that Jesus loves him or her just the way they are.

When we salute these catechists, we celebrate one of the contemporary gifts we can give to the Church — the time portion of the stewardship trilogy of time, talent and treasure. Without this gift of

the spirit of helping our brothers and sisters, the Faith Formation Ministry would surely suffer.



Dr. Cris Villapando

This is a celebration of thanksgiving. We identify what is good in ourselves but try to recognize its source itself — that of God, Himself. Thus, thanksgiving which *eu + charistein* in its root meaning becomes for us a Eucharistic experience.

Thank you, parish catechetical leaders and the 3,300 catechists. The diocese is eternally

grateful to you for the countless hours of lesson planning and classroom teaching. Thank you for this gift, and especially for your gift of faith.

*Dr. Cris Villapando is diocesan director of faith formation.*

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# Entertainment

## Mothers Make Use Of Movie Newsletter, Toll-Free Number

By MARK PATTISON  
WASHINGTON (CNS) — If necessity is the mother of invention, then mothers may be the greatest inventors of all.

One Catholic mother in Texas is finding new uses for the toll-free movie review phone line offered through the Catholic Communications Campaign.

And another Catholic mother in Mexico is doing the same with Catholic News Service's weekly *TV & Movie Guide* newsletter.

Laura Adaauto, assistant principal of St. Patrick Elementary School in El Paso, Texas, uses the CCC's movie review line for guidance for her three teenage children.

And not only does Adaauto listen. She puts the reviews on the speaker phone and makes her children listen.

"We all laugh because they all think I'm pretty square on that," she told CNS during a recent visit to Washington. Sometimes, she added, they imitate her: "Let's go listen to the movie line." "But they do listen," Adaauto said.

"For me, it's not just an issue of the sex" but violence and banality of modern movies, she said. On occasion, she asks her children, "Why are you stuffing your mind with the stupidity of some of these pictures?"

Incurring Adaauto's personal thumbs-down is any movie featuring martial arts actor Jean-Claude Van Damme and the recent "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" movie. Garnering a thumbs-up is the "Star Wars: Special Edition" reissue.

"My 18-year-old says it's a spiritual experience," Adaauto said. "I have to question his choice of words."

CCC director Ramon Rodriguez said in a statement that he is "proud to see that the movie review line which our

bishops' Communications Committee had the vision to establish is hitting home, right where it is needed."

"This is a wonderful legacy for the Catholic Communication campaign to leave the generation that will lead us into the third millennium," he added.

The toll-free number — (800) 311-4222 — receives an average of 15,000 calls monthly. Enough funding is in place to assure its operation through 1997.

Meanwhile, Lupita Cantu of Monterrey, Mexico, subscribes to CNS' *TV & Movie Guide*, a weekly digest of TV, movie and video reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

Cantu pays the \$47 annual subscription price, plus an extra \$50 a year for reproduction rights. She then translates the newsletter's contents and distributes her Spanish-language version to about 3,000 households in her parish.

Cantu told CNS in a phone interview the work is not tiresome. In fact, she said, she would like to see ratings of movies shown on the HBO and Cinemax cable channels for still more translation and distribution.



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## Video

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Courage Under Fire" (1996)

Returning from the Gulf War, an Army commander (Denzel Washington) feeling guilty over his part in a friendly fire incident doggedly pursues discrepancies in the recommendation of a posthumous medal of honor for a Medevac helicopter pilot (Meg Ryan). Director Edward Zwick blends the differing versions of the pilot's actions under fire with compelling character studies as a series of flashbacks gradually reveal how all concerned behaved under the stress of mortal combat. Intense battlefield violence, a suicide, substance abuse and frequent rough language as well as profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "The Grass Harp" (1996)

Screen version of Truman Capote's 1951 novel about an orphaned boy (Edward Furlong) growing up in a small Southern town during the Depression, looked after by two spinster sisters (Piper Laurie and Sissy Spacek) whose tranquil home is suddenly shattered in a terrible dispute between them, forcing him and the rest of the town to take sides.

Directed by Charles Matthau, the result is a lovely little movie re-creating the charms of a past era without sentimentalizing its account of the boy's encounters with the adult world and odd behavior of his quirky elders (including retired judge Walter Matthau, swindler Jack Lemmon, servant Nell Carter and barber Roddy McDowall). Some violence and strong domestic tension. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "That Thing You Do!" (1996)

Warmhearted comedy in which four clean-cut teens from Erie, Pa., form a rock 'n' roll band in 1964, then briefly rocket toward the top of the pop charts under the savvy guidance of their business manager (Tom Hanks). Also written and directed by Hanks, the thin story brims with youthful exuberance in a vivid picture of a more innocent era. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Nicholson Stars In Cat-And-Mouse Tale Of Blood And Wine

NEW YORK (CNS) — A dysfunctional family goes from bad to worse in the serpentine film noir, "Blood and Wine."

Relations seem strained between mom (Judy Davis), who is recovering from a drunken fall, and her two-faced husband Alex (Jack Nicholson), whose Miami wine business is going south.

Sullenly working for Alex is stepson Jason (Stephen Dorff), who wishes mom would just up and leave her duplicitous husband. When the two men visit the mansion of a rich customer Jason is immediately drawn to the alluring Cuban nanny Gabrielle (Jennifer Lopez).

Unbeknownst to him, she is sleeping with his stepdad, hoping he will marry her. But Alex is mostly using her in a scheme with a safecracker (Michael Caine) to return to the mansion and steal a million-dollar necklace from its vault.

Once that is accomplished, the soup thickens because fed-up mom attacks her abusive husband and storms out, unaware the bag she hastily packed is precisely where Alex hid the necklace in preparation for fencing it. Jason impulsively joins mom in driving off to Key Largo; Alex and his partner in crime want the ice back — and God help whomever gets in the way, namely Gabrielle.

Director Bob Rafelson builds on the growing cat-and-mouse tactics between stepdad and stepson once the younger man realizes he has what Alex wants.

Gabrielle is the complicating factor, but the resolution of the twisty melodrama is a far-fetched disappointment.

At least the characters (except ex-con Caine) do struggle with their consciences over shattered relationships and ill-gotten goods, even if they usually fail to make the most honorable choices.

The characterizations are colorful as well: The safecracker, nearly done in by emphysema, can still cough up massive contempt for bungler Alex; seething mom gives Alex the benefit of the doubt until she boils over; well-meaning Jason and Gabrielle end up morally compromised as all the while Alex desperately and vainly tries to hold it all together.

Visually its tropical south Florida suits the semi-potboiler aspects of the story and the pacing carries the narrative along with a steady flow of incidents. The performances are generally well-crafted too, so it is too bad the script goes into overdrive in the final act with crazed confrontations.

And, with less blood there would also be less to whine about in the flawed "Blood and Wine."

Due to some violence and sexual innuendo, intermittent rough language and recurring profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



Jon Voight stars in "Rosewood," a drama about American race relations based on a real story. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

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# The great balancing act: Caring for self and others

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"Juggling your need to take care of yourself with your responsibilities toward others can be quite an act."

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By Father David K. O'Rourke, OP  
Catholic News Service

**J**uggling your need to take care of yourself with your responsibilities toward others can be quite an act. I can illustrate just how involving an act this is by describing my own recent schedule.

For several weeks I worked with a few other people planning a pastoral meeting which we hope may have some good, long-term effects in our area.

But, as with preparing for a wedding, there is a point where you have to stop thinking about what you might do and actually make the decisions — about reservations, guest lists, deposits, time and place.

Simultaneously, I was undergoing some medical tests that are important and time-consuming. They are important because I want to stay active and healthy as long as I can.

As I write this, I have just spent part of the past two days stretched out, immobile and radioactive on a hospital table, locked into high-tech imaging equipment, but with my mind at work on the details of our upcoming meeting.

While anything high-tech sounds dramatic, what I was doing really wasn't that different from what most people do every day: going in two directions at the same time.

—We know that we should take care of ourselves, better care than many of us do.

—We also all have responsibilities that demand so much of us. Work, family, church, marriage, school, friends, organizations — you name it.

All these responsibilities make claims on our time, and we know that the claims are legitimate.

If we ever are tempted to slack off — either in our care for ourselves or in our care for others — there are reports in the news every day to remind us first to take better care of our schools, and our poor, and our communities at large.

Those reports are followed by others reminding us to take better care of ourselves. Sleep sounder, eat better, cut the stress, relax and have more fun. And then, for good measure, lose 20 pounds and flatten out our middles.

How are we supposed to juggle all this? Needless to say, we all must make our own decisions.

Two principles, however, can be put to good use by anyone.

The first principle is to recognize that taking care of oneself, both physically and spiritually, is an important moral obligation, one we have to take seriously.

As St. Paul once said, and as religious writers have repeated ever since, our bodies are not our own; they are God-given. As such, they deserve good care and respect.

The second principle is to recognize that we are social creatures. Society, meaning the people we live and work with, also holds a claim on our talents, time and energy.

As citizens we owe something to society, but not just because society possesses power to drag it out of us. No, it's more than that. Society has a claim in justice on a fair share of who we are and what we have. And it has this right, philosophers and our own religious tradition tell us, because we are social creatures.

Especially in the area of health care, where we all benefit so much from the research and talents of others, as I did the other day, we need to be aware of how much we owe others.

This traditional view isn't all that popular nowadays. Many tell us to take what we can get and use it to take care of Numero Uno.

In California, where I live, I see numerous people who are "into," as they say, taking care of themselves. In some cases it seems to be their No. 1 occupation. The other day a young man told me how he chose his current juice bar.

"You know, I think I checked out seven or eight before I chose my new one. It took me a week," he said proudly. Not that concern for good health is bad. But there can be too much of a good thing.

I think that our Catholic tradition would say that someone who has the kind of leisure and good health he and many of us have ought to think of sharing some of it in a useful way with others — not giving it all up, but sharing it in a way that helps others benefit from it as we have.

Can we do this all and do it well? Of

course not. It's too big a demand for anyone. But we can recognize that we have two sides: our individual side and our social side.

Our individuality is gifted and unique. It is a gift that should be given the care it deserves.

But why? So that we alone, as individuals, can benefit from this self-care? No. Rather, because in nurturing ourselves we prepare ourselves to nurture others.

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## In a Nutshell

- **Taking care of oneself physically and spiritually is a moral obligation.**
- **But does the care we give ourselves isolate us or help us to be present to others in a more meaningful way?**
- **Self-absorption and self-care aren't the same.**



## How to disconnect self-care from self-absorption

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

A friend has a dilemma and needs your counsel. It seems that this couch potato you knew so well now has become a fitness seeker seriously committed to exercise, spiritual direction, wellness and personal time. The dilemma lies in the reaction of family and friends.

"They say I'm too busy with these

—First, how do our efforts at self-care affect us internally?

Authentic Christian self-care is a kind of stewardship. It recognizes that our bodies, minds and spirits are God's gifts. So if we neglect the disciplines and pleasures needed to make the best of our gifts, we discount our responsibility as stewards.

On the other hand, concentrating on our own needs can seduce us into the illusion that we are more important than we are. If we can't recognize

our impulse to self-inflation and laugh at ourselves once in a while, we've gone too far in the other direction.

—Second is the need to take account of our relationship with God.

Does the way we take care of ourselves acknowledge God's place in our lives? Does it make prayer more or less possible? Does it help us to understand ourselves and the rest of the world as resting ultimately in God's hands?

An investment in personal growth robs us if it doesn't invite God's presence into every aspect of life. Cultivating health without cultivating a sense of gratitude to God flirts with a form of self-idolatry.

—Third, we ought to look at how taking care of ourselves affects the other relationships that shape and sustain our lives, and through which God becomes known to us.

Does a commitment to sound nutri-

**"Does a commitment to sound nutrition, for example, incline us to greater generosity to the hungry?"**

tion, for example, incline us to greater generosity to the hungry?

Does a thirst for self-knowledge enable us to be more compassionate and patient with others?

What does our calendar tell us about how we spend our time? Do the things we do for ourselves isolate us, or make us more free to be present to others in a meaningful way?

Self-absorption leads inward. It shrinks our world, tightens our focus, makes our lives one-dimensional.

Self-care leads outward. It broadens our horizons and nourishes our lives as a kind of sacrament of God's love, which reaches out.

(Luby is director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, and a free-lance writer.)



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things to have time for them. But I made all these changes because people I love encouraged me to grow. Now they want me to stop," he says, asking: "What if they're right? Is it that I'm finally taking care of myself after all these years, or am I just self-absorbed?"

Self-absorption and self-care aren't the same, but they can sometimes look alike.

Not surprisingly, many Christians live a double bind on the issue of self-care. The piety they grew up in may have created an impression that being aware of one's own needs and attending to them was selfish, while culture today proclaims that our primary allegiance is to ourselves; concern for others becomes mere co-dependency in disguise.

How do we examine our lives to make sure that the care we give ourselves is neither too little nor too much?

An age-old spiritual principle will help here: Judge the tree by its fruits. What are the fruits of our attempts to take care of ourselves? What story do our actual lives tell?

We need to take account of three important factors in our lives here:

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A news report this winter told of a noted neuroscientist who envisions a day when the healthy brain of someone dying from multiorgan failure could be transplanted to the body of someone already brain-dead, but whose other organs still work, thus allowing a healthy brain to survive.

My own brain began to wander — and wonder what kind of body it might inhabit if it were transplanted. A taller one? Younger? Better?

I'm not mocking the neuroscientist, whose other work is highly recognized. But for me this vision of a newly combined body and brain shortchanges my body's meaning.

The report said the neuroscientist views the brain as the container of human identity and the soul. But I consider my body essential to my identity.

And I think I have a God-given responsibility to give myself good care in order to foster my development as someone uniquely created by God, body and spirit.

When focusing on "spirit-uality," it is easy to overlook the body's worth. Recalling the importance of Christ's body in the church's liturgy might redirect us. After all, isn't it "the body of Christ" that eucharistic ministers clearly announce at Communion time?

David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

## Reconciling self-love with self-denial

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

If we are to love God as ourselves, we need to love ourselves.

Yet, Jesus says that to be authentic disciples we have to deny our very selves (Mark 8:34).

How can denial of self be reconciled with love of self?

Well, in the first place, to deny ourselves does not mean to annihilate ourselves. Jesus asks us to curb our selfishness — to rein in the preoccupation with self-fulfillment and self-promotion that makes us insensitive to others' needs.

In the second place, remember that love of others does not diminish us but increases us as human beings. We actually grow in stature and maturity and understanding by helping others to grow.

In fact, love of self can be alleged as a criterion for love of others. It is a proven axiom in psychology that people who do not esteem themselves experience difficulty esteeming or loving others. They'd do well to learn to respect and love themselves.

But balance is called for on our parts when it comes to self-love and love for others. It is not a question of either/or but of both/and. We aren't asked to love either ourselves or others, but to love ourselves and others.

We shouldn't be so self-absorbed as to ignore others, especially those in need. And we must not be so concerned with others' well-being as to neglect ourselves.

Does love of self really call upon us to give much care to our bodies? I would say it involves reasonable care for our bodies. Our bodies are essential components of "self"; we are not disembodied spirits.

It is significant in this regard that Jesus never reprimanded people who cried out to him for bodily cures. He respected their legitimate desires for wholeness, for integrity, and he healed them.

Again, when the hungry crowd pressed about Jesus, his reaction was, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat" (Mark 8:2). He

did not reprove them for seeking bodily nourishment, but fed them.

And notice that the author of Ephesians urged husbands to love their wives and went on to say, "For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church" (Ephesians 5:28-29).

We are destined — body and spirit — for glory. Remember this:

"The body ... is ... for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.... Therefore glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:13-14,20).

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**What are the two most important forms of care that you give to yourself?**

"Health care, balanced meals and exercise. And I take care of myself emotionally by dealing with my problems head on and by asking the Lord for help in coping with any problems I do have." — Maxine Potts, Hannibal, Ohio

"First, general fellowship, interaction with a diverse group of people; second, feeding my body with good food, taking care of myself physically." — Karen Broemme, Petersburg, N.H.

"Relaxation and prayer: ... bike riding, walking ... study, meditation, and meditative prayer." — Phil Paschke, Lewisville, Texas

"Physically, it's eating right and (getting) enough sleep. Spiritually, reading Catholic inspirational material and poetry." — Jonnie Kilic, Niles, Mich.

An upcoming edition asks: What steps have you taken that improved communication at home? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.





## People In The News

### Public Events Could Hinder Romero's Canonization

By MIKE LANCHIN

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Public celebrations of the 17th anniversary of the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero could "interfere" with the process for his beatification currently under way in Rome, warned Archbishop Fernando Saenz Lacalle of San Salvador.

"Parishioners should be careful, since public demonstrations could slow down the canonization process," Archbishop Saenz told reporters in mid-February.

According to Archbishop Saenz, "While the Vatican hasn't declared (Romero's) beatification, there can be no public celebrations. Instead, we must try to offer private prayers for him."

Religious and civic groups have traditionally paraded through the streets of the capital, San Salvador, each March 24 to commemorate the anniversary of Archbishop Romero's death.

In Rome, Jesuit Father Peter Gumpel, a former official at the Congregation for Sainthood Causes and an official postulator of Jesuit causes, said Feb. 19, "It is wise to take all precautions" to ensure that any commemoration of a sainthood candidate is not confused with an official liturgical veneration of the person, as if he or she has already been beatified or canonized.

"These things can degenerate into (a) public cult, public liturgical celebrations" if care is not taken, the priest said.

"However, it is quite another thing to remember the person on the anniversary of his death with private devotions, visits to his grave and other commemorations. That is common," Father Gumpel said.

"It is strictly forbidden to attribute an official liturgical cult to someone who has not yet been beatified," he said.

The key difference is that in Masses for blessed and saints, prayers are addressed to the person; in all other cases

prayers are said for the person.

The canonization process of Archbishop Romero, who was gunned down by rightist killers while saying Mass in March 1980, began six years ago and is currently under consideration by the Vatican.

Last November, the Archdiocese of San Salvador officially terminated the diocesan stage of the process, initiated in 1993, and sent all of its relevant documentation on the archbishop to Rome.

During the diocesan process the Ecclesiastical Tribunal in San Salvador, which was appointed to oversee the process, studied manuscripts of Archbishop

Romero's homilies, writings and even personal letters.

The tribunal also received testimonies from people who knew the efforts of Archbishop Romero during his time as San Salvador's fourth archbishop.

Although endorsed by Pope John Paul II, the process of Archbishop Romero's beatification is expected to be lengthy. For him to be declared a martyr, it would have to be proven that Archbishop Romero's faith, not his political position, was the primary motivation for his murder.

*Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden in Rome.*

### Former Hostage Still Working To Forgive

By TONY STALEY

DE PERE, Wis. (CNS) — Former hostage Terry Anderson says he does not hate the men who held him captive for nearly seven years in Lebanon.

Nor is he angry or bitter toward them, though he doesn't like them or have any desire to see them again.

"I am working to forgive them," the former Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut said Feb. 6 at St. Norbert College. "But I don't wish them any harm."

Anderson, who was kidnapped on March 16, 1985, and released on Dec. 4, 1991, said the Bible was an important aid in helping him survive captivity.

His captors gave him a new copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible when he asked for it after enduring his first three-and-a-half weeks of captivity which included being spit on by the guards, who sat on his chest and stuck a gun in his ear.

"Finally I broke. I told them I am not an animal and asked for a Bible," Anderson said. They not only gave him the

Bible, they lengthened his chain and gave him a blanket to put over his head so he could read the Bible without seeing his captors' faces.

Over the next six-and-a-half years, Anderson, who is a Catholic, read the entire Bible 50 times and parts of it more often than that. Anderson said he most enjoyed Paul's letter to the Philippians and the Psalms, "but I had a lot of problems with Job."

He said the people in the Bible came alive for him and that he thinks "Paul was a difficult man. I don't know if he could have been my friend, but I would follow him."

During his captivity, Anderson said, he was fortunate to spend less than a year in solitary confinement. The rest of the time he was with other hostages, who were linked together at the ankle by six inches of chain.

Not that they always got along well, said Anderson, who singled out some of the hostages for what they meant to him, including Servite Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, who he called "the holiest man I ever met." The priest, who died last July of cancer, had been held in captivity from Jan. 8, 1985, to July 26, 1986.

Anderson emphasized that the way they were treated was not in keeping with Islam; many Muslims have since told him they deplored the kidnappings, which violated the Koran. He said he found it a mystery how his captors could treat them as they did and still pray five times a day. But, he noted, they are not the only people who misuse religion.

Some people say the hostages were courageous, but he disagrees. "Courage involves making hard choices. We had no choices. Our families here, they were the ones who were courageous."

It just shows that "we each are capable of enormously more than we think we can do," said Anderson, who thanked all those who prayed for him and the other hostages during their captivity.

Anderson encouraged people not to give up, even though the world may seem out of control.

### Asian Immigrant Women Advocates Leader Wins CHD Award

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Young Shin, executive director of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates and a longtime grass-roots leader for improved working conditions for garment workers, has been named winner of the Development of People Award given each year by the Campaign for Human Development. Shin, herself a Korean immigrant, was to receive the award Feb. 23, at the beginning of the annual Catholic social ministry gathering in Washington. A co-founder of the Asian women's advocacy group, also known as AIWA, Shin has been working to organize and develop leadership of low-income Asian immigrant women in the garment, hotel, restaurant, electronics and nursing home industries in the San Francisco Bay area and California's "Silicon Valley."

### Sulpician Father Robert Eno, Scholar, Ecumenist, Dies At 60

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 17 for Sulpician Father Robert Bryan Eno, a patristics scholar at The Catholic University of America and longtime participant in the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue, who died Feb. 13. Father Eno, who was also a professor of Church history at the university, suffered a fatal heart attack and died in his room at Theological College in Washington. The priest, who was 60, had been under a doctor's care for a heart condition for the past few years.

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## Vocations Update

Father Frank O'Rourke

Why are we afraid to talk about vocations? "I think my son would make a good priest," a mother confided to me recently. "He's sensitive, he cares about people and he's a good leader."

"Have you ever told him that?" I said. She laughed. "Are you joking?" How do you talk to kids about things like that? I mean, you don't sit down with a teen-age son and say, 'Now, let's talk about you becoming a priest.'

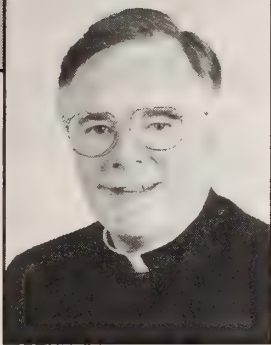
This dialogue is reported by Dolores Curran, a Catholic parent and popular writer in an article titled "Why are we afraid to talk about vocations?" for *Catholic Update*. It expresses what I believe to be a typical Catholic parent's response to discussing the possibility of a vocation to priesthood or religious life with their children. I hope that parents will join me in taking a more open approach and invite their children to consider generously sharing their lives in service to God's people as a priest, sister or brother.

I am a priest today because of the wonderful example of men and women, priests and nuns, whose lives spoke of their love for God and their caring deeply for others. I am a priest today because my parents, my school and parish com-

munity saw priesthood as a special way to live the Gospel mandate to love God and neighbor. I hope you will join me in doing your part to create a healthy open climate in our parishes and institutions for discussions within our families.

Dolores Curran ends her reflection on vocations in this way: "If we parents, side by side with our daughters and sons, alert ourselves to the indications of a vocation, capture spontaneous members into the future, evidence an authentic faith life, and create opportunities for idealism and contact with those in religious life, we may be opening up for many the gift of a rich and rewarding religious life. Although they may not choose this life, we can put that in God's hands. At least we will all have done our part."

For information on vocations in the Diocese of Charlotte, contact Father O'Rourke, Diocesan Director of Vocations, (910) 766-1882.



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## Argument In Religious Rights Case Focuses On Congress-Court Battle



A statue of St. Peter stands outside St. Peter's Catholic Church in Boerne, Texas. The church is at the center of a religious freedom case being considered by the Supreme Court. The case arose after the city of Boerne denied a permit to expand the church, which is located in a historical district.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The unrecurrent of oral arguments at the Supreme Court in a case involving a Texas Catholic parish Feb. 19 had less to do with the constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act than with a turf battle between the court and Congress.

Question after question from several of the justices as they heard arguments in Boerne vs. Flores seemed to indicate they consider Congress's passage of the 1993 law, known as RFRA, to be an attack on their authority to interpret the Constitution.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Sandra Day O'Connor in particular seemed inclined to agree with Marci A. Hamilton, the attorney for the town of Boerne, who said, "This case is not about religious liberty. This case is about federal power."

Scalia and O'Connor questioned how far Congress could go in writing laws that effectively overrule the Supreme Court's decisions. For instance, O'Connor asked, could Congress say all laws pertaining to abortion have only to pass one new, stricter standard of scrutiny, despite the court's record of rulings on abortion under various standards?

Douglas Laycock, arguing on behalf of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, which represents the interests of St. Peter's Parish in the case, said Congress has the authority to expand upon rights but not to legislate in ways that restrict rights the court has established.

"To do one thing removes liberty, to do the other expands a liberty," said Laycock.

The constitutional challenge arose from the question of whether the town of Boerne, Texas, has the legal authority to stop St. Peter the Apostle Parish from tearing down the 73-year-old church building to construct a bigger one that can accommodate its 1,000 families.

The town refused to issue permits for the project because the church lies within a historic preservation district. The parish offered to build the new church behind the original mission-style facade of the old building.

But preservationists have insisted that the interests of the historic district supersede the congregation's need to change that specific part of the six-acre parish property.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed lower court rulings and said RFRA protects the church's right to do what it needs to in the interest of religious freedom. Both the town and the archdiocese urged the Supreme Court to use the case to review the constitutionality of RFRA.

The archdiocese was joined in arguing that the law is constitutional by acting U.S. Solicitor General Walter Dellinger. He said RFRA was a permissible step by Congress to head off conflicts that would arise as states tried to figure out whether local laws were too restrictive of religious liberty.

The town of Boerne was joined by a coalition of states led by Ohio state solicitor Jeffrey S. Sutton, who said Congress had no right to impose on states a standard that is "totally global in nature," requiring review of every local and state law in light of RFRA.

The case has attracted huge interest from churches, states and civil liberty organizations because of its implications for everything from operation of prisons to parental authority.

But based on the questioning at the oral arguments, the judicial fate of RFRA may rest in whether a majority of justices share Scalia's and O'Connor's implied hostility toward Congress for legislating a way around their earlier ruling.

RFRA was unanimously approved by Congress after a massive interfaith and bipartisan effort. Its clearly stated goal was to shift back to religious interests the benefit of the doubt when weighing whether laws inappropriately infringe on religious rights.

It was passed in response to the court's 1990 ruling in *Smith vs. Employment Division* that the state of Oregon's right to classify peyote as an illegal drug outweighed an employee's right to use it as part of a Native American religious ceremony.

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## Ruling OKs Fixed Clinic Protest Buffer Zones

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court Feb. 19 upheld part and rejected part of an injunction limiting where abortion opponents may protest at an abortion clinic.

In a fragmented ruling, all but one of the justices agreed with Chief Justice William Rehnquist that at least part of an injunction establishing "buffer zones" for protests at clinics in western New York is unconstitutional.

The majority upheld the U.S. District Court's imposition of a 15-foot zone around the clinics that protesters must remain outside. But they struck down the injunction's requirement that protesters stay outside a "floating" 15-foot zone around patients or employees of the clinic as they approach the building.

Rehnquist wrote that fixed buffer zones around doorways, driveways and driveway entrances also are necessary to ensure that people entering or leaving the clinic can do so. The restriction does not impose a burden on protesters' free speech rights, he said.

However, he said the "floating" buffer zones that follow along with patients or employees as they approach or leave the clinics "burden more speech than is necessary."

The restriction was imposed to keep "sidewalk counselors" from approaching women to try to talk them out of having abortions.

"The 15-foot floating buffer zones would restrict the speech of those who simply line the sidewalk or curb in an effort to chant, shout or hold signs peacefully," Rehnquist wrote. He was joined in striking down parts of the injunction by justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The parts of his opinion upholding the fixed buffer zones were joined by Justice Stephen Breyer, O'Connor, Stevens, Souter and Ginsburg.

Scalia, joined by Thomas and Kennedy, filed a separate opinion that concurred with Rehnquist in overruling the floating buffer zone, but saying the entire lower court ruling should have been rejected.

"Today's opinion makes a destructive inroad upon First Amendment law in holding that the validity of an injunction against speech is to be determined by an appellate court on the basis of what the issuing court might reasonably have found as to necessity, rather than on the basis of what it in fact found," Scalia wrote. "It makes a destructive inroad upon the separation of powers in holding that an injunction may contain measures justified by the public interest apart from remediation of the legal wrong that is the subject of the complaint."

The case arose from a challenge by the Rev. Paul Schenck, an Assemblies of God minister, and attorney Dwight Saunders, who argued that the buffer zone injunction restricted their free speech rights more than necessary.

## Former Christophers Head Launches Own Radio Evangelization Effort

By TRACY EARLY

NEW YORK (CNS) — The former director of The Christophers, which uses media to promote its conviction that it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness, has drawn on his past experience to launch a new media ministry.

Father John T. Catoir, who returned to his home diocese of Paterson, N.J., in 1995, is now broadcasting 30-second spot messages on radio and engaging in a pastoral correspondence with the many listeners who accept his invitation to write him.

The priest is director of communications and evangelism for his diocese and an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Assumption Parish in Passaic.

In his radio spots he tells listeners, "If you've been away from church, maybe it's time to come home, to open yourself to God's healing love and to receive Jesus into your life once again."

In an interview with Catholic News Service in New York, Father Catoir said he began broadcasting the spots in December 1995, and has received letters from nearly 500 listeners.

"People in advertising say that for every letter you get, there will be more than 400 people who feel the same way but do not write," he said. "But if I never got a letter, just knowing that there are tens of thousands who have heard the message would justify it."

Father Catoir, whose newspaper column is distributed by CNS every other week, said he placed his radio spots through a network called Westwood One, which broadcast them on 567 stations in 179 markets with a potential audience of 1.3 million. During a designated week each month, his message is broadcast 12 times on each station.

He signed up to put the spots on during the early morning hours between midnight and 6 a.m.

"The people I want to reach are not sleeping," he said. "They are in a disposition to listen."

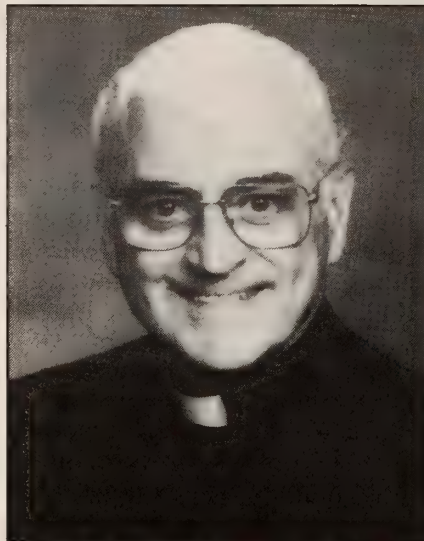
The service costs \$1,750 per month, and he has had help to cover the expense from one major donor and hundreds of people who have given smaller amounts.

Father Catoir said half the people who write him were asking for guidance. And others were seeking spiritual direction, or just wanting to tell a priest about their lives.

"To keep it personal," he added, "I answer all the letters in my own hand." Sometimes he writes letters and many times he responds with cards carrying various spiritual messages oriented to people's problems. He chooses the one he feels is most appropriate and personalizes it with a brief message directed at the heart of the person's need.

"What I want to do is awaken hope," Father Catoir said. "Hope is what makes things happen. I believe it's going to happen because I'm going to pray for it to happen."

He said that early in his priesthood he worked in a parish that had regular novenas to St. Jude, and came to have



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Father John Catoir, former director of The Christophers, is launching a radio evangelization effort. He said hopes to engage in pastoral correspondence with listeners of the 30-second spots.

his own special devotion to St. Jude. "I saw miracle after miracle," he said. "St. Jude was a strong source of help for people who needed help."

So when he left The Christophers and undertook his new radio outreach, he did it under the name St. Jude Media.

His goal, he said, was to reach out to people in need of help, particularly lapsed Catholics who now might welcome an invitation to see the Church as "a port in the storm of life."

St. Jude Media is central to his ministry, he said. "This is what I'm going to do for the rest of my life."

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## Elderly Catholics Discuss Concerns, Needs, from page 1

ties throughout the year. All this despite the fact she has osteoporosis and does not drive.

"I'm very fortunate. There's not a pain in my body," Finlayson noted. "I also have a network of chauffeurs to call on."

A widow, Finlayson moved to Charlotte in 1986. She has lived in the same apartment for 11 years, but like the Cuzzones, admits the day will come when she will have to think about other alternatives. "Housing will be an issue I have to consider," she said. "I'm quite comfortable now, but I can see the need for different living accommodations down the road."

Finlayson also sees other needs for Catholics over age 60 in the diocese. "Transportation is an issue," she says. "Many seniors are transplants and no longer drive, and they want to go Mass on Sunday, if not every day. If I don't go to Mass, I don't feel like doing anything else. That is a part of our generation."

Although senior citizens are "very independent," the majority will need assistance sometime in the future, she added. "We are living longer, and our needs are changing," Finlayson said.

The diocese is continuing to conduct listening sessions in each vicariate to get input from seniors on their wants and needs. That information, plus survey results and recommendations from a diocesan task force, will be used to help plan new programs for elders.

For information on CRISM, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720.

## Cloning Of Sheep Raises Ethical Concerns, from page 1

that "the procreation of a new person, whereby the man and the woman collaborate with the power of the Creator, must be the fruit and the sign of the mutual self-giving of the spouses, of their love and their fidelity."

Doerflinger added that technologies such as cloning "should prompt us once again to appreciate a basic truth: The fact that it is technically possible to do something doesn't mean it ought to be done."

In 1994, a scientist at the University of Wisconsin in Madison was the first to clone cattle, but he did it by using cells from cattle embryos — a method used before to clone mice and other animals. The experiment with sheep used a technique long thought to be impossible by scientists.

The Scottish team took unfertilized eggs from the sheep and removed all of the DNA from them, leaving behind only nutrients and the machinery to foster embryo growth.

The geneticists added to the egg complete genetic material from a single mature cell obtained from the udder of an adult sheep. Then a spark of electricity started the egg dividing into an embryo. It was put into a culture dish and then transplanted into the wombs of surrogate sheep.



## The Joy in Loving: A Guide To Daily Living With Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa is known throughout the world for her lifetime commitment to helping the poor and needy. Her life has been rich with achievement. Born Agnes Bojaxiu in Yugoslavia in 1910 she left home at the age of eighteen to become a novice at a mission in Ireland. Arriving in India in 1929, she soon took religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and after several years of teaching the poor in Calcutta, began the Congrega-

tion of the Missionaries of Charity, which has since expanded to include over 600 homes in as many as 136 countries.

*The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living with Mother Teresa*, compiled by Java Chalina and Edward LeJoly, (Viking, March 10, 1997, \$19.95), is a collection of 365 of Mother Teresa's meditations, prayers and reflections for every day of the year, which will prove to be a constant source of guidance, comfort and peace for readers. First published by Penguin India in August 1996, *The Joy in Loving* contains ideas and insights which spring from Mother Teresa's own life, and include intimate testimony on her life's work. She writes of men and women who have died uncomplainingly, even in the midst of great poverty and deprivation; of people whose indifference has given way to compassion and of her incredible encounters with people and governments across the globe. Drawing on over 70 years of selfless service to the poor, Mother Teresa discussed the importance of work, prayer, charity, service and above all, the need to love—unconditionally and absolutely.

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## Vicar Discusses Role Of Faith Formation,

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in part, to Pope John Paul II's directive that there be "a revision of its methods." After the second Vatican Council, catechetical materials have incorporated the perspective of the Council in relation to the teachings of the Church. It is also essential that those being catechized hear the message in words that are respectful of their age, experience and ability to understand.

It is not surprising, then, that the Holy Father would stress the importance of searching for "suitable language." It should be apparent that the contemporary approach to catechetics must respond to the directive enunciated by Pope John Paul II. This is a need within which the timeless message of Jesus Christ is to be shared in a timely manner.

### How would you evaluate catechetics or religious education in the Diocese of Charlotte?

I have been impressed and inspired by the dedication of those involved in the catechetical mission within the diocese. The staff at the Office of Faith Formation have labored selflessly to serve parishes responsibly. The priests and catechetical leaders have been committed to formulating and implementing noble

programs in the parishes. The catechists have exercised a particularly beautiful ministry in fulfilling their role. By their words and deeds they have striven to be both teachers and witnesses.

Nonetheless, it is always necessary that timely programs of continuing formation be made available for catechetical leaders and catechists. It is essential that diocesan programs of certification be implemented to ensure that the catechists understand the meaning and significance of the message they are commissioned to share with others. It is imperative that the catechetical programs in parishes be evaluated annually in order to ensure that they will include cognitive, affective and behavioral objectives in relation to the content being shared. It is vital that the perspective on Church teachings presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* be incorporated appropriately in programs directed to children, youth and adults. It is presumed that catechetical programs for adults are available in every parish or within parish clusters inasmuch as the catechetics must be directed to believers at every stage of life.

Although there is always a need for improvement as far as the exercise of the catechetical mission is concerned in this and every other diocese, it is apparent that those involved in the fulfillment of this ministry, whether on the diocesan or parish level, are striving to be faithful to their calling as witnesses of Christ and the Church.

#### Correction

The photo caption accompanying the article on the Schola Cantorum on page 9 of the Feb. 14 issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* incorrectly listed the Schola's Internet address. The correct address is:

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### Bernardin Book Moves Up On Best-Seller List

CHICAGO (CNS) — The late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin's book "The Gift of Peace" moved up from sixth to second place on the weekly New York Times hardcover nonfiction best-seller list Feb. 16. The Chicago prelate's book first appeared on the Times' list Feb. 9, and recently became more available in bookstores nationwide with its second printing of 100,000 copies. A third printing of 100,000 copies has been ordered.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Landings Follow-Up Program

BREVARD — "Living Our Catholic Faith, 101," an outreach of the Landings programs, continues at Sacred Heart Church March 9 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "Church is More Than 'Me and Jesus,'" directed by Tom Vallie. For details, call (704) 883-9572.

### Soup and Substance Series

ARDEN — The St. Barnabas Church Soup and Substance series continues March 5 from 8-9 p.m. with "Catholic Social Teaching and Parish Social Ministry," directed by Joanne Frazer of the diocesan Justice and Peace Office. Mass and supper precede the presentation at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. For details, call (704) 684-6098.

### Children's Clothing Sale

CLEMMONS — The Holy Family Church children's clothing sale, featuring infant and children's clothing, toys, baby equipment, and maternity clothes, is March 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. For information, call (910) 766-8133.

### Mountain Retreat Scheduled

HOT SPRINGS — A spiritual journey retreat directed by Bobbie May with Father Vincent Alagia and Rev. Mr. Hugo May is March 7-9 at the Jesuit House of Prayer. Cost is \$100, with a \$25 deposit needed to reserve a space. Send deposit to Jesuit House of Prayer, Box 7, Hot Springs, N.C. 28743. Call Father Alagia, (704) 622-7366, for details, or Bobbie May, (704) 327-8692, for retreat content.

### 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ Club meets March 12 at 11 a.m. for their annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corned beef and cabbage. Cost is \$4.50 for members and \$5 for guests. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

### Class Reunion

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School class of 1955 reunion is Sept. 28. For information, call Helen Dunn Brown (813) 856-1955.

### Catholic Women's Mini-Retreats

GREENSBORO — The Greensboro Council of Catholic Women's Lenten mini-retreats continues on Wednesdays March 5, 12 and 19 at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and light refreshments. Ladies from all parishes are welcome.

### Lenten Services

ARDEN — An ecumenical Stations of the Cross service is March 21 at 6 p.m. outside the youth activities building on the campus of Lutheridge. Bring a flashlight and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoors. A simple meal will be served before the service. Call (704) 684-6098 for information.

HICKORY — Stations of the Cross and Benediction are Fridays at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church. Community-wide Lenten services are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. at Hartzell Memorial UMC with the Rev. Pat Pearce officiating. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

WINSTON-SALEM — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo the Great churches.

HIGH POINT — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church.

GREENSBORO — The Way of the Cross is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church. The parish Lenten Mission is March 3-5 beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

CHARLOTTE — Ecumenical Lenten Services sponsored by Park-Sharon Neighborhood Churches are Thursdays from 12:30-1 p.m. at Sharon Presbyterian Church. Lunch is offered.

A day of reflection led by Jesuit Father James Devereux, pastor of St. Peter Church, is March 8 at St. Gabriel Church. For information, call Andrew Getz, (704) 362-5047, ext. 276.

A Lenten enrichment program follows 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Fridays at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. On March 7, Capuchin Father Edmund Walker, pastor of St. Matthew Church in Charlotte, discusses "The Passion Story of the Four Gospels."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction follows 9 a.m. Friday Mass and lasts until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass at St. Matthew Church.

### Card Party

CHARLOTTE — The St. Vincent de Paul Women's Guild card party is March 20 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes cards, refreshments and door prizes. Donations of new items for door prizes are needed. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For reservations or donations, call Jackie Bauer (704) 643-0329 or Sharon Ginty (704) 553-2679.

### Ecumenical Conference

ASHEVILLE — The ecumenical conference "Economic Initiatives: Issues of Justice and Faith" is March 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch.

### Volunteers Needed

ASHEVILLE — Teen-agers 14 and older are needed to work as volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital. Deadline to register for summer orientation is April 1.

### Fashion Show and Card Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Theresa Guild's Fashion Show (by the Ragpicker Shop) and Card Party is March 11 from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Bishop Begley Conference Center of St. Leo Church. Tickets are \$6. Play cards or bring your favorite board game. Refreshments, door prizes and an art print raffle are included. For reservations and tickets, call Joyce Anderson, (910) 765-5384, or Jenny Patella, (910) 765-3487.

### Barbecue and Flea Market

MINT HILL — The St. Luke parish first annual Barbecue and Flea Market is March 8. Flea market hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and barbecue hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Flea market spaces are available at \$20 each. For information, to reserve flea market space or purchase tickets, call Kris Becker, (704) 545-5666, Joy Grottle, (704) 545-4592 or the church, (704) 545-1224.

### Eucharistic Adoration

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Joan of Arc Church in the chapel area the first Saturday each month from 2-4 p.m. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

### Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit St. Peter Church is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

### Ultreya

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro, High Point areas meets the first Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Nocturnal Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

### Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

### First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

### Interfaith Conference on Aging

CHARLOTTE — The annual Interfaith Conference on Aging entitled, "Search for Meaning in Later Life: Views from Various Religious/Cultural Traditions," is March 12 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch. Make checks payable to Centralina Council of Governments and send to Centralina Council of Governments, attn.: Gayla Woody, P.O. Box 35008, Charlotte, N.C. 28235 by March 1.

### AIDS Resource Group Meets

NEWTON — The Cornerstone resource group, which assists parishes in establishing AIDS/HIV ministries, meets March 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. For details, call Sister Angela Case, (910) 725-7321.

### BMHS Blood Drive

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Red Cross Blood Drive March 24 in the gym from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. For an appointment, call Linda Kennedy, (910) 725-4247.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence warmly welcomes all to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

### St. Patrick's Day Benefit

SHELBY — The Ladies Guild at St. Mary Church sponsors a St. Patrick's Day Bridge Benefit March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Cost is \$5. Other card and board games are welcome. For information, call Jean Konitzer, (704) 484-1986 or the church, (704) 487-7697.

### Oratory Summer Camp

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The 1997 Oratory Religion Camp sessions at Camp York in Kings Mountain State Park are July 13-19 and July 20-26 for children under 13 who are entering grades 2-7. Cost is \$90. For applications and information, contact The Oratory Religion Camp, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, S.C. 29731. Volunteer counselors are encouraged to write for staff applications.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "In the Silence; In the Resurrection" is a March 23-30 retreat directed by Glenmary Father Jack McNearney focusing on Holy Week. Cost is \$250.

"Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Seniors' Spring Pilgrimage

CHARLOTTE — Seniors from St. Gabriel and St. Matthew parishes will visit the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. April 8-10. Cost is \$160 and includes transportation, four meals and lodging. For reservations and information, call Lou Scharff, (704) 541-6855.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs

### Archdiocese Plans Memorial For Victims Of Bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City has announced plans for a monument to the victims of the April 1995 bombing that demolished the federal building in Oklahoma City and took 168 lives. "The monument will help us recall the bombing tragedy so that we, the people of Oklahoma City, will remember to pray for the victims of the bombing and for their families and all those who were injured," the archbishop told the *Sooner Catholic*, newspaper of the archdiocese. Designed by Meyer Architects of Oklahoma City, the monument will be erected on the site of the rectory at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, which sits directly across from where the Alfred P. Murrah federal building stood. The dedication is planned for August.

### Legislature To Take Up Bill To Repeal Assisted Suicide Law

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Oregon's law allowing physician-assisted suicide would be repealed under the terms of a bill introduced in the state Legislature by the House Judiciary Committee. The repeal measure would also create a state-level office to provide information on topics such as hospice care and pain management. Oregon's assisted suicide law, known as the Oregon Death With Dignity Act, was approved by a statewide referendum in November 1994. Its implementation was blocked by a court challenge Dec. 7, 1994, the day before it was to take effect.



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Beijing residents offer prayers at a Tibetan-style lama temple Feb. 21. In the era of Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese received some freedoms to worship, but greater religious freedoms for the future remain to be seen, say analysts in Rome and China.

### Catholic Common Ground Members To Meet

NEW YORK (CNS) — About 40 U.S. Catholic leaders are to meet in Mundelein, Ill., March 7-9 for a dialogue on "The United States Culture and the Challenge of Discipleship." The invitation-only meeting, to be held at the Chicago archdiocesan Center for Development in Ministry, is the first Cardinal Bernardin Conference of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. The initiative is a Catholic reconciliation movement launched last year by the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago. Follow-

ing the meeting, four of its participants will form a panel for an hour-long interactive national teleconference to be carried on cable television systems by the Odyssey Channel and on Channel 83 of PrimeStar satellite transmission. That program will run from noon to 1 p.m. EST March 10.

### Proposed Housing Project Divides Netanyahu, Likud Party Members

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The proposed Har Hooma housing project has caused serious division between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud government coalition partners. Seventeen coalition members threatened to leave the coalition in mid-February if work on the project was not started within one week, reacting to reports that Netanyahu had decided not to begin construction immediately. The planned 6,500 unit project is to be built on a hill southeast of Jerusalem, known as Jabal Abu-Gneim in Arabic and Har Hooma in Hebrew. The hill belonged to residents of the Christian village of Beit

Tsahur, as well as to residents of the Muslim village of Umm-Tuba and a Jewish land developer. The area is close to the northern edge of Bethlehem.

### Embryos Deserve Protection, Says Pontifical Academy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The only scientifically and morally logical place to draw the line between what is and is not human life is at the moment of conception, said members of the Pontifical Academy for Life. "From the biological point of view, human formation and development appear as a continuous, coordinated and gradual process from the moment of fertilization," the academy members said. The moment of fertilization marks the constitution of "a new human organism equipped with an intrinsic capacity to develop itself autonomously into an individual adult," the members said in a statement released Feb. 20 at the Vatican.

### WCC Says Cuts Will Occur

ROME (CNS) — The financially troubled World Council of Churches reported that its fiscal picture had brightened in the last half-year, but that it needed to cut staff and restructure in response to diminished income. The WCC executive committee learned at its meeting in late February that a recent appeal for more support from member Churches had produced results, and that economic circumstances had created a more favorable operating climate for the Geneva-based organization. "Signs are more encouraging than a year ago," said a WCC statement on the subject. "Investment performances have been good and exchange rates against the Swiss franc (have) improved greatly in the last three months."

### Clinton Attends Dialogue On Church Role In Welfare Effort

NEW YORK (CNS) — President Clinton visited the Riverside Church in New York Feb. 18 for an hour of dialogue on ways that churches and other nongovernmental groups can help move people from welfare to work. He expressed confidence that "this is a manageable problem," but said that "we have to have your help." Riverside is a prominent interdenominational church affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. At the church, Clinton informally discussed the welfare situation and responded to about a dozen people who had been chosen to make brief statements to him.

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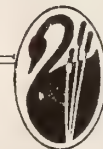
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## St. Bernadette Church



**LINVILLE** — While the mission church in Linville placed under the patronage of St. Bernadette is not yet 10 years old, its lineage dates back decades thanks to a growing Catholic presence in the area during the 1930s.

In 1935, a chapel dedicated as St. Bernadette was established in Spruce Pine, less than 15 miles to the southwest. A new church was built on the site beginning in 1938, and was renamed St. Lucien in memory of the principal benefactors' deceased daughter. The church and rectory were dedicated and blessed in August 1940.

Back in Linville, Bishop Eugene McGuinness of Raleigh had founded a mission in June 1940 to serve the Catholics in Avery County. L.W. and Marion Driscoll of New York, who owned a chapel in the Linville township, donated the structure to the diocese. Dedicated to the service of God and named St. Patricia by Bishop McGuinness, the little church opened its doors to area Catholics for more than 40 years, all the while as a mission of St. Lucien parish.

By the late 1970s, the North Carolina mountains had become a popular summer vacation spot, and the 30-seat St. Patricia chapel could no longer accommodate the number of Catholics — both resident and visiting — coming to worship. Masses were added, but that too became inadequate. Priests began celebrating weekend Masses in a Beech Mountain restaurant, at Lees McRae College, in Linville Episcopal Church and finally in a Presbyterian church in Banner Elk, while daily Mass continued to be celebrated at St. Patricia, which in November 1987 was returned to the Driscoll family by the diocese.

A building fund was established in

1977 by Father Henry Becker, and the priest began searching out a location for a new Catholic church. One of his successors, Father John Pagel, took charge of the building project and in November 1984, the Diocese of Charlotte purchased a 10-acre tract of land facing Grandfather Mountain. Fund-raising efforts continued for three years within the Catholic community in Linville.

In 1987, Bishop John F. Donoghue gave his approval for building to begin. Special emphasis was placed on capturing the beauty of the Carolina mountains in and at the church. The exterior was created in part with stone from the Linville area, and the sanctuary's rear wall was fashioned of glass so as to allow a view of Grandfather Mountain and its famous mile-high swinging bridge. The altar, built by local craftsman Paul Pritchard, is a larger version of the one he created for St. Lucien Church.

The first Mass was celebrated in the new St. Bernadette Church on Dec. 31, 1988. Bishop Donoghue dedicated the building in June 1989. Father Richard McCue, a retired Navy chaplain and present pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Franklin, was pastor at the time.

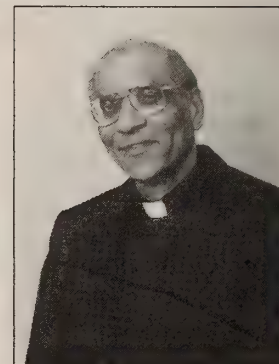
Father Aloysius D'Silva was installed as pastor of St. Lucien and its mission, St. Bernadette, in November 1994. In addition to local parishioners who call St. Bernadette Church their spiritual home,



Father D'Silva celebrates Mass with hundreds of vacationers who frequent the area year-round, especially in summer months. Plans to expand parking at the church are underway.

As members of the faithful, parishioners not only worship in the mountain church, but also serve as stewards through such efforts as a local ecumenical group that tends to area citizens' needs, be they financial, social or spiritual. Community outreach includes visits and sacramental distribution at local life-care centers as well.

On New Year's Eve, 1998, the community of St. Bernadette Church will celebrate its 10th anniversary together as a family of faith. Meanwhile, the church serves as testimony of the evangelical spirit of Catholicism in the North Carolina mountains.



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## Economic Conference Promotes Ecumenism

**ASHEVILLE** — An ecumenical conference, *Economic Initiatives: Issues of Justice and Faith*, will be held on March 15 from 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville. The event is being sponsored jointly by the Diocese of Charlotte's Office of Justice and Peace, and the Task Force on Economic Justice of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. Several area Catholic and Episcopal churches have been instrumental in spearheading the conference, and invitations are being extended to representatives of all faith traditions.

Designed for church and community leaders, educators and any persons interested in exploring ways the church and society might collaborate to address economic injustices in western North Carolina, the event will help participants begin to understand economics from a faith perspective and to initiate efforts to bring about change.

Featured speakers are Kimberly Bobo, executive director of the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice from Chicago, and June Jackson Christmas, M.D., community psychiatrist and health policy planner from New York.

Bobo is the founder of the National Interfaith Committee, which seeks to educate and mobilize the U.S. religious community on issues and campaigns to improve wages, benefits, and working conditions for workers, especially low-wage workers. Since it began in early 1996, the organization has developed a poultry workers' justice project, helped organize new interfaith committees, developed a newsletter on religion and labor issues and involved seminaries in justice for workers. Bobo is the author of *Lives Matter: A Handbook for Christian Organizing* and co-author of *Organizing for Social Change: A Manual for Activists in the 1990s*.

Dr. Christmas, who received her

M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine, is the founder of the Harlem Rehabilitation Center and the first African-American woman elected president of the American Public Health Association. For President Jimmy Carter, she headed a transition planning group to develop policy guidelines for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Christmas has published extensively and served as lecturer and consultant nationally and internationally on mental health services, urban and minority affairs and health policy.

In addition to keynote speakers, state, regional and denominational experts will lead workshops on issues such as welfare reform, housing, living wage and employment, immigration, racism and health care. Liturgists from the Catholic and Episcopal Dioceses are cooperating to plan prayer services which support a Christian response to economic injustice. Educational resources, both free and for

purchase, will be available to participants.

Conference planners advocate "creative economics," suggesting that the efforts of the church on behalf of the economically disenfranchised should serve as catalysts, helping people improve their economic conditions and break into the mainstream economy. The aim of this conference is to enlist the active involvement of people of faith to change unjust economic situations in their own communities.

The registration fee for the conference is \$10, which includes lunch. Registrations must be received no later than Friday, March 7. Checks should be payable to "Office of Justice and Peace — Catholic Diocese" and mailed to the Episcopal Diocese of WNC, P.O. Box 369, Black Mountain, N.C. 28711. For further information, call Joanne Frazer at the Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1736.



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Sacred Heart Coach Tim Henning instructs his players during a timeout in a second-round game of the Shamrock Tournament. The Salisbury school finished the season with a 19-8 record.

## Shamrock Tournament A Catholic Schools Tradition

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — Marly Josephson looked like she'd come up on the short end of a prize fight.

On Monday, the point guard for Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School's varsity basketball team sported a small cut and black eye after accidentally getting jabbed during Sunday's Shamrock Tournament Division I girls championship game.

The mishap sent the 8th grader to the locker room for most of the second quarter, but Josephson returned to the floor in the second half, helping her teammates deliver the knockout punch against St. Jude School of Atlanta, 33-22.

"Marly's a very tenacious athlete. She fought her way back (after the injury)," said Holy Trinity Coach Bill Lewis.

The Lady Bulldogs' victory earned Holy Trinity — in its second year of existence — its first-ever Shamrock Tournament title.

"We're very proud of the girls," Lewis said. "They worked hard all year, and their skills kept improving. We could see the team was getting better going into

the tourney. We peaked at the right time."

The Shamrock championship was the icing on the cake for the Lady Bulldogs, who ended the year with a 21-3 record after also securing their conference championship. The Holy Trinity boys fared equally well, placing third in the Division I bracket of the Shamrock Tournament.

Josephson's grittiness on the court is nothing new to the Shamrock invitational, a Catholic schools tradition since 1962. According to Holy Trinity Principal Jerry Healy, the Shamrock was started by former Charlotte Catholic High School Coach Tom Brennan and is one of the oldest running basketball tournaments on any level in the state. Brennan coached at Charlotte Catholic from 1956-66. Healy worked closely with the tournament from 1970-89 and continues to assist.

Hosted by St. Patrick School, the 7th and 8th grade invitational brings teams from the Southeast and is a season highlight for many schools. This year, 52 teams competed.

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## Catholics, Methodists Discuss Papacy, Sacraments

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At their winter meeting, members of the U.S. United Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue discussed the papacy, church authority and their churches' understanding of baptism and confirmation.

They also worshiped together, celebrating a baptismal renewal service and a Love-feast — a noneucharistic community meal — as part of their Feb. 27-March 1 meeting at St. Paul's College in Washington.

In a departure from usual practice in ecumenical dialogues, they invited reporters from Catholic News Service and the United Methodist News Service to sit in on part of their discussions.

In a lively 90-minute discussion of confirmation, based on a paper by the Rev. Diedra H. Kriewald of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, participants on both sides acknowledged widely differing theological and pastoral views within their own churches on the meaning, practice and purpose of confirmation.

Dr. Kriewald attributed much of the confusion to the historical separation of baptism and confirmation in the West from about the fifth century on, and to the West's adoption of the term "confirmation," as opposed to the more ancient term "chrismation," still used in the churches of the East. Chrismation means anointing.

In an earlier discussion of papacy and church authority, Methodist Bishop William Boyd Grove said he believes that "the point of view of contemporary Methodists toward the authority of the bishop of Rome is far more positive than was the case a generation ago."

Bishop Grove, ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops and Methodist co-chairman of the dialogue, said Pope John XXIII's "expansive and generous spirit" and Pope John Paul II's "style of itineracy" — reminiscent of the making the rounds of congregations expected of Methodist bishops — are among factors that have contributed to a more sympathetic view by Methodists.

Msgr. John Strykowski of Holy Cross Parish in Maspeth, N.Y., outlined the history behind Roman Catholic understanding of papal primacy and authority.

"If the papacy is to be less of an obstacle to church unity in the next millennium," he said, "then — it seems to me — we must recover more of the collegial style of governance of the first millennium to balance the monarchical style of the second millennium."

The group's discussion of the papacy

was prompted in part by Pope John Paul's request for a dialogue with other churches on how the papacy might better serve Christian unity.

At a press briefing between dialogue sessions, Mercy Sister Mary Aquin O'Neill said the aim of the current round of U.S. dialogue is to translate the results of three decades of national and world dialogue "into forms that can engage congregations and parishes."

Sister O'Neill, a theologian from Mount St. Agnes Theological Center for Women in Baltimore, said, "We've tried to identify topics that we thought would capture what is on the minds of Catholics and Methodists ... that will draw people in the congregations into discussion and dialogue."

Bishop Grove said it has become an important part of the dialogue to pray and worship together and reflect on that.

"We want our life together as members of the dialogue to be not only intellectual and doctrinal, but experiential," he said.

At last fall's dialogue session, after reflecting on their experience of division when Methodist participants were unable to receive Communion at a Catholic Mass and the Catholics could not receive at the Methodist service, the dialogue members agreed not to try to celebrate a eucharistic liturgy together this time.

Bishop Grove said that in contrast to their "painful" experience of division in eucharistic worship last fall, the shared renewal of baptismal vows was "a very rich experience."

Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., Catholic co-chairman of the dialogue, said the service "was a uniquely written rite" for that occasion.

But the rituals of the two churches for renewal of baptismal vows "are really quite similar, and I think we all noted a great deal of convergence," he said.

The Love-feast the group celebrated was based on the common practice in John Wesley's lifetime rather than the order currently recommended in the United Methodist Book of Worship.

A community meal based on the agape meals recorded in the New Testament, the Love-feast played a major role in the early years when Methodism was a reform movement within the Anglican Church and Methodists usually celebrated the Eucharist in their Anglican parishes, not in their Methodist chapels.

Participants agreed that their next meeting to be held in Washington Oct. 16-18, will include an open forum to help expand the awareness and experience of the dialogue to others.



# Abortion Supporter Says He Lied About Partial-Birth Procedure

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers has admitted that he and other supporters of keeping abortion legal lied about the partial-birth abortion procedure during debate over legislation to ban it.

Ron Fitzsimmons, whose organization represents more than 200 independently owned abortion clinics, said in an interview in the March 3 issue of American Medical News that abortion supporters used "spins" and "half-truths" in the debate that ultimately led Congress to fail to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Fitzsimmons said he personally lied when he said in a November 1995 interview on "Nightline" that women have partial-birth abortions only in cases of danger to the mother's life or severe fetal abnormalities.

"It was not a shining moment for me personally," said Fitzsimmons, who said he stayed out of the partial-birth debate after that.

The legislation vetoed by Clinton would have banned a procedure used in late-term abortions in which the unborn child is partially delivered, feet first, before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the collapsed head.

Fitzsimmons told the American Medical News, published by the American Medical Association, that the vast majority of partial-birth abortions are performed in the second trimester on healthy fetuses and healthy mothers.

"The abortion rights folks know it, the anti-abortion folks know it, and so, probably, does everyone else," he said.

When the debate began over the partial-birth abortion procedure, Fitzsimmons said, "I learned right away that this was being done for the most part in cases that did not involve those extreme circumstances" cited by opponents of the ban.

He also said he thought a ban on partial-birth abortions "wasn't worth going to the mat on" because it would have little effect on doctors or patients. "The real world impact on doctors and patients is virtually nil," he said, adding that doctors would just use another abortion method.

The biggest problem arising from the debate over partial-birth abortion has been a loss of credibility for those who want to keep abortion legal, Fitzsimmons said.

"The pro-choice movement has lost a lot of credibility during this debate, not just with the general public, but with our pro-choice friends in Congress," he said. "Even the White House is now questioning the accuracy of some of the information given to it on this issue."

"We're fighting a bill that has the support of, what, 78 percent of the public?" Fitzsimmons added. "That tells me that we have a PR problem."

He said the abortion supporters

themselves "did serious harm" to those who perform partial-birth abortions by lying that they were only performed in extreme circumstances.

"When you're a doctor who does these abortions and the leaders of your movement appear before Congress and go on network news and say these procedures are done in only the most tragic of circumstances, how do you think it makes them feel?" Fitzsimmons said. "You know they're primarily done on healthy women and healthy fetuses, and it makes you feel like a dirty little abortionist with a dirty little secret."

If the legislation is reintroduced in Congress, as Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., plans to do, "I think we should tell them the truth, let them vote and move on," Fitzsimmons said.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, said Fitzsimmons' comments showed that "even those who have defended this method of child abuse eventually have their consciences catch up to them."

"Partial-birth abortion is child abuse. It is murder. It is infanticide," he added. "And now it's clear to even those who call themselves 'pro-choice' that partial-birth abortion is grotesquely inhumane."

A separate article in the same issue of American Medical News reported on reaction to an opinion issued in January by the executive board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on partial-birth abortion.

The board said that it could identify "no circumstances under which this procedure would be the only option to save the life of the mother or preserve the health of the woman."

However, it said the procedure "may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life or preserve the health of a woman, and only the doctor, in consultation with the patient, based upon the woman's particular circumstances, can make this decision."

## Cleansing the Temple



"He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.... He said, 'Take those out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.'" (John 2:14-17)



## Lay Ministry

# An Opportunity For Service

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — "I beg you to have the mind of Christ," Bishop William G. Curlin told 115 newly certified lay ministers upon completing their training last year. "I also ask you one thing: Have the love, tenderness, generosity and joy of Jesus Christ in your ministry."

That May 1996 ceremony at St. Gabriel Church celebrated the addition of individuals to a growing ministry in the Diocese of Charlotte, one which Mercy Sister Mary Timothy Warren calls a way for Catholics to fulfill their baptismal obligations.

"We are all called to ministry through our baptism," says Sister Mary Timothy, diocesan director of lay ministry, who helped launch the ministry in the Charlotte Diocese in 1990.

"Most of us will not be called to do a lot of church ministry — we're too large in number. But we can minister every day right where we are."

Sister Mary Timothy says lay ministry serves as an enriching program of Catholic adult education. With the training they receive during the two-year certification process, participants often venture on to other ministries, such as RCIA, permanent diaconate and religious education. Others enter simply for personal enrichment.

Joanna Jackson, parishioner and former director of religious education at Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, became certified in the diocesan lay ministry training program in 1995. She says the experience left her with a greater awareness of how to minister at the parish level in an ongoing sense.

"Besides being a DRE, I really felt adult education in the parish is impor-

tant," she adds.

"We put a lot of material from the training program into adult meetings in our parish. Now, we have an adult group that meets each Sunday, and we also have periodic six-week sessions on various topics. Lay ministry is such a good, basic program; you can spin off into a lot of other areas."

At Immaculate Conception, where about 15 parishioners joined Jackson during the 1994-95 training session, those areas include lecturing, working with the home-bound and assisting the bereavement ministry.

"We were really encouraged," adds Jackson. "A few of the people who came into the Church through RCIA last year are entering lay ministry this year. I think that's just wonderful."

Sister Mary Timothy agrees that lay ministry can help better incorporate tenets of the faith into other forms of ministry. Overall, she says, the intent of the ministry is to yield a deeper comprehension and appreciation — both academically and spiritually — of the Catholic faith.

A native North Carolinian, Sister Mary Timothy has witnessed much growth of the Catholic faith in the diocese over the years. She says programs such as lay ministry provide Catholics with an opportunity to educate and evangelize, not only within their parish communities, but among their brothers and sisters of all faiths.

"Our goal is helping people come to a better understanding that we don't have to argue our faith," she explains. "We have to talk it and walk it, and I think that's part of what our program does. Hopefully, it helps people be comfortable in their faith and keeps them more apprised of what it means to be Catholic today."

At Immaculate Conception Church, Jackson sees a direct link between lay ministry and ongoing education, evangelization and enrichment of parish life. For Sister Mary Timothy, examples like those of the Hendersonville parish serve as reminders of the value of lay ministry in the Diocese of Charlotte. "I would surely say that when we are preparing qualified coordinators of religious education, for instance, then we are certainly preparing the Church of tomorrow," she says.

In the Diocese of Charlotte, the lay ministry program is funded through the annual Diocesan Support Appeal.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
March 9-15



Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

Monday: Isaiah 65: 17-21  
John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12  
John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15  
John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14  
John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20  
John 7:40-53

Please pray  
for the  
following deceased  
priests  
during the month of March

6 Rev. John Huston, 1976  
15 Rev. Francis Gorham, 1981  
23 Rev. Robert A. Gibson, 1987  
31 Rev. Justin J. Pechulis, 1983





## Pope Says Nature Must Not Be Manipulated For Power

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Because all creation belongs to God, it must not be manipulated for business purposes, Pope John Paul II said.

In an apparent reference to cloning, the pope said "dangerous experiments" which show a lack of respect for life are modern signs of people turning their desire for power or money into a god.

During his March 2 midday Angelus address, Pope John Paul spoke about that day's Gospel reading at Mass of

*"It is the whole world which belongs to God and must not be profaned."*

Christ driving the sellers and money changers out of the temple.

"The zeal and love of Jesus for His Father's house certainly is not limited to a temple of stone," the pope said. "It is the whole world which belongs to God and must not be profaned."

Making a whip out of cords and chasing out those who were doing business in the temple, "Christ puts us on the guard against the temptation to 'market' even religion.

"Christ raises His voice also against the 'temple merchants' of our time, against those who make the market their 'religion,' going so far as to trample — in the name of the 'power god' or the 'money god' — the dignity of the human person with abuses of every type," the pope said.

Respect for life is sacrificed to money or power in modern experiments, ecological pollution, the marketing of sex, drug pushing and in the exploitation of the poor and of children, he said.

After the cloning of an adult sheep in Scotland, a Vatican official strongly warned against any attempt to duplicate the experiment on a human.

Bishop Elio Sgreccia, the Vatican's leading expert on medical ethics, said even animal cloning should be subject to strict ethical guidelines to maintain respect for the integrity of the various species created by God.

## Basketball Tournament Is Catholic School Season Highlight, from page 1

"Our kids look forward to it every year," said Bob Cannon, boys head coach of St. James School in Savannah, Ga., whose school has been making the 500-mile round trip to play in the tournament since 1992.

"We got spoiled early on," he added. "Our girls team won the tourney our first year here, and the second year, our boys team won it."

Tim Henning, boys head coach and athletic director of Sacred Heart School in Salisbury, has brought teams to the Shamrock for the past five years. The coach views the invitational as more than competition. "It teaches the kids about spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship," he said.

Like other schools participating, the invitational ended Sacred Heart's season. With a 19-8 mark, Henning was pleased with his team's effort this year. "You could see how the kids came together as a group," he said.

The Shamrock Tournament is always held in March and includes both school (Division I) and parish (Division II) teams. It begins on Thursday, and culminates with four championship games on Sunday. Besides Holy Trinity, other winners this year included Sts. Peter and Paul School of Atlanta (Division I, boys), Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro (Division II, boys), and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Raleigh (Division II, girls). St. Patrick's parish team was the runner-up in the Division II boys bracket.

The weekend includes much more than basketball: It is also a time of fellowship for participants and their families. A Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening, followed by a dance for the students in the Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School gymnasium. Father Dennis Kuhn, Msgr. Richard Allen, and Father John Hanic are among the priests who have celebrated the liturgy. Msgr. Allen, pastor of St. Ann Church, helped oversee the invitational in the mid-1960's with St. Patrick parishioner Joe Mosca.

"In the beginning, the main emphasis was to bring the Catholic community (of Charlotte) together, and it still is,"



Players from Sacred Heart School, Salisbury, and St. James School, Savannah, battle for a rebound.

Msgr. Allen explained. "The tournament was built around our Catholic faith."

The Shamrock's early years were a labor of love for organizers. "Back then, we didn't have a lot of money so we handled everything," Msgr. Allen recalled. "We cooked all the meals and fed everybody."

"We also housed the kids in the school," he added. "They'd sleep in the classrooms at St. Patrick's. That was part of the excitement of the experience for them."

Although the majority of the teams are of the faith, non-

Catholic squads are also invited to participate. In years past, the Jewish Center in Charlotte was among the competitors. "Several years ago, we had the Cherokee Indian reservation students come down and play," added Msgr. Allen. "We looked for teams that didn't have anywhere else to play." Teams from Tampa, Fla., and Washington, D.C., have also made the trip to Charlotte to take part in the tournament.

The event continues to mature and is now a fund-raiser for the St. Patrick School Athletic Association. "We use the proceeds for various things," explained Tom Hennessy, athletic association president. "We've purchased uniforms, new lights for the gym, and used monies for other improvements."

According to Msgr. Allen, the early days of the tourney were as exciting as they are today. "I have never felt electricity like I did at some of those games," he said.

The packed gyms last weekend at St. Patrick, St. Ann, St. Gabriel, and Holy Trinity verify one thing: Catholic Schools' version of March Madness is alive and well.



Holy Trinity forward Michelle Watts drives to the basket in Division II girls championship game.

# St. Patrick Cathedral



Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil — 5:30PM  
Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM & 12:30PM  
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Saturday — Rosary 8:45AM; Mass 9:00AM; Novena 9:30AM  
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



**“There can be no safe sex, because there is no safe sin.”**

— **Barbara McGuigan**  
addressing youth at the retreat,  
“God’s Plan for Life and Love,” March 1, 1997

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**March 8**  
Permanent Deacons Day  
of Retreat &  
Recommitment  
Catholic Conference  
Center  
Hickory

**March 9**  
11 a.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Joseph of the Hills  
Church  
Eden

**March 11**  
Presbyteral Council  
Meeting  
Catholic Conference  
Center  
Hickory

**March 13**  
Bishop John Ricard  
Installation as  
Bishop of Diocese of  
Pensacola-Tallahassee  
Pensacola, FL

**March 15**  
5:30 p.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Church  
Charlotte

**March 16**  
Meeting of Bishops’  
Committee for Priestly  
Life and Ministry  
Baltimore, MD

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says At Cana, Jesus Asked Mary To Show Faith Of Disciple

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II’s remarks in English at his weekly general audience Feb. 26.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus performed His first miracle, turning water into wine. St. John’s account emphasizes Mary’s concern for the bride and bridegroom and her complete confidence in her son. Mary precedes the disciples in faith, for, as the Gospel tells us, it was only after Jesus had performed the miracle that His disciples believed in Him (cf. Jn 2:11).

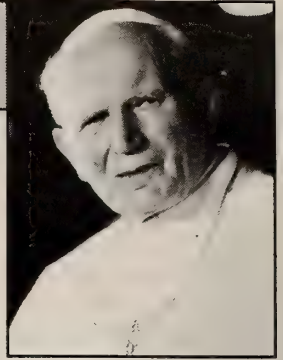
Mary’s faith does not falter, even when Jesus seems to refuse her request and says that His hour has not yet come (Jn 2:4). But Mary immediately says to the servants: “Do whatever He tells you” (v.5). These words reveal three things: Mary’s great faith, the power of her prayer and her cooperation in the saving mission of her son. They invite Christians in every age to trust the Lord fully and to submit obediently to His will, with confidence that His words will be fulfilled: “Ask, and it will be given you” (Mt 7:7, Lk 11:9).

I extend special greetings to the representatives of

the BBC and to the viewers of the “Songs of Praise” telecast from the Basilica of St. Mary Major: May God fill your hearts with sentiments of joy and gratitude toward our Creator. To all the English-speaking visitors, especially those from Great Britain, Thailand, Hong Kong and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

### Church Media Must Spread ‘True Meaning’ Of Year 2000, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church must improve the way it communicates the Gospel to a world in need of its message of hope, love and transformation, Pope John Paul II said. The message “must be broadcast with increasing effectiveness in order to help the people of our time to escape or shake off the spiritual emptiness which weighs heavily on the hearts of so many,” the pope said Feb. 28. In a speech to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Pope John Paul focused particularly on the role of the media in the preparations for the year 2000.



## Guest Column

Rev. Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

### Reflections On The Fifth Sunday Of Lent: Resurrection and New Life

Today’s liturgy invites us to reflect on the universal significance of the death and resurrection of Christ.

The author of the fourth gospel concluded his story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with an ironical statement put on the lips of the Pharisees, “Look, the whole world has gone after Him.” To illustrate this, he tells a story of some Greeks coming to see Jesus (John 12:20-33). Far from being incidental extras, these Greeks, like the magi in the infancy narrative of Matthew’s gospel, symbolize the Gentile world in search of the truth of God. Their approach to Jesus is made through Philip and Andrew, signifying that access to Jesus has to be mediated to the world at large through His disciples.

The author then develops the point that all who would truly “see” Jesus must see Him through His paschal mystery, i.e., in his death and resurrection. Only through His crucifixion will Jesus be accessible to all; only after His death can the Gospel encompass both Jew and Gentile. It is an hour of paradox, when all realities change meaning: To die is to live and to lose is to find. In order to bear fruit, a grain must decompose in the earth.

Hence He adds a saying about regeneration, “Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains just a grain of wheat,” and a saying of Jesus found in other forms in the synoptic Gospels, “Whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” Then by analogy he extends this principle of life through death to all wouldbe followers of Jesus, “If anyone would serve me, let that person follow me,” i.e., along my way of life through death.

The Old Testament reading is the famous new covenant passage of Jeremiah 31:31-34. This is an oracle, written about 587 B.C., predicting the ultimate restoration of Israel after the exile. The prophet has Yahweh, the God of Israel, taking the initiative, as at Sinai. This new covenant will fulfill the original intention of the old; it will be expressed in personal response.

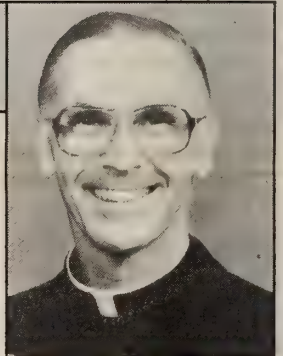
The prophet pictures Yahweh himself forming a new community, “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” The new covenant will rest on divine forgiveness; but this pardon must be preceded by Yahweh’s discipline, the Babylonian exile. But in the time of restoration, Yahweh will give each Israelite a new heart.

In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9), we have Jesus portrayed as a compassionate high priest called by God, one who can sympathize with sinners, because in the time of His mortal life, “He offered prayers to God, who was able to save Him from death.” Jesus was heard, not because He did not die, but because God raised Him from death. Then, availing himself of the learning-through-suffering motif common in Greek literature, he writes that Jesus, “Son though He was, learned obedience and so became the source of eternal salvation” for all who believe in Him.

This is the paschal mystery that we are preparing to relive these next two weeks. When we are baptized into Christ, we are baptized into His death — we are called to die to sin in order to rise with Him to live a new life. When we partake of the Eucharist, we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and we try, as we encounter Him in His sacramental presence, to be open to receive His Spirit.

Our Christian vocation is to be conformed more and more to the image of Him whom we proclaim as God’s Son. And the same spirit of Christ that enlivens us for holiness of life is the source of eternal life for all of us who believe in Him and for all who seek God in truth and sincerity of heart.

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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney

### Happiness: A Ticklish Subject

Do the words *Tickle Me Elmo* sound familiar to you?

They do if you were one of the thousands — millions if you believed some of the news stories — of moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, or uncles who tried to buy that particular battery-operated chatty toy this last Christmas season.

And "tried" appears to have been the key word. Advertising and whatever other mix of circumstance combined to make the fuzzy orange doll The-Toy-of-the-Year for the nation's pre-school set. The economics of supply and demanding little ones did the rest: too few Elmos and too many adults trying to be in the right store at the right time to snap it up, wrap it up and get it under the tree in time for Santa to get the credit.

For those grown-ups not caught up in the crisis, it is still easy to sympathize with those waiting for hours for a store

to open or driving all over town on the chance of finding one, just one, left on a shelf.

But the whole phenomenon really got unnerving when we started hearing about ads in newspapers, on the Internet and neighborhood bulletin boards offering to sell the \$20-something doll for up to \$1,000.

While some little recipients will drag the toy around for months, adoring every "Hee-hee-hee," many more will play with it for a far shorter time. And their parents, grandparents, et al. take for granted that it is impossible to predict whether the object of desire, named Elmo, Barbie, Barney, or G.I. Joe, will be treasured or discarded. These grown-ups — in spite of this uncertainty and with all the trouble and aggravation — still do their best to get and give their beloved children what they want.

You have realistic expectations about a toy for a child because you know that

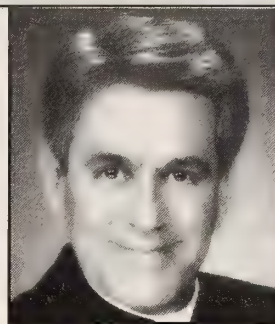
in the end it is the thought that counts, the love you put into all your gifts over the years that matters. Not one single box on one single day. You do your best and let that be enough.

The thing is, we want people we love to be happy. If they want something and we can deliver it, we do. Just because.

However, we can't coerce happiness. What we can do is create a climate through our good actions where our loved ones can find their own happiness.

"The grand essentials to happiness in this life, wrote the great man of letters Joseph Addison, "are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

When you stop to think about it, we all know a great deal about happiness. We know that the more we worry about



it or the more we chase it the more elusive it becomes. We know happiness depends more on what we are than what we have. And we also know that we cannot force anyone to be happy. And that includes us.

That desirable state of joy and contentment that we call happiness, that sense of being at peace with God, at peace with ourselves and with each other, that happiness grows not by concentrating on how we feel — but on what we do and how we give.

And you don't have to wait until December 25th.

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Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen

### The Wedding Feast in the Gospel of Matthew

*Q. Would you please tell us what is meant by the story of the wedding feast in the Gospel of Matthew? My husband seems to think it means only certain people are called to be saved.*

*He is 64 years old, but wasn't baptized until he was 20. He is a good Catholic, but this seems to concern him a great deal.*

*How could a good king condemn people for coming improperly dressed to a wedding feast they didn't even know about?*

A. The passage to which you refer (Mt 22:1-14) was the Sunday Gospel some weeks ago. It has puzzled others besides your husband.

A few thoughts may help our understanding. This passage relates the last of three stories Jesus tells in answer to a challenge put to Him by Jewish leaders:

"On what authority are you doing these things?" and to their rejection of Him and His teachings (Mt 21:23).

As Matthew constructs the situation, Jesus responds with three stories. God sent you prophets, he affirms, including John the Baptist, and a whole stream of emissaries, including His own Son, but you refused to hear God's voice in any of them.

Therefore, others from outside the "chosen people," new or old, are being called to take a place in the kingdom of God.

Comparing God's reign to a rich banquet is of course a common theme throughout the Scriptures, one which Matthew makes good use of here.

Many elements of this climax story stretch the imagination beyond all credibility. What king, for example, leaves a banquet waiting, goes off to war, kills enemies and burns cities, and then comes back to finish the party?

In other words, we're dealing here with a parable which is clearly an allegory. It relates through these images the history of God's saving work on earth, concluding with the universal invitation to fill the banquet hall with everyone, "the bad as well as the good."

Understood this way, the concern about wedding garments is easily solved. In early Christianity, conversion to faith in Jesus Christ was commonly referred to as putting on a new set of clothes.

We have several examples of this in the New Testament. St. Paul, for example, says that all who have been baptized into Christ have clothed themselves with him. (Gal 3:27)

This was a symbolic way of stating that those who identify themselves with Christ in baptism accept the responsibility



to "wear" His way of living, to authenticate their relationship with the Lord by their deeds.

Just as with parables, it is fruitless and usually misleading to look for specific spiritual meanings in every detail of an allegory.

The central meaning of this one is not hard to find. Now, in the new and final covenant between God and the human family, we are invited to clothe ourselves in the patience, meekness, kindness and compassion of God (Col 3:12).

Our condition at the end will depend on how faithfully we have worn that clothing.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

## Family Matters

Elleen Marx

### My Favorite Things

From the back seat of our van, the sweet and melodic voice of my five-year-old daughter Teresa, sings along to *The Sound Of Music*, which is playing on the tape deck. We're taking an unexpected trip to see my mother and I'm trying hard to simply think of "My Favorite Things," but Teresa is having much more success at the moment than I am.

Many of my favorite things originate with my mother, and it's difficult to think of her at the moment because I'm worried about her. The day before my father called me with some upsetting news. My mother fell on some black ice in her driveway, she broke her hip and had surgery. Teresa and I are on our way to the hospital where she'll be for the next four or five days. It's such an unusual feeling to think of mom in the hospital. My

mother is never sick; she's only been in the hospital to have her six children.

My mother will be the first to say, "It's not that bad; this can be fixed." But for the rest of us who marvel at her boundless energy, her zest for life, her enthusiasm for teaching and her remarkable health, it's almost impossible to contemplate my mother keeping still. I'm accustomed to having a mother in motion. And as I listen to Teresa sing, it occurs to me that Mother Superior's song about her young novice, Maria, succinctly captures my concerns about my mother's recovery: "How do you keep a wave upon the sand?"

My mother is a giver. Long before volunteerism was "in" my mother was the spark for her own "thousand points of lights program" in her family, church and community. She taught English as a

second language in a church basement and as a Red Cross volunteer, she taught thousands of children to swim and dive at the township lake. Mom's special concern for senior citizens led her to volunteer at her town's "Dial-A-Ride" program and for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

When I look at my mother I see so clearly the person that Jesus asks each of us to be. Without any fanfare or fuss, but always with a happy heart and a childlike spirit, my mother lives out the Gospel every day of her life. She sees a need, and using the talents and gifts she's been blessed with, she reaches out and makes a difference to hearts in need of healing and souls in need of soothing.



One of the ways my mother has made an extraordinary difference is through her 20-year involvement with the Christian Service Program (CSP) at De Paul Diocesan High School in Wayne, N.J. For nine years my mother worked as a volunteer

in this program and for the past 11 years she has served as the program's director. In the CSP program, every high school senior is required to give one-and-a-half hours of Christian Service each week. The students visit the elderly at nursing homes, tutor children at elementary schools, play and read to children at day care centers and offer assistance to

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## Sister Mary Thomas Burke To Receive 1997 Beatty Award

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social Services will present the Sixth Annual Colonel Francis J. Beatty Award to Mercy Sister Mary Thomas Burke at a reception and award dinner March 19 at the Westin Hotel.

The award was established in 1991 and named for the late Colonel Beatty, a Catholic layman whose strong religious faith prompted effective church-related and public service in Charlotte/Mecklenburg and its larger region. In every area of life, he set exemplary standards: in the military, the cotton textile industry, the trucking business, through Rotary, Johnson C. Smith University, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Boy Scouts and various hospital boards.

Past recipients of the award include James W. Babb, Jr.; Charles L. "Chuck" Grace; Ray S. Farris, Jr.; John C. Engler; and Peter Keber.

"Sister Mary Thomas Burke embodies all those rich, selfless qualities exemplified by the late Col. Beatty, through her effective leadership, inspiring commitment to her faith, and high principles of volunteerism for the benefit of diverse communities," said CSS Board of Advisors Chairman Paul Franz in making the announcement.

A member of the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont where she is presently a mem-

ber of the governing body, Sister Burke has been on the faculty at UNC-Charlotte since 1970 in the department of Counseling, Special Education and Child Development. In addition to her work at UNCC, she has been very active in community service on local, state and national levels. This includes Mercy Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville; Holy Angels Center; Metrolina AIDS Project; Child Care Resources; and Mecklenburg Ministries, among others.

For outstanding service to the community, the annual Spirit Award will be presented in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to CSS. Receiving the award on behalf of the Adoption Auxiliary, a core group of adoptive families, will be Valerie Smith, Gail Timmes and Sidney Stewart.

CSS in Charlotte is a professional social service agency providing services without regard to religious affiliation since 1948. Assistance is provided in pregnancy support, individual and marriage counseling, substance abuse prevention and adoption.

Media personality Mike Collins will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

Cost is \$60 per person. For reservations or information, call CSS, (704) 343-9954, weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Bishop Visits With Student Fellowship



Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

GREENSBORO — Bishop William G. Curlin recently visited with the Catholic Student Fellowship of Greensboro, which comprises students attending the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Guilford College and Greensboro College. Bishop Curlin celebrated Mass with the students and their campus minister, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Gilvey. The bishop also blessed and dedicated the group's fellowship house, and spent time sharing with the students about concerns college-aged Catholics face.

"We're now facing a culture that says, 'Go to your churches, but don't take things too seriously,'" Bishop Curlin said during his homily. "But if we truly believe that God fills our lives with His presence through the Eucharist, then nothing can conquer us. I urge you not to go through life with emptiness. Fill it with Christ. If you fill your lives with Christ, you will be the happiest people on earth."

Pictured above are Bishop Curlin, center; Father Gilvey, far right; and the CSFG pastoral council.

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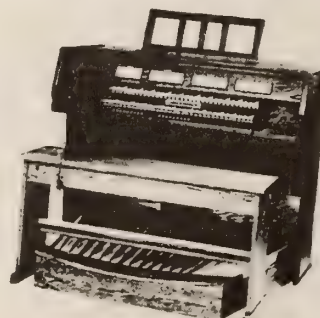
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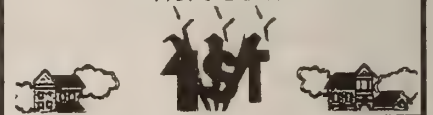
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# Entertainment

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Adventures from the Book of Virtues" (1996)

PBS series of six animated half-hour programs based on William J. Bennett's anthology of classic stories from around the world, each episode grouping the tales on one of the following themes — honesty, courage, work, responsibility, compassion and self-discipline. The episodes center on Zach, 11, and Annie, 10, who listen to their wise animal friends tell stories which have lasted through the centuries in Saturday morning cartoon fashion and with emphasis on the moral of each tale. Entertainment the whole family can enjoy and learn from.

### "Godspell" (1973)

Sparkling screen version of a musical based loosely on the Gospel according to Matthew, featuring an off-Broadway cast with Victor Garber as the Christ figure and David Haskell as both John the Baptist and Judas. What makes the movie so high-spirited is director David Greene's turning the entire city of New York into a giant stage which is used strikingly for presenting the parables in imaginative skits, many of which serve as springboards for irresistible tunes, such as "Day by Day" and "God Save the People!" The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences. (Videos with Values, (800) 233-4692, \$14.99)

### "Jesus of Nazareth" (1977)

Award-winning television dramatization of the life of Christ from the Nativity through the Resurrection, with British actor Robert Powell giving an appropriately intense performance as Jesus. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli, the 371-minute production is mounted on an epic scale in a realistic setting rich in period detail that enhances the drama's credibility while being entirely faithful to the Gospel account. The result achieves a spiritual dimension uncommon in most such works. For all members of the family. (Videos with Values, (800) 233-4692, \$49.99)

### "Miracle of Saint Therese" (1959)

Engrossing French production dramatizing the life of the saint known as the Little Flower who entered the Carmelite cloister at Lisieux at the age of 14, died of tuberculosis in 1897 at age 24 and was canonized in 1925. Director Andre Haguët makes a serious, largely successful attempt to picture the saint's life within her religious community and the meaning of her "little way" to spiritual perfection, with a winning performance by France Descaut in the title role and fine use of the visuals to convey the period and the interior life of a young girl who became a saint. Dubbed. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America. (Ivy Classics, \$29.95)

## Gangster Movie Has An Emphasis On Character

NEW YORK (CNS) — An undercover agent's odyssey into mob life exacts a daunting personal price in the fact-based crime film, "Donnie Brasco."

FBI Special Agent Joseph Pistone (Johnny Depp) gets his entree into a New York mob family in 1978 when he impresses lifelong mob soldier Lefty Ruggiero (Al Pacino) with his smarts and toughness in dealing with someone who tried to cheat Lefty.

Taking the younger man who calls himself Donnie Brasco under his wing, Lefty vouches for him to his boss Sonny Black (Michael Madsen) and fellow soldiers Nicky (Bruno Kirby) and Paulie (James Russo). Soon Donnie is witnessing their assorted brutal crimes, including murder, and all the time he's wearing a wire.

This proves nearly fatal for Donnie when he goes with the wiseguys to a Japanese restaurant where the maitre d' insists he remove his shoes, which would expose his recorder. Only Donnie's quick thinking saves his neck by bringing out the gangsters' racial prejudice and pleasure in beating up anyone who dared to order any of them to do anything.

With time, the world-weary Lefty comes to love Donnie like a son, even as Donnie's own sense of identity as a husband, father and G-man is retreating further and further into his psyche. He's had to make the mob his family to do the job.

Donnie's closeness to Lefty only makes the fact that he is betraying him a bitter pill to swallow. His personal conflict is intensified since the FBI is starting to suspect the agent is in too deep and has lost his perspective. After years of posing as a single loner, Donnie's wife (Anne Heche) is fed up with only sporadic night visits from her husband, whose three little daughters scarcely know their dad.

All comes to a head when Sonny and his underlings slay a trio of rivals. Donnie is ordered to make his first hit by killing one rival's vengeance-crazed son, and Lefty joins him to ensure he makes the hit — but hints that he now has good reason to suspect his trusted surrogate son.

With the emphasis solidly on character as opposed to shootouts, director Mike Newell's account of Agent Pistone's double life is never less than engrossing.

Gangster films are commonplace, but this one sharply delineates three characters: Donnie, veteran soldier Lefty, and Donnie's long-neglected wife, Maggie.

Pacino, of course, has done this kind of role before and he makes Lefty a real person, someone bitter that he never rose into the mob hierarchy but with a soft side for Donnie, who gives him more attention and respect than his junkie son or his fellow hoods.

Yet Newell never sentimentalizes or glamorizes any of the wiseguys; they are

always seen as lowlives who only succeed by virtue of brutal brawn and bloodshed. Pacino has the talent to make the pathetic Lefty rather likable, but never glosses over the fact that he has nearly 30 kills under his belt — and viewers will be left repulsed when he shows his true nature by mercilessly executing a lifelong friend.

Giving a heart-rending performance is Heche's long-suffering Maggie, a woman deeply in love with her good-guy husband, but furious that he puts the job before any responsibility to his children and their marriage.

The audience is made to imagine what it must be like to have to be both mother and father to three little girls for seven long years, with no apologies from a stoic husband who is internalizing all his feelings and treating her as someone who must simply obey and never question him.

Depp does a stretch with this role into a fully adult persona whose moral dilemma is very much at the center of the story. Pacino has the showy role, but Depp's character must keep all his cards to himself for sheer survival — and he keeps us wondering what he will do next as he becomes more and more conflicted — and confides in no one.

This uncertainty as to what he will do next helps maintain a level of suspense throughout the story, which is based on Pistone's book, written with Richard Woodley.

Newell captures the seedy Brooklyn settings and the minutiae of daily life in a mob hangout quite realistically — the boring down-time, punctuated by sudden violence at a moment's notice that is frightening to watch. Madsen is a good choice as the rising crime boss who never lets any personal feeling cloud his nose for money and power.

A section of the film recounts the hoods' aborted attempt to set up shop in Miami, where once again Donnie's cover is nearly blown by a district attorney who greets his fellow law enforcement officer by his real name and is pained by Donnie's lightning-fast reaction. Rocco Sisto plays a Florida undercover agent whose hammy eagerness to do the job is in deliciously sharp contrast to how Donnie approached it.

The violence is at times shocking, but not overindulged in, and the film is most satisfying in its examination of what doing a noble and dangerous job can do to an individual's priorities and own sense of identity.

Because of brief, graphic violence, a flash of nudity, intermittent profanity and much rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



## Oscar Picks

Best Picture  
**"The English Patient"**

Best Actor  
**Tom Cruise in "Jerry Maguire"**

Best Actress  
**Frances McDormand in "Fargo"**

Best Supporting Actor  
**Cuba Gooding Jr. in "Jerry Maguire"**

Best Supporting Actress  
**Lauren Bacall in "The Mirror Has Two Faces"**

Best Director  
**Anthony Minghella for "The English Patient"**

Picks selected by Gerri Pare of the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

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Gerri Pare, film reviewer for the U.S. Catholic Conference Office of Film and Broadcasting, likes "Jerry Maguire" and "The English Patient" for four of the main categories of the Academy Awards, to be televised March 24.



# Is there a hotline to God's protection?

## FAITH alive!

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By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
Catholic News Service

I once read an old folk story about a young girl tormented by a wicked aunt. The aunt's goal is to get possession of the girl's inheritance.

As the story unfolds, the village elder agrees that if the girl can do one task right, she will get the legacy; if not, it goes to the aunt.

from a mountaintop, across a river, through a forest, over a canyon and up the side of a second mountain to save himself and his kingdom. One might think he would be transported magically to the second mountain by an eagle or something, but this tale is different.

The prince begins his adventure by praying for God's help and protection. Then the prince meets a man who teaches him to swim, and thus

A young person runs away, gets involved with drugs, prostitution. Somewhere there is a parent or grandparent praying for God's protection for this lost child.

God doesn't whisk the child home, but God inspires people to give to Covenant House, or the Youth Hotline or some other agency. And the youth ultimately finds a refuge with people who care, who bring life back to him or her.

Or again, as a difficult pregnancy comes to term, many prayers are offered for God's protection for mother and child.

God does not lift the child from the womb by magic. Rather, God has for years guided into medicine men and women who are competent and caring, and who work in a hospital committed to the Gospel. The couple deliberately have chosen a particular medical center because of its life values, and there the child

the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast reminds us that while Jesus left us, we should realize he is still here with us as we work with and help each other.

I admit there is part of me that sometimes wishes God would protect me as in the story of the girl and the wool — that God would just come and wonderfully fulfill my wishes exactly as I express them.

**"Outside of folk stories it is rare that God directly manipulates events for our advantage and protection.... God gives us graces through situations and people."**

But most of the time I appreciate God's way of wanting us to be ennobled, given our dignity, honored for our gifts and talents, complimented for our intelligence. For



The task is to take a bundle of dirty wool to the river and clean it. But the aunt substitutes wool from a black sheep for the dirty wool.

Naturally, no matter how much the girl works, the wool remains black.

Finally, the girl prays for God's help and protection. Then God appears, exchanges the black wool for wool white as sparkling crystal, and the girl is saved.

In another folk story, a young Russian prince must make his way

he crosses the river. He meets a man who teaches him to find his way through the dense forest. He meets a man who teaches him to make a bridge from logs, and so he makes it over the mountain. Finally he meets a man who teaches him to ride a mountain goat, and he makes it up the mountain and saves everyone.

Both these folk stories are about how God protects people. In the first story God simply takes over and does what needs to be done. This is the simple, often erroneous image we have of God as our protector.

Much more often God responds to our call for protection by giving us guides, mentors, opportunities to help ourselves.

Outside of folk stories it is rare that God directly manipulates events for our advantage and protection. The old theological maxim that "grace builds on nature" teaches us that God gives us graces through situations and people. In them we then find the help we need. God is usually very subtle.

Look at a few examples.



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is born safely.

These are examples of how God usually protects us. God uses the opportunities we have to learn, love, grow, develop, mature. God uses the people around us, the occasions for goodness, the decisions we make.

Church theology recognizes the hand of God in the people around us. Coupled with God's presence in the sacraments and in Scripture, this reinforces our belief that God is present in the everyday things of our lives.

We do not believe in a God of magic; we believe in a God of love and community.

We even celebrate this reality on

that is what God does in using nature and people and experience and life as means of responding to our prayers.

God "graces" us. And God's grace comes to us through the sacraments, the Scriptures, the community, the world in which we live.

What we have to do is learn to recognize grace when it comes to us. We are well protected by God in thousands of ways, though we are often not aware what those ways are.

*(Father Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)*

### In a Nutshell

- **Will God protect us? Yes, but God also gives us free will.**
- **Scripture says dozens of times not to be afraid.**
- **Often God's protection arrives through others and the everyday events in our lives.**



# God is not a great order catalogue in the sky

By Mary Miller Pedersen  
Catholic News Service

I remember an old TV commercial in which a child walked around the house with an "invisible shield" magically placed around him by the toothpaste he used that morning. I thought that was what God is like for us: a shield.

For a child, it was a comforting thought. It lasted until my first skiing experience when I shooshed down from a Colorado mountaintop with the words, "Oh God, help me."

I'd never been on skis and rode up listening to friends who advised: "It's easy. You don't need a lesson." Within a quarter mile, I crashed. I made the rest of the trip down on a sled escorted by ski-patrol medics.

Years later when my children did risky things, I began to understand what kind of protection God provides us. No, God hadn't been on vacation when I spoke my prayer on that mountaintop. But I realized that much of the harm that had come to me in life or was coming to my children resulted from our own choices:

- God protects us, and
  - God gives us the gift of free will.
- In many instances, we bring on our own catastrophes, though not always willfully. Deciding what seems best or

a tornado wipes out our business; someone else gets the job we were in line for.

Once we abandon the childhood notion that God is the great Sears cata-

logue in the sky from which we can

order whatever we want, we enter the mystery of how evil can exist in the face of God's power.



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logue in the sky from which we can order whatever we want, we enter the mystery of how evil can exist in the face of God's power.

This is one of the great quandaries for every believer.

Every Sunday stories are heard at Mass about God's faithful protection.

—God crushes the Philistines, drowns the Egyptians, saves Jonah from the whale's belly.

—Jesus cures the leper, restores sight to the blind.

—Jesus' Father actually raises him from the dead.

No wonder we proclaim that nothing is impossible with God!

No wonder we pray for God's protection.

We pray because we fear for the safety or welfare of those we love.

We pray because we reach the limits of our understanding and may be confused.

In such prayer we assume the posture of a creature totally dependent on the Creator — a very wise

posture to assume. As Christians who inherited the Scriptures and the church's rich teachings, we know that God loves us and cares for us unconditionally. More than 100 times Scripture tells us not to be afraid; God is with us. The words "with us" do not guarantee that sickness and ill fortune will avoid us. But whatever happens, we will not need to face it alone.

Despair would be a great enemy when facing dangers and uncertainties. We certainly need protection from it.

So remember that the words "with us" mean Jesus walks alongside us when we're distressed. Darkness will be transformed into light.

Jesus' life proves that. The Father raised Jesus up. God turns death into new life. That fuels our prayer.

The song "Be Not Afraid" sums it up simply: "If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.... Be not afraid!"

You can't get a better protection plan than that anywhere!

(Pedersen is coordinator of the Leadership in Family Life Training Program for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.)

## Getting a handle on fear

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

Fear is a built-in warning system, alerting people to danger and moving them to avoid it or resist it. So fear can be good. But if not controlled, fear can defeat its purpose and paralyze people.

In some circumstances fear degenerates into paranoia, an irrational state in which danger is perceived as lurking around every corner.

How do Christians control fear so that it doesn't get out of hand?

In biblical times people's confidence in divine help sprang from their repeated experience of God's saving help. God had demonstrated practical concern for them in so many ways!

Our confidence in divine help also can grow if we learn to recognize the ways God has helped us in the past.

People in biblical times looked to God for protection almost instinctively. Listen to this cry for God's help in what was a frightening situation. "Look down from heaven and regard us from your holy and glorious palace!... You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever" (Isaiah 63:15-16).

It would be hard to read the book of Psalms without remarking that it is replete with calls for rescue from personal and societal dangers. Actually, the psalm writers often were frightened by events: national calamities; blood-thirsty enemies; religious persecution.

What if a situation feels hopeless and God seems unconcerned? Then Scripture reassures us, saying: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never for-

### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

#### When have you turned to God for "protection"? How was your prayer answered?

"Being a principal in an elementary school, I am very careful in how I handle people, and I pray constantly that God will protect me from misunderstanding so that the problem I'm trying to solve will be handled in the best interest of all concerned. And God always answers my prayers." — Evelyn Bernier, Manchester, N.H.

"Last Thursday, I prayed for safety on a cross-state trip, and during the drive I hit an ice slip and went into a 360-degree turn, spinning across four lanes of rush-hour traffic before I came to a stop without hitting anyone or anything. I believe I was protected." — Sister Betty Dunkel, D.C., Gallup, N.M.

"Recently, our community has gone through devastating floods, and we turned to God for protection.... Our prayers were answered and we were grateful to return safely to our homes after being stranded for six days." — Megan Overgaard, Weiser, Idaho

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easiest at the time can get us into big messes.

There also are times, however, when we make good decisions and take every precaution, yet something terrible happens: A baby dies of SIDS;

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A woman prayed during Mass recently for her daughter, who was taking a test that day. I told her afterward that she had given voice to precisely what was in my mind.

I always have in mind one of my children who is taking a test, driving a car somewhere or making an important decision. Often my prayer is that she will be protected — from harm or pain or unhappiness.

What can I say?! I'm a father. In part, I'm in the protection business. But I need help.

Is there anyone who doesn't pray sometimes for God's protection?

Yes, I know God doesn't take the child's test or eliminate all suffering from a child's life.

But God will support the child, invite out the best in the child in risky situations, hold hope out to the child when things look bleak, help the child find her way to trustworthy, caring people when problems seem insoluble.

And what if God sometimes works through others to protect my child (or, when one door closes, to open another)? Then part of my prayer should be that, when asked, I will return the favor by giving support or offering good reasons for hope to another child.

David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

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## People In The News

### Curley Will Retire As Head Of Catholic Health Association

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — John E. Curley Jr. has announced his intention to retire as president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, effective June 1998. "It is with mixed emotions that I choose to retire," said Curley. He said he and his wife, Terry, both natives of Sacramento, Calif., look forward to retirement as "a happy event" and to returning to their home state. But his role with CHA has been "more than a career," he said. "It's been my vocation." He has been president of CHA since 1979.

### Catholic Journalist Wins Amnesty International Award

TORONTO (CNS) — For the second year in a row, journalist Cathy Majtenyi of *The Catholic Register* has won an Amnesty International-Canada award for excellence in the coverage of human rights issues. "I was very, very honored," she said in a Canadian Catholic News interview Feb. 25. "I have the highest regard for Amnesty International, and this recognition is a real honor." Majtenyi's award-winning story, "Products made on the back of exploited workers," appeared in the July 1 issue of *The Catholic Register*, a national newspaper based in Toronto.

### Cardinal Ugo Poletti, Former Papal Vicar Of Rome, Dies At 82

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal Ugo Poletti, the papal vicar of Rome during a period of stormy public debate on moral issues, died of a heart attack at age 82. In a telegram marking the cardinal's death, Pope John Paul II praised him as an attentive and energetic pastor, sensitive to the call for renewal in society and the church. Cardinal Poletti died Feb. 25 shortly after entering Rome's Gemelli Hospital for tests.

### Pope, Buddhist Leader Discuss Catholic-Buddhist Ties

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The leader of a global Buddhist organization headquartered in Taiwan had a first-ever audience with the pope in late February to discuss Catholic-Buddhist ties. Venerable Master Hsing Yun said he and Pope John Paul II prayed together and traded ideas about how the two religions can work more closely to promote world peace. The school of Buddhism which the master represents, the Fokuangshan Buddhist Order, has branches worldwide and frequently arranges high-profile events with globally recognized figures and heads of state. It gained notoriety in the United States recently because of a scandal over inappropriate campaign contributions to the Democratic Party.

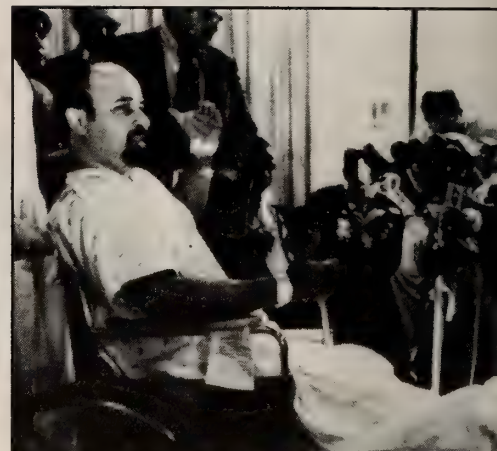
## Empire State Shooting Victim Calls For Forgiveness Of Attacker

By STEPHEN STEELE

NEW YORK (CNS) — A man severely injured in the Feb. 23 shooting at the Empire State Building that killed one person and injured six others called for the forgiveness of his attacker, while another victim said he harbored no bad feelings toward the shooter.

Patric Demange, a 44-year-old French tourist who was injured along with his wife, Virginie, said in a statement: "I am a Catholic and it is important to forgive."

Demange and his wife were in intensive care at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center after the gunman opened fire on the 86th floor observation deck of the landmark skyscraper. The couple had been among about 100 tourists and sightseers from different states and countries who had been admiring the view that



CNS photo by Chris Sheridan, *Catholic New York*

Hector Mendez of the Bronx describes his ordeal as one of the victims of a Feb. 23 attack on tourists at the Empire State Building.

Sunday afternoon.

After opening fire, Ali Abu Kamal, a 69-year-old Palestinian from Ramallah, West Bank, fatally shot himself in the head on the crowded floor.

In the chaos of the shooting, at least six people were injured from trampling, including an 18-month-old girl and her 5-month-old brother.

Hector Mendez, from St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx, was shot in the thigh while running from the gunman.

Sitting in a wheelchair during the Feb. 24 press conference at St. Vincent's, Mendez told reporters that he bore no hard feelings for the gunman.

"I don't hate him," he said. "I mean, he shouldn't have hurt innocent people because we didn't do anything to him."

Mendez said he was shot while trying to save his 9-year-old daughter who was in the gunman's firing line. Seeing that she was near an exit door, he yelled for her to escape.

"She started to run to me, but I yelled, 'No, go inside. Go inside,'" he said. Once the girl appeared safe, he started running. He then felt a sharp, burning pain in his thigh and ducked into another exit. His daughter ran to him screaming, "Daddy, you've been shot." Mendez limped down three floors and pounded on a door where he was let in by a security guard, unaware of the mayhem occurring upstairs.

Mendez was visiting the Empire State Building with his wife, Iris, and daughter, Iriana. It was the first and last time he'll visit the tower, he said.

The patience and serenity of the three shooting victims who were rushed to St. Vincent's impressed Sister Margaretta Brock, a Sister of Charity and patient representative who was assisting in the emergency room on the night of the shooting.

"I was taken by their goodness and their cooperation," Sister Brock told *Catholic New York*, the archdiocesan newspaper.

This prayer card, featuring an icon of Mary and Jesus by Jesuit Father Marko Ivan Rupnik, will be distributed for World Youth Day 1997. The priest said he calls the piece "Holy Mother of Yes" because "love is a yes."



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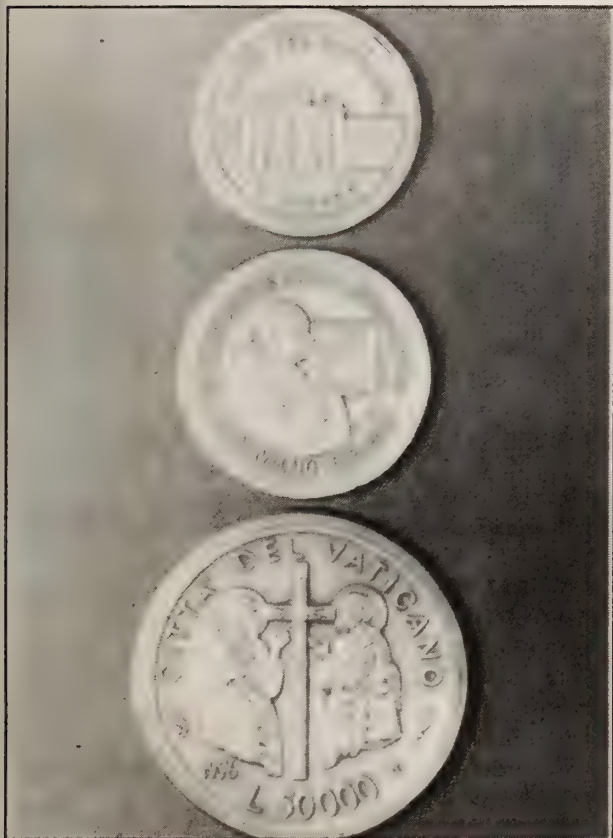
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## Vatican To Issue Limited Editions Of Gold Coins For Millennium

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For at least one Vatican department, the year 2000 is to be a golden jubilee.

The Vatican City Numismatic Office is issuing a series of gold coins to commemorate the millennium, officials announced Feb. 21.



CNS photo from the Vatican

Ten coins, to be released in pairs each year starting in the coming months, will be issued in numbers no greater than 6,000 per coin. They are to be made available singly and as a set.

On only a handful of occasions has the Vatican produced gold coins; the last time was in 1959.

"And we don't know whether this practice will continue," said Cardinal Rosalio Castillo Lara, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State. "There is no guarantee. Maybe it will continue, maybe not."

Regardless, the cardinal added, the collection is bound to increase in value because it marks a singular historic event.

At least one coin each year is to feature a

view of one of the four major basilicas of Rome, traditional stops for pilgrims to the Eternal City. An additional pair of coins to be issued in the year 2000 is to depict a religious theme. Each coin is to bear a picture of Pope John Paul II. On one of the first two in the series is an image of the door the pope is to open to mark the start of the Holy Year.

The coins' face value will be 50,000 lire and 100,000 lire, currently about \$30 and \$60, but their price is higher: \$182 and \$364, respectively, for the first two.

Collectors who opt to purchase the entire set of 10 also receive a box in which to display them and a limited-edition, annual publication describing all the coins, stamps, envelopes and mail-grams the Vatican produces for the coming four years. The brochure mentions no financial incentive for buying the set.

Pier Paolo Francini, head of the Numismatic Office, said true collectors will need no additional incentive, explaining, "It is clear that this unique and splendid presentation will be attractive for anyone who understands coins."

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## Sex Education:

*The Bible can be our guide in a country that sometimes seems obsessed with casual and uncommitted sex.*

By MSGR. JAMES A. CARTER

Late last summer, our country was witness to a sorry spectacle. One of the chief political advisors to the president of the United States was alleged to have been involved intimately with a woman other than his wife. Furthermore, he was alleged to have shared with her national secrets. He later publicly apologized on national television. Was what he did so wrong? Is it a sin to be involved in such an affair, such a relationship?

I am convinced that people do not know the answers to these questions. Our society is a morally confused society with no national consensus as to what is right and what is wrong. Yet, we wonder why our families are falling apart, why more than one-third of our children are growing up in single family homes, and why our children are sexually active at younger and younger ages.

We seem to have a national obsession with unhealthy approaches to sex. Turn on your television, open up national magazines, listen to the latest popular song. Casual and uncommitted sex is a constant theme.

Sex is one of God's most beautiful gifts. There is nothing inherently bad about it. We don't have to be prudish but we have lost our perspective about this part of our humanity.

The biblical answer to the question of sex is one man committed to one woman for a lifetime. We need to teach this to our children. A teen-ager and his grandfather were discussing the facts of life. The younger man said, "Gee, Granddad, your generation didn't have all these social diseases. What did you wear to have safe sex?" The wise old gentleman replied, "a wedding ring."

It's disheartening that some of our young people will never know the joy of a special and exclusive sexual relationship with a member of the opposite sex. No amount of playing the field can substitute for that. The best oral contraceptive when you are young and unmarried is the word, "No."

Unfortunately, our young people are not the only ones who need to be taught the one man/one woman rule. Some of our adults need to be reminded of this principle as well. The old cliché, "Don't do as I do, do as I say I do," is dishonest and doesn't cut it.

There was a letter in Ann Landers sometime back that went like this:

"Dear Ann: I have been sleeping with three women for several months. Until a few days ago, none of them knew that the others existed, and things were going fine. By chance, two of them met each other, compared notes, and found me out. Now they are furious with me. What am I going to do? P.S. Please don't give me any of your moral junk. Signed: Trapped."

Ann Landers answered like this:

"Dear Trapped: The one thing that separates the human race from animals is a God-given sense of morality. Since you don't have one, I strongly suggest you consult a veterinarian."

Surveys show that attitudes among church members are not much different from those of the world at large. Sex for many people has become just another recreational tool — not a gift from God for the uniting of one man to one woman for the building up of the human family. The consequences of that former attitude are taking a toll on our society.

I'm not suggesting that we go back to the old days when sex was something people whispered about behind closed doors. The genie of sexual openness is out of the bottle. It is doubtful that it will ever be contained again. So be it.

There is much that is healthy about a more open attitude toward our approach to sex. If parents will seize the opportunity, they can have much franker and more fruitful discussions with their children and can help them put sex into a healthier perspective. While there are young people who have a healthy, Christian sense of their sexuality, we should fear for our society as a whole.

Our sexual nature is interrelated with our spiritual nature; the two cannot be separated. There is no moral or biblical ground for the person who says, "It's my body, and I can do with it as I please." Think about it for a moment. No one says, "This is my environment. If I want to dump toxic wastes, it's my own business." No one says, "This is my workplace. I will harass whomever I please." The wrongness of both positions is self-evident. Why then can we not see through the argument that, "This is my body; I will use it however I choose?"

No, our bodies are gifts for God. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to honor God with our bodies — vessels through which we offer God praise. They are to be kept pure and wholesome as a fit dwelling place for that which is Divine.

St. Paul answers my original question: Did the president's advisor do anything all that wrong when he consorted with a prostitute? In first Corinthians, St. Paul writes: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, 'The two shall become one flesh.' But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.... Do you not know that your body is the temple to the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought for a price. So glorify God in your body."

There it is — the truth that contradicts our popular obsession with unhealthy and unwholesome sex: "You are not your own; you have been purchased, and at what a price! So glorify God in your body."

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# Mercy Foundation Awards Grants To Area Organizations

BELMONT — Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation recently announced grant awards totalling nearly \$535,000 to 13 non-profit organizations serving Mecklenburg, Gaston, Union and Iredell Counties in North Carolina. These awards are being made following the close of the Foundation's first regular grant-making cycle.

The grant funds will be used for a wide variety of purposes by the organizations. Supported programs include services for women, children, disabled and homeless persons, support for educational programs for the disadvantaged, affordable housing, and the implementation and expansion of dental clinics for underserved populations.

The Sisters of Mercy Foundation was established in 1995 and now operates from a mission to support non-profit healthcare, educational and social service organizations in the Charlotte metropolitan area and in North and South Carolina. Its program focus is on services benefitting women, children, the elderly and the poor. The Foundation is particularly interested in promoting systemic change and the quality of life for underserved and underserved populations.

"The Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina see the grantmaking activities of the Foundation as an extension of our mission to serve those in need" said Mercy Sister Mary Jerome Spradley, president of the Foundation.

The 13 organizations that will benefit from the Foundation's grantmaking activities are as follows:

**Alexander Children's Home**, Charlotte, will receive \$10,000. Alexander Children's Home operates a nationally

accredited child care development center and seven behavioral health programs for emotionally troubled children ages 6-12. The grant will help provide for the renovation of an existing campus building to be used as a residential cottage for children.

**Catherine's House**, Belmont, will receive \$6,000. Catherine's House provides transitional housing for homeless women and homeless women with children in a safe, Christian environment.

**Charlotte Emergency Housing**, Charlotte, will receive \$68,360 over a three-year period. This organization provides homeless women and families with secure transitional housing and services. The monies are intended to provide funding for a Children's Services Specialist who will assess client children, work to strengthen client parenting skills and follow-up with client children.

**Communities in Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg**, Charlotte, will receive \$95,000 over a three-year period. In partnership with agencies, businesses, volunteers and schools, Communities in Schools helps students who are most at risk of academic and social failure to learn successfully, stay in school and prepare for life. The grant monies will be used to fund a position supporting the Think College program.

**Crisis Assistance Ministry**, Charlotte, will receive \$50,000 over a two-year period. This grant will assist the "Partners in Hope" program which pairs individuals or groups from local churches as mentors with disadvantaged persons for a period of at least one year.

**Diakonos, Inc.**, Statesville, will receive \$25,000. This grant will help pro-

vide for a dental clinic in The Open Door Clinic, which provides primary medical and dental care to indigent and underserved persons.

**Family Center**, Charlotte, will receive \$10,000. Family Center was established for the purpose of treating and preventing child abuse and neglect. The grant will be used to provide operating funds for Arosa House, a residential facility and treatment program for victims of extreme child abuse and neglect ages 18 months to 10 years.

**Florence Crittenton Services, Inc.**, Charlotte, will receive \$90,000 over a three-year period. This organization provides shelter, comprehensive health, educational and social services for single, pregnant young women.

**Gaston Family Health Service**, Gastonia, will receive \$102,413 to be paid over a three-year period. This grant will help expand their Dental Clinic which was established in 1995.

**Interagency Resource Project**, Gastonia, will receive \$10,000. Interagency Resource Project provides housing and employment services to low-income individuals.

**Union County Habitat for Humanity**, Monroe, will receive \$38,000. An ecumenical housing ministry, this organization collaborates with area churches, civic groups, schools and corporations to build simple, decent, affordable housing for people who have limited financial resources.

**United Cerebral Palsy of N.C.**, Charlotte, will receive \$25,000. This grant will assist with start-up costs to open Copymatic, a supported employment enterprise (a quick copy business) in Charlotte to will train and employ adults with disabilities.

**Youth Homes, Inc.**, Charlotte, will receive \$5,000. Youth Homes, Inc. provides therapeutic group and foster care to at-risk children ages 8-18 who have emotional and behavioral problems.

Since announcing in October, 1996 that it was receiving grant applications, the Foundation has awarded grants totalling nearly \$756,000 to area organizations. The Foundation's next grant application deadline is April 1, 1997 with decisions being made in June, 1997.

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young people with emotional and physical disabilities. A dedicated group of 17 parent volunteers serve as discussion leaders with the students as they talk about their experiences in CSP. My mother often comments that one of the most rewarding aspects of CSP is that students who are struggling at school or at home seem to shine as they reach out to help others in need through this program of Christian service.

When Teresa and I pulled into the hospital parking lot, I wondered if my mother, who has given so much of herself over the years, will be able to receive from others during her recovery. As we entered the hospital, I was also concerned that she may be in pain or even look different. Not to worry. For the next three hours, my mother held court in her hospital room as my father, a group of wonderful friends, teachers and her principal gathered around her. I'm so grateful to my father and my parents' friends who brought so much love and humor, champagne and doughnuts to her bedside. My sister-in-law, Allison, who came to take care of mom for a week, said what was in all our hearts: "It makes me so happy to give this little bit back to your mother after all she's done for us."

The following day my husband, Joe, arrived with my son, Bobby, and "Grandma" played a wild game of Bingo with the kids from her hospital bed. That visit from her grandchildren worked much better than any of the pain medication.

After the first night of visiting Mom in the hospital, I headed back to my parents' home with Teresa. I felt anxious as I moved through the house without her there. I looked at her chair expecting to see her working on her student's papers, completing the *Times* crossword puzzle or knitting a new sweater for one of her grandchildren. Knowing my mother's extraordinary good health and her positive attitude about life, I believe she will enjoy many more years of health and happiness. God will continue to work through such a faithful follower.

Still, I couldn't shake the thought that for the first time ever, I saw a chink in the armor. It's the realization that nobody is on earth forever, not even my mother. This of course leads me to the unpleasant thought that I won't be here forever, either. But I feel grateful and blessed that I have a master teacher who has shown me in word and example that our faith in God, love of family and service to our neighbor is what's important during our time on earth.

I talked to my mother this morning. Less than three weeks after her fall, she has graduated to a cane. The walker is history. She was driving yesterday and this week she'll be back at school. The doctor is amazed at her rapid recovery but the rest of us know better. Later that morning, Teresa and I headed out to the post office to mail my mother a care package. As we drove along, I silently reached back for Teresa's hands and waited until I felt her fingers squeeze mine. And I held on tightly to one of my favorite things.

Bishops' Ecumenical Dialogue Includes Session for Lay Leaders

HICKORY — The annual Bishops' Ecumenical Dialogue, also known as the LARCUM conference, is scheduled for May 6-7 at the Catholic Conference Center and for the first time will include a special session for lay leaders.

The conference theme is "Clergy Stress — Its Implications for the Church," directed by Conventual Father Canice Connors, former pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem and former president and CEO of the St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Md. Father Connors, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, travels nationally to serve as a resource person at retreats, workshops,

conferences and lectures. He speaks and writes articles on human sexuality, sexual abuse and pedophilia and has served as a consultant for the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The clergy conference includes three presentations: "Naming the Issues and Sources," "Reflecting on the Issues and Sources in a Faith Context," and "Planning Effective Supports and Interventions." Small-group discussions and worship services are also included.

The session for lay leaders is May 7 from 7-9 p.m. Father Connors will focus on stresses of clergy and ways to help congregations assist their clergy.

The Bishops' Ecumenical Dialogue

is jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Western N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. The bishops of their respective denominations will host the conference.

The registration fee for the clergy conference is \$10 per person plus meals and lodging. For the lay leaders session, the cost is \$5 per person. For information and registration, contact St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1406 Harper Ave. NW, Lenoir, N.C. 28645.

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## Bishop McGuinness High School Wins Awards at Harvard Model Congress

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Students from all over the country attend the Congress and through role playing gain extensive knowledge about the United States government. The keynote speaker this year was humorist Al Franken.

Harvard Model Congress Awards were presented to three BMHS students. Derek Show received the Outstanding Achievement Award as a Senator on the Finance Committee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Show of Winston-Salem. Tim Roche received the Outstanding Achievement Award as a Representative on the House Science Committee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Roche of Greensboro. Tracy Phelan received the Outstanding Achievement Award as a Lobbyist for the ACLU. She is the daughter of Kathy Klein and Kevin Phelan, both of Clemmons.

Bishop McGuinness High School has attended the Harvard Model Congress for 10 years and was the only high school from North Carolina to participate in this year's event.

## Catholic Camporee

MIDLAND — The 22nd Annual Catholic Camporee Retreat for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts is March 14-16 at Clear Creek Scout Camp. This year's theme is "Preparing for the Millennium — Faith." Activities will focus on the Bible, and Mass will be celebrated. All Catholic Scout troops, Cub packs, individual Scouts or units led by Catholics are encouraged to attend. For details, call Henry Wallace at (704) 792-9329, or Willis Joseph at (704) 263-3205.

## Media Lending Library Offers Resources

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This month's video profile:

*The Sacrament Series with Father Frank Cancro* is an introductory study guide to sacramental life in the Church.

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*Don't be A TV: Television Victim* is a fast-paced look at the biases of television, for grades 5 through adult.

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other materials, call (704) 331-1717.

## BMHS Spring Auction

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Home School Association presents its Spring Auction, "Puttin' on the Glitz," April 26 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the school. Fine dining, music and auctions will highlight the event. Admission is \$50 per person, and proceeds will benefit BMHS. For details and reservations, call Gary LeBlanc, (910) 723-2030.

## Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — The Our Lady of Grace Church Adult Education Series continues March 18 at 7:30 p.m. with "The Last Four Things," a reflection on death, judgement, heaven and hell, directed by Jim McCullough. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

## Blessed Mother Novena

CHARLOTTE — A novena to the Blessed mother is at St. Vincent de Paul Church each Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Children's Clothing Sale

CLEMMONS — The Holy Family Church children's clothing sale, featuring infant and children's clothing, toys, baby equipment, and maternity clothes, is March 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. Proceeds will benefit children's programs and will help purchase equipment. For information, call (910) 766-8133.

## 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ Club meets March 12 at 11 a.m. for their annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corned beef and cabbage. Cost is \$4.50 for members and \$5 for guests. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

## Class Reunion

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School class of 1955 reunion is Sept. 28. For information, call Helen Dunn Brown (813) 856-1955.

## Lenten Services

ARDEN — An ecumenical Stations of the Cross service is March 21 at 6 p.m. outside the youth activities building on the campus of Lutheridge. Bring a flashlight and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoors. A simple meal will be served before the service. Call (704) 684-6098 for information.

HICKORY — Stations of the Cross and Benediction are Fridays at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church. Community-wide Lenten services are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. at Hartzell Memorial

UMC with the Rev. Pat Pearce officiating. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

WINSTON-SALEM — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo the Great churches.

HIGH POINT — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church.

GREENSBORO — The Way of the Cross is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church.

CHARLOTTE — Ecumenical Lenten Services sponsored by Park-Sharon Neighborhood Churches are Thursdays from 12:30-1 p.m. at Sharon Presbyterian Church. Lunch is offered.

A Lenten enrichment program follows 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Fridays at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction follows 9 a.m. Friday Mass and lasts until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass at St. Matthew Church.

## Card Party

CHARLOTTE — The St. Vincent de Paul Women's Guild card party is March 20 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes cards, refreshments and door prizes. Donations of new items for door prizes are needed. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For reservations or donations, call Jackie Bauer (704) 643-0329 or Sharon Ginty (704) 553-2679.

## Ecumenical Conference

ASHEVILLE — The ecumenical conference "Economic Initiatives: Issues of Justice and Faith" is March 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. For details, call Joanne Frazer, (704) 331-1736.

## Volunteers Needed

ASHEVILLE — Teen-agers 14 and older are needed to work as volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital. Deadline to register for summer orientation is April 1.

## Fashion Show and Card Party

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Theresa Guild's Fashion Show (by the Ragpicker Shop) and Card Party is March 11 from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Bishop Begley Conference Center of St. Leo Church. Tickets are \$6. Play cards or bring your favorite board game. Refreshments, door prizes and an art print raffle are included. For reservations and tickets, call Joyce Anderson, (910) 765-5384, or Jenny Patella, (910) 765-3487.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5271, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence warmly welcomes all to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call

the office, (704) 252-6042.

## Ultreya

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya meets the second Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

ARDEN — Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas meets the second Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

## BMHS Blood Drive

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Red Cross Blood Drive is March 24 in the gym from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. For an appointment, call Linda Kennedy, (910) 725-4247.

## Healing Mass

ASHEVILLE — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

## St. Patrick's Day Benefit

SHELBY — The Ladies Guild at St. Mary Church sponsors a St. Patrick's Day Bridge Benefit March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Cost is \$5. Other card and board games are welcome. For information, call Jean Konitzer, (704) 484-1986, or the church, (704) 487-7697.

## Oratory Summer Camp

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The 1997 Oratory Religion Camp sessions at Camp York in Kings Mountain State Park are July 13-19 and July 20-26 for children under 13 who are entering grades 2-7. Cost is \$90. For applications and information, contact The Oratory Religion Camp, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, S.C. 29731. Volunteer counselors are encouraged to write for staff applications.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "In the Silence; In the Resurrection" is a March 23-30 retreat directed by Glenmary Father Jack McNearney focusing on Holy Week. Cost is \$250.

"Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## CRS Looking At Gender Impact Of Aid Programs

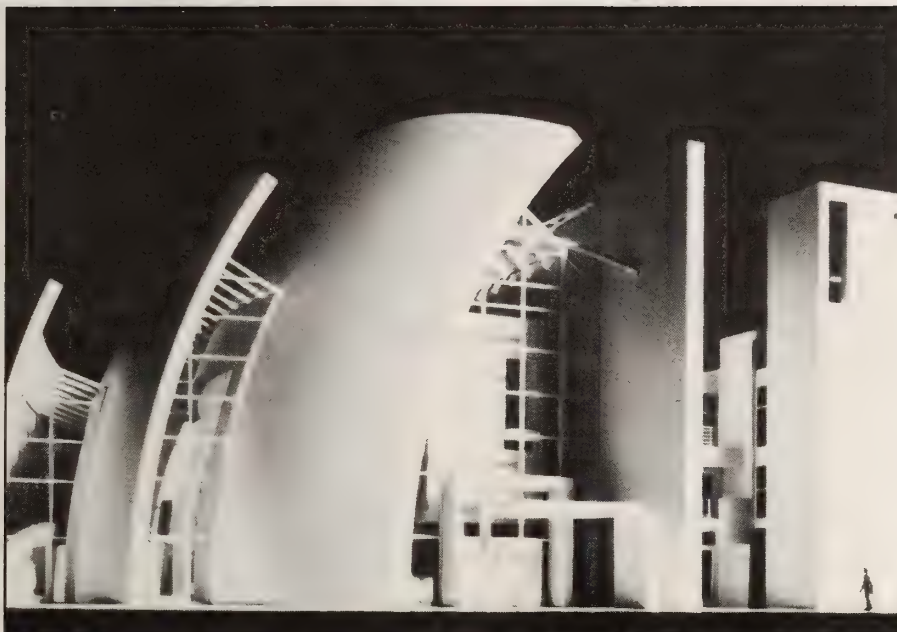
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic Relief Services has begun to analyze its overseas aid programs in terms of their gender impact, CRS global relations director Geraldine Sicola said Feb. 26. Sicola was one of three panelists leading a seminar on women and poverty during the 1997 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, an annual meeting in Washington of U.S. Catholic social ministry leaders. She said that while working for CRS in Africa through the 1970s, "I never once thought about a gender issue in what we were doing." "We were trying to lift all people up.... Our well-intended programs were gender-blind," she said. "Sixteen years later, going through India and Pakistan, I saw everything through gender eyes." The difference, she said, is in the growing realization of how pervasively discrimination against women affects health and education, home and family life, economic status and development.

## Industry Indicates Willingness To Tinker With TV Rating System

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Television industry representatives, while insisting the new TV ratings system needs more than two months before people judge it, indicated at a Feb. 27 Senate committee hearing they would be willing to bend a little on it. Most witnesses at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing on the TV ratings plan came down hard on it, with some witnesses calling them worse than no system at all. Jack Valenti backed down from a remark he made in December that he would go to court "in a nano-second" to defend any federal challenge to the ratings system. "I have changed my mind," he said. "So far, I've seen really nothing that violates constitutional rights" in recent proposals to rework the ratings system. Valenti is head of the Motion Picture Association of America.

## Court Sends Clinic Buffer Zone Cases Back For Reconsideration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In light of its Feb. 19 ruling on restrictions on abortion clinic protests, the Supreme Court sent back to lower courts two similar cases involving a Colorado law and a Phoenix ordinance. In a Feb. 24 order, the court told the Colorado Supreme Court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, whose jurisdiction includes Arizona, to reconsider rulings on laws restricting the type of protest that can occur within a specified distance of abortion clinics. The previous week the Supreme Court had upheld part of a federal judge's injunction limiting protests to outside a "buffer zone" 15 feet away from abortion clinics, their entrances and driveways. But the court overturned a part of the injunction in *Schenck vs. Pro-Choice Network* that also required protesters to stay 15 feet away from people as they approached the clinics. The court said the "floating buffer zones" was a violation of free speech rights.



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Construction is due to start in June on the Rome church shown in this model by New York architect Richard Meier. The modern design is meant to accommodate its location surrounded by tall buildings.

## Rural Women Too Often Pulling A "Third Shift," Researcher Says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Working women in metropolitan areas are all too familiar with the "second shift" syndrome — taking on a full-time job, yet still responsible for most household duties. Rural women, suggests researcher Julia Kleinschmitt-Rembert, have a "third shift," not only running the home and working on the farm, but taking a job off the farm to make ends meet. Rural housework was divided more evenly "when men had full-time jobs off the farm, not when women had full-time jobs off the farm," she said.

## Critical Juncture Seen For Arms Control Initiatives

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Several world arms control issues are nearing critical decision points in the United States, speakers told a gathering of Catholic peace and justice leaders Feb. 25. Among key issues needing attention they cited: the Chemical Weapons Convention, which will take effect without U.S. participation if the Senate does not ratify it by April 29; the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, which also requires Senate ratification; the Canadian initiative for an international treaty by December to ban all anti-personnel land mines; and Congressional legislation for a four-point Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers that nations wishing to purchase U.S.-made weapons would have to meet.

## Common Ground Leader Suggest Parish Dialogue Groups

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Msgr. Philip J. Murnion suggested Feb. 26 that local Catholic leaders concerned about Catholic divisions could form dialogue groups in their parishes using materials from the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. Such groups could bring selected parish leaders and representatives of various viewpoints and concerns to-

gether for sustained, constructive reflection on their Catholic identity and mission, he said. Msgr. Murnion is director of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York, which is providing staff support for the initiative, inaugurated by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago shortly before his death last year.

## Catholic Nurses Conference

LISLE, Ill. — The National Association of Catholic Nurses, U.S.A. annual conference is April 25-27 at the Lisle/Naperville, Ill., Hilton Hotel. This year's conference, "Meeting the Future Changes in Catholic Health Care," features speakers from the medical profession. Topics include Catholic values in a health care system, caregiver-patient relationships, nursing education in the 21st century, and nurturing the spirituality of nurses. For information, contact Eula Sforza, 1229 Reading Ct., Wheaton, Ill., 60187 or send faxes to (630) 682-0592.

## Bishop's Conference Head Condemns Firebombing

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The head of the Polish bishops' conference condemned a firebomb attack that damaged Warsaw's only functioning Jewish synagogue. Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, secretary-general of the bishops' conference, said, "We extend regret and sympathy to the Jewish community. This kind of attack cannot have the approval of any honest person." "Violence has now been directed against a synagogue. We should mobilize to stop the groups who do such things," the bishop said after the attack. The main door and hall of Warsaw's Twarda Street synagogue, built in 1902, were destroyed by fire shortly after midnight Feb. 26.

## Palestinian At Vatican Foresees Problems With Israeli Settlement

ROME (CNS) — The Palestinian representative to the Vatican denounced Israel's plans to build a major Jewish

settlement in the eastern part of Jerusalem, saying it would strangle the Palestinian economy and spur the exodus of local Christians. Afif Safieh, head of the Palestinian delegation to the Holy See, said the settlement would be built on stolen land, in violation of international law. He made the comments in a statement faxed to Catholic News Service from his London office. Israel announced Feb. 26 that it intended to press ahead with construction of a new neighborhood for about 30,000 Jews in the Arab sector. Palestinians called the move unacceptable and warned that it could prompt new clashes.

## Bishops Seek To Clarify Situation In Zaire During Visit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops from Zaire on their "ad limina" visits to the Vatican tried to correct false impressions about Zaire's problems and their causes, said the head of the country's bishops' conference. Bishop Faustin Ngabu of Goma, Zaire, was to address Pope John Paul II on behalf of the bishops when they met with the pontiff during their stay in Rome Feb. 22-March 4. But in the meantime, he said, he would be speaking with representatives of Vatican departments "to clarify our situation." The principal point was to underscore that much of Zaire was not at war, but parts of it were under siege by rebel groups who got a foothold in the region during civil war in 1993.

## Vatican, Utrecht Union Agree On Norms For Priests Who Switch

ROME (CNS) — The Vatican's top ecumenist and the head of the Utrecht Union of Old Catholic churches have agreed on norms needed to regulate cases in which a priest changes from one church to another. The guidelines call for a waiting period of at least three months before a priest who has changed churches begins active ministry, and they stipulate that he not be appointed to a pastoral position in the territory where he ministered in the other church. "The changing of members of the clergy creates problems for both sides," said guidelines sent in December to the member churches of the Union of Utrecht and to the heads of Catholic bishops' conferences in corresponding countries.

## Pope To Spend Two Days In Sarajevo; Caller Makes Threat

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has decided to extend his visit to Sarajevo to two days, and now plans to spend April 12-13 in the Bosnian capital, the Vatican said. The announcement on Feb. 28 came the day after an anonymous telephone caller threatened to kill the pope if he goes to Sarajevo. The call was received by a church information center in Sarajevo, which was closed for security reasons shortly afterward. The Vatican had no official comment on the threat, but it pointed out that the invitation to visit Sarajevo had been extended by religious and civil authorities.





**CHARLOTTE** — In 1997, the St. Gabriel church community celebrates 40 years of existence, a time frame during which the parish has grown from 175 families to the largest parish in the Carolinas, with 3,600 households.

Twelve acres of land — then located one mile from Charlotte's southeastern city limits — were purchased by Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh in 1955 to establish the new parish. A 250-seat chapel was built, and Father Paul Byron, St. Gabriel Church's founding pastor, celebrated the first Mass in the church in September 1957, thereby beginning a pastorate highlighted by significant growth and change. Bishop Waters dedicated and blessed it in November 1957, placing the church under the patronage of the Archangel Gabriel.

Under Father Byron's direction, a kindergarten was begun in 1958, followed by a grade school staffed by Sisters of Mercy from Belmont in 1960. The school opened with 150 students; within a few years, the enrollment had climbed to 350, and a two-story gymnasium and cafeteria had been built.

By the mid-1960s parish membership included more than 500 families. Msgr. Michael J. O'Keefe, pastor, directed a major parish renovation when in 1970-71 he began an expansion project which would accommodate more parishioners at the increasingly crowded weekend Masses. When groundbreaking ceremonies took place in 1973 — a year after the founding of the Diocese of Charlotte — St. Gabriel's was already North Carolina's

**St. Gabriel**  
3016 Providence Rd.  
Charlotte, N.C. 28211  
(704) 364-5431

Vicariate: **Charlotte**

Pastor: **The Very Reverend Edward J. Sheridan**

Parochial Vicars: **Jesuit Father Leigh A. Fuller, Father Dennis Kuhn**

Permanent Deacons: **Rev. Mr. Bernard Wenning, Rev. Dr. Frederick Dobens, Rev. Mr. Robert J. Gettlefinger, Rev. Mr. Louis Pais**

Masses: **Sat.: 5:30 p.m.; Sun.: 7:30, 9, 10:45 a.m.; 12:15, 5:30 p.m.**

Number of parishioners: **10,000+** Households: **3,600**



largest parish, with a registered family count of 690.

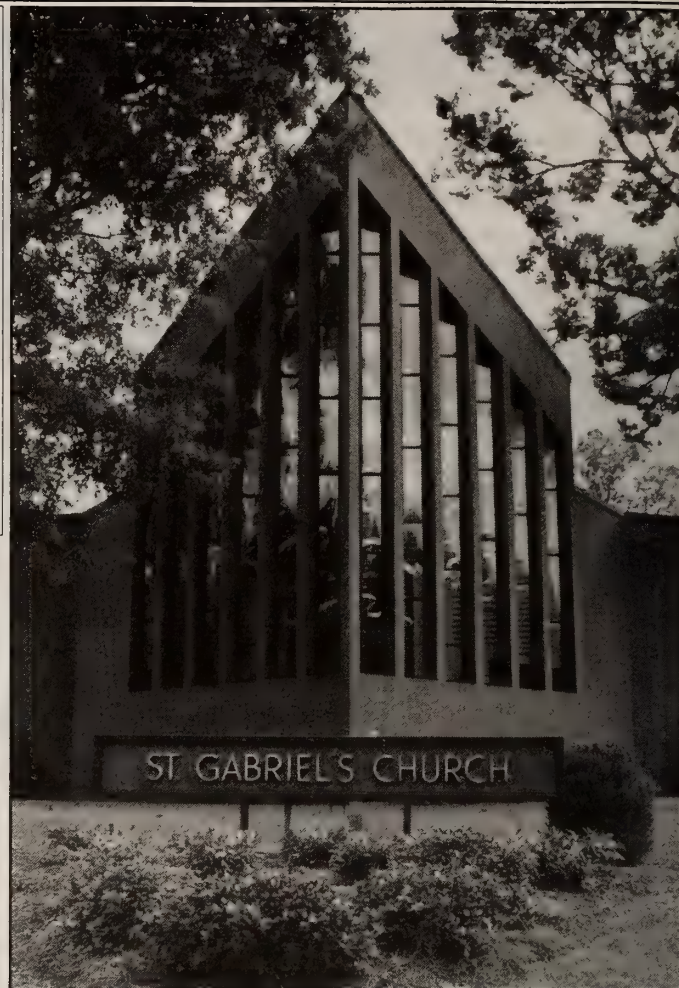
During the mid- to late-1970s, parish membership continued to grow quickly and steadily. Membership included more than 1,000 families in 1977 when Msgr. Hugh Dolan, pastor, introduced expansion ideas which led to implementation of the "Master Plan." The plan — developed over a number of years, especially during the early 1980s — consisted of parish surveys, parishioner input, committee meetings and, finally, expansion and building designs that included improvements to the church, school, administrative and recreational facilities.

A fund-raising campaign began in 1983, which led to the purchase of additional property on Providence Road and Sharon Lane. Construction of a new 1,100-seat sanctuary ensued in 1985. In September 1986, Bishop John F. Donoghue, along with retired Bishop Michael J. Begley and present and former pastors of St. Gabriel's, dedicated the facility, which includes a day chapel, fellowship hall, meditation chapel, family room and music room.

Expansion continued into the 1990s, both in the number of registered families and in physical growth. In May 1990 present pastor Father Edward Sheridan began an extensive capital campaign. The result: a 79,000 square-foot parish center, which Bishop Donoghue dedicated in December 1992. The building became the new home for the school, the faith development center offices, a gymnasium and a cafeteria.

Plans are currently underway for a new three-story ministry center, which will house the parish's faith formation offices, meeting space, nursery and ministry offices. Ministry outreach highlights parish life at St. Gabriel Church, with groups such as the disABILITY ministry and health care ministry joining a host of other teams that address specific and common needs of St. Gabriel's parishioners.

Father Sheridan notes with appreciation that the growing pastoral council tremendously assists the operation of the parish, both on the practical and spiritual level. With more than 10,000 registered parishioners and a 545-student grade school, St. Gabriel's parish, as conveyed in its mission statement, strives to "know and love Christ through His Church and our faith community by our liturgical, spiritual and educational efforts."



## Employment Opportunities

### Organist:

Holy Trinity Catholic Mission, Taylorsville, N.C. Position available for 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Salary based on experience. Call Father Joe, (704) 632-8009 or Theresa Brewer, (704) 495-3230.

### Facilities Assistant:

St. Matthew Church. Contact Jim Nass, (704) 543-7677 ext. 33 for information.

### Pastoral Associate :

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, an 800 family parish located in historic downtown Charleston, S.C., is currently seeking a professional Pastoral Associate to manage its Christian Formation Program (children, youth and adult) and Christian Initiation Ministries. Masters degree in appropriate field or bachelors degree with comparable experience required. Interested applicants respond by 6-1-97 in writing to: Sr. Bridge Sullivan, OLM, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401

### Principal — Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School:

Sacred Heart Catholic School, a pre-K through grade 8 school, enrolls 270 students with a professional staff of 23. Fully accredited by the state of North Carolina.

Applicants must be practicing Roman Catholics with a master's degree in educational administration or related field and a minimum of 5 years teaching experience. Sacred Heart is located in Salisbury, a historic community centrally placed between Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C.

This position, available for the 1997-98 academic year, offers competitive benefits. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Send resume, references and salary expectations by March 14 to: Dr. Michael Skube, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Charlotte, 3104 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209.

### Principal — Immaculata Catholic Elementary School:

Immaculata Catholic School, a pre-K through grade 8 school, enrolls 200 students with a professional staff of 16. Fully accredited by the state of North Carolina.

Applicants must be practicing Roman Catholics with a master's degree in educational administration or related field and a minimum of 5 years teaching experience. Immaculata is located in Hendersonville, a small city in the mountain area of western N.C.

This position, available for the 1997-98 academic year, offers excellent benefits. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Send resume, references and salary expectations by March 7 to: Dr. Michael Skube, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Charlotte, 3104 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209.

### MACS School Board Openings

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Regional Board of Education is seeking applications to fill Board positions for the 1997-98 school year. The three-year terms begin July 1, 1997. Practicing Catholics who have a child in MACS, intend to enroll a child in MACS or have previously had a child in MACS qualify for Board service. Individuals having MACS committee, PTO or other school experience are particularly encouraged to apply by sending a resume and letter stating why you would like to serve by March 30 to: MACS Nominating Committee, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.

### High School Principal:

St. Francis Xavier High School, Sumter, SC is seeking a Catholic for the position of principal beginning 1997-98 school year. Masters degree or Administrative course work required. Candidate must be an innovative, committed Catholic and be certified or certifiable. Candidate will guide and direct the growth and development of St. Francis Xavier High School.

Request application and more information from: J. Seth (803) 773-8676 or 773-0757 e-mail: Sethj@FTC-I.net

Send resume with application by April 1 to: **Search Committee, c/o St. Francis Xavier High School, PO Box 1268, Sumter, SC 29151.**





Photo by Kathy Schmugge

Bishop William G. Curlin and Rev. Mr. Joe Schumacher of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem talk during a break at the Permanent Deacons Day of Retreat and Recommitment. Deacons met with Bishop Curlin at the Catholic Conference Center on March 8.

## Deacons Recommit Themselves In Ministry To Church

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

**HICKORY** — On March 8, deacons and candidates for the permanent diaconate joined together during a Day of Retreat and Recommitment at the Catholic Conference Center to say "yes" to Christ in a ministry which requires them "to be Christ" to others.

In his message, Bishop William G. Curlin appealed to the deacons and candidates to be loyal servants of the Church. "I am not going to ask you to do impossible things," the bishop said. "It is important to go to your assignments with faith, and to faithfully preach the Church's official teachings."

Bishop Curlin also recognized the vital role of deacons' wives in their service to the Church. "It is your love and the presence of Jesus in your marriage which helps empower your husbands to answer Christ's call to ministry," he said.

The annual event began with fellowship, providing an opportunity to fortify old friendships and make new ones. It also gave the candidates and their wives a chance to get acquainted with the ever-growing permanent diaconate family in the Charlotte Diocese.

Veteran deacons like Rev. Mr. Hugo May of St. Aloysius Church in Hickory — from the permanent diaconate's first graduating class of 1983 — offered spiritual advice to candidates like Judge Alec Lyerly of St. Elizabeth Church in Boone. "If you don't find time for Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and prayers, you will be destined to fail," Rev. Mr. May gently warned.

A Mass was concelebrated by Bishop

Curlin and the Very Rev. Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor. During the service, deacons made a recommitment to serve the Church.

Afterward, Father West, director of the permanent diaconate, praised the deacons. "I would like to thank you for your excellent ministry throughout the diocese," he said. He also recognized the 14 permanent diaconate candidates and their wives.

Mary Langsdorf, wife of Rev. Mr. Mike Langsdorf of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, stated that she has personally witnessed the special graces that come with this ministry. She was thankful for the positive impact it has had on her entire family.

In closing, Bishop Curlin asked the deacons to support one another. Paraphrasing Pope Paul VI, he said their genuine trust in the Lord is a transparency for their parishes. "Seeing the joyful lives you lead, our young people are able to understand the ever-present appeal that a life in Christ has for us."

## Cardinals Ask Clinton To Approve Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

Based on recent admissions from one chief supporter of the procedure that he had lied about the need to retain partial-birth abortions, U.S. cardinals urged President Clinton in a letter to "seize the opportunity to explain that he was misled, as were most Americans," and sign a new bill to ban the procedure.

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The seven active U.S. cardinals, in a letter to President Clinton, asked the president to sign a new bill introduced in Congress to ban the partial-birth abortion procedure.

Based on recent admissions from one chief supporter of the procedure that he had lied about the need to retain partial-birth abortions, the cardinals said in their March 7 letter, "We urge you to seize the opportunity before you to explain that you were misled, as were most Americans."

They asked Clinton to "ask Congress to pass a bill banning partial-birth abortions, and let it be known that you will sign it into law." A bill was introduced March 5 in the House to ban the procedure except when the mother's life is in danger.

The cardinals cited the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which said that partial-birth abortion "is never the only procedure that will preserve a woman's health or fertility in any situation."

"The public has learned that partial-birth abortions are performed not a few hundred times a year, but thousands of times each year," the cardinals said.

"It has learned that partial-birth abortion is used primarily in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy, and that restrictions confined to the third trimester would therefore be inadequate. The public has also learned that the vast majority of these procedures are performed on the healthy babies of healthy women."

The cardinals also cited the remarks of "hundreds of doctors, most specialists in maternal and fetal medicine," who say that partial birth abortion "poses, not avoids, significant risks to women's health and future fertility. Clearly, any claim that partial-birth abortion must be available to protect a woman's health has

no basis in fact."

The letter was to be read during Masses March 9 at the cardinals' home cathedrals.

Signing the letter were Cardinals Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, James A. Hickey of Washington, William H. Keeler of Baltimore, Bernard F. Law of Boston, Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, Adam J. Maida of Detroit, and John J. O'Connor of New York. Also signing was Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the U.S. bishops.

At a March 7 press conference, Clinton said that he believes "it would be a mistake for us to pass this bill one more time without taking care of those folks" who believe their future fertility would be threatened if unable to procure a partial-birth abortion.

"They're the people I'm concerned about," he said, "and they're the people I'm going to try to protect right down to the end."

The cardinals said they would urge Congress to pass a partial-birth abortion ban "with sufficient votes to ensure that it will become the law of the land."

Last year's Clinton veto of the ban was overridden in the House but failed to get the two-thirds majority required in the Senate. The bishops, led by the cardinals, mounted an unprecedented effort to override the veto.

Here is the text of the letter on partial-birth abortion sent March 7 to President Clinton by the seven active U.S. cardinals and the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops:

*Dear Mr. President,*

*We write to you again about one of the most urgent moral issues of this day — partial-birth abortion. We do so in the wake of recent revelations corroborating the arguments of those who seek a ban on this practice and contradicting the arguments of its proponents. Fortunately, the public has learned a great deal through these disclosures.*

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Photo courtesy of Holy Cross Family Life Commission

**KERNERSVILLE** — Holy Cross Church recently celebrated Seniors Appreciation night, complete with Big Band music from the 1940s, dancing, door prizes and a dinner buffet. The parish's family life commission called the event an opportunity to show appreciation for senior members of the church, some of whom are founding members.

### Cardinals Urge President To Sign New Bill Banning Partial-Birth Abortions

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that restrictions confined to the third trimester would therefore be inadequate. The public has also learned that the vast majority of these procedures are performed on the healthy babies of healthy women.

Disclosures have also made clear, as those who seek to ban this practice have testified, that there are no published data to support a claim that partial-birth abortions may ever be necessary to preserve a woman's life, health or future fertility. To the contrary, hundreds of doctors, most specialists in maternal and fetal medicine, have explained why partial-birth abortion itself poses, not avoids, significant risks to women's health and future fertility. Clearly, any claim that partial-birth abortion must be available to protect a woman's health has no basis in fact.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recently re-

versed itself in this regard. ACOG had said that partial-birth abortion "may be" the safest procedure in a particular circumstance, but one of its spokespersons now says "it may not be." The college is clear in saying that partial-birth abortion is never the only procedure that will preserve a woman's health or fertility in any situation.

Mr. President, you are in a unique position to ensure respect for all human rights, including the right to life which is denied to infants who are brutally killed in partial-birth abortion. We urge you to seize the opportunity before you to explain that you were misled, as were most Americans. We urge you to ask Congress to pass a bill banning partial-birth abortions and let it be known that you will sign it into law. For our part, we will continue to urge that such a bill is passed in both houses of Congress with sufficient votes to ensure that it will become the law of the land.

## Youth Ministry Addresses Needs of Tomorrow's Church

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

**HIGH POINT** — In order to ensure that Catholic youth will go on to become leaders of tomorrow's Church, opportunities for social service must be made available to them today.

So notes Robin Connolly, youth minister for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Not only do she and a volunteer corps of 20 try to give the youth chances for social interaction in light of Catholic ideals; they hope to form the foundation of the future Church.

"The idea is to teach the youth and expose them to the different missions and ministries of the Catholic Church," says Connolly of the program, which in this High Point parish ministers to 100 youth in grades 6-12. "If we provide them the ways and means to serve the Church, then they can later choose which ones they want to pursue as an adult."

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, those ways and means include service projects like "Share God's Love," a Catholic missionary effort assisting people in such war-torn regions as Albania and Romania for which the youth ministry raises funds and awareness, and "Friendly Visitors," a program in Greensboro providing outreach to area elderly.

A host of parish and ecumenical activities — both social and service — continues as well. Connolly says that such undertakings make a positive introduction to an adult faith life for young Catholics. "What we're trying to do is build a microcosm for them of the actual Church," she explains.

Connolly appreciates the youth for their zeal, especially when considering that youth ministry is not a mandated element of Catholic catechesis. "The reason our program works is because youth ministry is not something they have to do. It's something they're choosing to

do," she

says. 1997

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experi-

ences joy when she sees youth choose in favor of the ministry. "Their commitment is great, because it's their decision," she adds.

By regularly meeting with the pre-teens and high-schoolers, Connolly and the ministry team share concerns that every generation of young people faces. Through providing an environment that is "stress-free" to discuss a variety of stressors — drugs, prejudice, family problems especially among them — the facilitators hope to enable the youth to better function in a largely secular world.

Connolly realizes that youth ministry holds a special place within the educational mission of the Church. While the Faith Formation program educates and provides a foundation of knowledge, youth ministry allows the young people to put their faith into action. And, she adds, while operating around different models, the two programs work together to address matters of faith. The bottom line: "Between (Faith Formation) and youth ministry, we try to integrate a program that will help the youth feel more comfortable in their faith," she says.

That comfort level can lead to rewarding relationships between youth and minister, relationships that in Connolly's view can become Christ-like. "Jesus was always a gentle teacher, and that's what we want to do," she says. "We're trying to show them ways to go and help them along those ways in whatever decisions they make."

That interrelated journey of faith, says Connolly, is epitomized in the parish youth ministry's Scriptural motto, based on Psalm 32:8: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

In the Diocese of Charlotte, youth ministry is one of the 37 ministries and agencies funded by the annual Diocesan Support Appeal.

## Parish Youth Save Up Pennies For A Worthy Cause

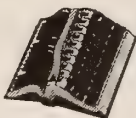
**THOMASVILLE** — The Our Lady of the Highways Parish youth have started fund raising efforts to help needy families within the parish community. The project, "A Mile of Pennies," began in November and endeavors to raise \$844.80, which is exactly one mile of pennies.

The youth have been bringing their pennies to their faith formation classes each week. Each class tracks their weekly collections, which are recorded and posted for the parish on the church bulletin board. The program will conclude March 30 when the winning class will be rewarded with a pizza party.

"One of our goals is to get our youth involved within the parish and the community," says Ofelia Reddick, Stewardship Committee chairperson. "I think the children feel a sense of pride and responsibility when they are given goals and ways to achieve them."

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
March 16-22



**Sunday:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
Hebrews 5: 7-9  
John 12: 20-33

**Monday:** Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62  
John 8: 1-11

**Tuesday:** Numbers 21: 4-9  
John 8: 21-30

**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a,  
16  
Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1: 16, 18-21,  
24a

**Thursday:** Genesis 17: 3-9  
John 8: 51-59

**Friday:** Jeremiah 20: 10-13  
John 10: 31-42

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 37: 21-28  
John 11: 45-56

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## Fishers of Men



"As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Then they left their nets and followed him."  
(Mark 2:16-18)





# Church Viewed As Integral Provider For Seniors

By MIKE KROKOS

*The following is the third in a series focusing on the Church and the elderly in the Diocese of Charlotte.*

Mercy Sister Jeanne Marie Kienast may not reveal her age, but the St. Matthew Church pastoral associate is quick to point out she is a senior citizen.

"I've been a Sister of Mercy for 50 years and have great concern and empathy for all seniors," she said.

As a member of the CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) task force formed to assess the needs of those over age 60 in the Diocese of Charlotte, Sister Jeanne Marie is eager to see the Church assist the diocese's more than 20,000 Catholic elders.

"This is an important issue because of the rapidly increasing population of seniors. Also, the fact that the baby boomers are right behind means in another few years we will really have an increase in the (elderly) population," Sister Jeanne Marie noted.

Although housing and transportation have been the most discussed issues during listening sessions, Sister Jeanne Marie feels pastoral care for seniors is a

serious concern. "The Church needs to provide pastoral care," she said. "I am interested in providing training for lay ministers to visit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and seniors who are homebound."

The need for pastoral care, according to Sister Jeanne Marie, is evident to the St. Matthew Church community. "We have two retirement centers and three nursing homes nearby, and they all have Catholic residents."

Issues like housing and transportation may be things the Church cannot address alone. "I feel we need to collaborate with other groups. If we could get other church groups interested, possibly something could be done," Sister Jeanne Marie said.

With seniors moving to the area to be closer to their children, families would be well served by an elderly day care facility, she added. "Having some kind of senior center would be a wonderful help," Sister Jeanne Marie noted. "Many people do not require full-time supervision, but they need someone around to remind them of things like taking medication."

Like Sister Jean Marie, Msgr. Richard Allen has a sincere interest in how

the diocese addresses the needs of Catholic elders.

"My concern is for both senior citizens and senior priests," said the pastor of St. Ann Church. "We tend to want to stereotype retirement and old age as though they are no longer useful parts of our lives."

"It shouldn't be called retirement. It is another step in life's progression," he added.

At St. Ann, seniors are invited to take part in workshops, art classes, ceramics and exercise classes. Although he feels his parish does a good job of providing for the elderly, the pastor sees areas where seniors need more.

"Their spiritual life takes on a whole new venue. We need to extend ourselves to seniors in a more active way, and in what we offer them sacramentally and spiritually," Msgr. Allen said.

"We're responding to the age as best we can, but we're somewhat out on a limb doing it by ourselves without any input," he added. "It would be nice to have priests or sisters give retreats (for elders)."

Msgr. Allen feels the Church should assist priests who want to continue ministry once they retire. "I know many

priests who would like to help, but we have not come up with ideas of what they can do," he said. "Part of our parish ministry is taking care of our elderly priests."

In discussing clergy, Msgr. Allen points to insight shared by Msgr. Charles Fahey, director of The Third Age Center at Fordham University. Msgr. Fahey's paper, "The Graying of Clergy," was the topic of discussion at a recent conference Msgr. Allen attended.

"His paper outlines a program addressing the priestly retirement issue," Msgr. Allen said.

Both Msgr. Allen and Sister Jean Marie agree the Church has an obligation to address the elderly's wants and needs. "These are the people who built the Catholic schools and churches," Sister Jeanne Marie said. "They need to know the Church is there for them."

"We've devoted tremendous energies to other projects in the diocese. Equal amounts need to be put into things that will benefit our senior citizens," Msgr. Allen said. "We've talked about it. Now we need to do something."

"Elders have filled out plenty of sur-

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## Albanian Archbishop Says Masses Unaffected By State Of Emergency

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The head of Albania's Catholic bishops conference has urged a peaceful end to the country's turmoil and said that Masses and religious gatherings would not be affected by the government-declared state of emergency. Archbishop Rrok Mirdita of Tirana said in a Catholic News Service telephone interview March 3 that he had learned of the state of emergency through Albanian media the night of March 2 and had not received notification of any accompanying curbs on religious activities. "As far as we can tell, the Catholic Church's liturgical events will not be affected, since the measures are intended only to control suspicious anti-government meetings," said Archbishop Mirdita.



**Albanian Protesters —** Thousands of Albanians demonstrate in the town of Vlore March 1, protesting against the government after economic problems, including the collapse of pyramid investment schemes, left many people penniless. Pope John Paul II said Albanians must rebuild their country's moral and legal structures.

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## St. Patrick Cathedral



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## Pro-Life Corner



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how doubly you are to me,  
when you personify Christ;  
and what a privilege is mine to be  
allowed to tend you."**

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

<b>March 15</b> 5:30 p.m. Confirmation St. Thomas Aquinas Church Charlotte	<b>March 20</b> 12:10 p.m. Speaker Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Charlotte
<b>March 16</b> Meeting of Bishops' Committee for Priestly Life and Ministry Baltimore, MD	<b>March 21</b> 11 a.m. Homilist St. Benedict's Day Mass Belmont Abbey
<b>March 18</b> 7 p.m. Penance Service Our Lady of Assumption Church Charlotte	<b>March 23</b> 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass St. Patrick Cathedral Charlotte
<b>March 19</b> 6:00 p.m. Catholic Social Services Awards Dinner Westin Hotel Charlotte	

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Miracle At Cana Indicated Mary's Role In Jesus' Mission, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience March 5.

Dear brothers and sisters,

At the wedding feast at Cana Jesus performed his first miracle at the request of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's request is a form of cooperation in the beginning of her son's messianic mission, a cooperation which would continue to the foot of the Cross.

The miracle at Cana was the first of the "signs" which manifested Jesus' glory (cf. Jn 2:11). For the fathers of the church, the water turned into wine was a symbol of the passage from the Old Testament to the new, from the ritual prescriptions of the law to their fulfillment in the new kingdom, symbolized in the wedding feast. The miracle of the new wine, while it shows Christ's concern for married couples, also foreshadows the Eucharist.

As St. John's account of the miracle of Cana makes clear, Mary was the first to believe in her son. In every age Mary precedes the Lord's disciples on their pilgrimage of faith, and she invites us all to place our hope in God's mercy and goodness.

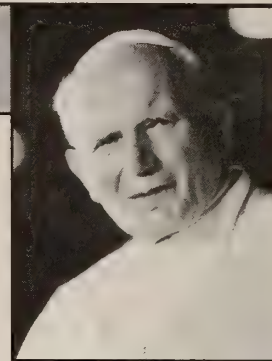
I am pleased to welcome the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrim groups from the United States of America. My special greeting goes to the students from the Bologna Center of Johns Hopkins University. I also thank the choirs for their praise of God in song. Upon all of you I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Says Global Economy Must Not Eclipse Important Values

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II called on business leaders to help make sure the increasing globalization of the economy does not eclipse important values like sharing and cooperation. While the Church supports creative business enterprise as a right, it also feels compelled to remind people that commercial operations should have a community aspect that goes beyond profit-making, he said March 7. The pope's remarks came in a speech to an Italian union of Christian businessmen. He praised the organization for bringing Gospel values to bear against business practices that "mortify human dignity, such as various forms of central state control, the excessive search for profit and forms of discrimination."

### Pope Meets U.S. Group That Promotes Christian-Jewish Relations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Boston-based group promoting Jewish-Christian relations met Pope John Paul II and received his blessing in early March. "We were thrilled to have this opportunity, and we think it means a lot to what we are trying to accomplish," said Rabbi Richard Yellin, a Boston native now living in Israel and one of the leaders of the Netanya Foundation. Twenty-eight members of the group attended the papal audience March 6. The rabbi said he placed his hands on Pope John Paul's head and blessed him; the pontiff blessed the group and its activities in return.



## Guest Column

The Reverend Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

### Palm Sunday: Hail to Our King!

On this day the Church celebrates the entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem to accomplish our salvation. A memorial of this entry is included in every Mass, with a solemn procession before the principal Mass. This procession is not meant to be an historical reenactment; it is a liturgical action designed to open the celebration of the Christian Passover.

After the blessing of palms, an account of the Lord's entrance is proclaimed from one of the three synoptic Gospels according to the cycle; this year it is from either Mark (11:1-10) or John (12: 12-16).

The Johannine story differs from the synoptic versions by being shorter and following the anointing at Bethany, not preceding it. And it is the crowd, not the disciples, who are responsible for the triumphant procession. Of course, it is not followed by the cleansing of the temple episode because the author of this Gospel moved that up to the beginning of Jesus' ministry in order to portray him as fulfilling the role of Elijah the fiery reformer.

Along with Matthew's Gospel, John's uses an Old Testament quotation from Zechariah 9:9 referring to a king coming to Jerusalem riding upon an ass, a symbol of peace (as opposed to horses used in war), although he does not have the synoptics' preliminary story of Jesus sending two of his disciples to find it.

While Mark's mentions leafy branches people had cut from the fields, and Matthew's their cutting branches from the trees (both of which may be related to the twig bundles used at the festival of Tabernacles), John's version introduces palm branches (not native to Palestine),

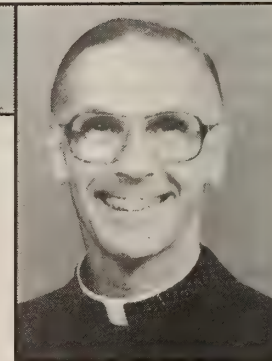
used to welcome great conquerors.

All four Gospels have the crowds shout "Hosanna" (which means "God save us!" or, in Matthew, "God save the son of David") and then quote Psalm 118:26, the verse that pilgrims sang on their final ascent to the Temple: "Blessed is He (the pilgrim) who comes in the name of the Lord (Yahweh)." Here John's version, with Luke's, explicitly applies this to Jesus as king of Israel.

The author of John's Gospel concludes his story with the reflection that his disciples did not understand all this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified through his death and resurrection they realized the significance of these events.

We now begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year, the Christian Passover. This eight-day religious ceremony commemorates the mystery of our salvation. We believe that it is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are saved. With readings from the passion accounts and the celebration of the Easter vigil, the liturgy of Holy Week urges us to appropriate to ourselves Christ's victory over sin and death and to allow it to exercise its effect upon us more and more.

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Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney

Of Saints And Civilization

If you are Irish — and in case you hadn't noticed, I am — you can't help feeling a jolt of pride after reading Tom Cahill's best selling *How The Irish Saved Civilization*. The title is quite a boast, which itself says something of the Irish character. But the claim stands up to the tests of scholarship.

And Cahill helps his readers with a vivid writing style that guides the reader through much of the myth and legend surrounding the Ireland of St. Patrick and the Book of Kells. In the matter of Patrick, one finds the unexaggerated story of how a young kidnapped Roman citizen enslaved by an Irish chieftain came to consider himself Irish and in time emerge as the beloved bishop of a once pagan land.

The author observes: "In becoming an Irishman, Patrick welded his Christian faith to their life. He found a way of swimming down to the depths of the Irish psyche and warming and transforming Irish imagination — making it more humane and noble while keeping it Irish."

There are no snakes or shamrocks in this account. What we discover are facts that are far more compelling. Patrick was born of Christian Roman-British parents in 389 AD. His father was a deacon and municipal officer and one grandfather was a priest. Celibacy was not required in that era. In his six years of captivity in a land well beyond the reach of Roman law, Patrick came to understand the Irish character as loyal, courageous and generous. This even though the Irish engaged unceasingly in tribal wars and practiced pagan rituals that included human sacrifice. Outside of Ireland, the Irish were considered hopelessly barbaric.

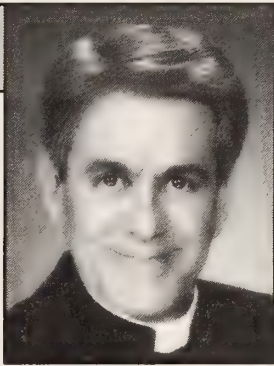
Patrick escaped back to his family in Britain, was ordained a priest in 432 AD, and returned to Ireland as a missionary. He was arguably the first missionary anywhere since St. Paul traveled through Greece.

Most notably, St. Patrick was the first anti-slavery voice heard before the 17th century. When Britain raiders snatched Patrick's converts by the thousands from Northern Ireland, he begged Britain to

stop: "Can it be that they do not believe that we have received one baptism or that we have one God and Father? Is it a shameful thing in their eyes that we have been born in Ireland?" Clearly Patrick had found his Irish voice.

In a stunning challenge, Patrick argued that the chalice of the Sacrifice of the Mass nullified the use of the pagan cups used in human sacrifice, for "God no longer demands that we nourish Him, He offers Himself to us as our Heavenly Nourishment." Soon, human sacrifice ended altogether. Murder and intertribal warfare decreased dramatically. And that is how the Irish became Christians.

Dead at the age of 72 Patrick was buried in County Down, the site of his first church. By this time he had built a network of local churches and established a Cathedral at Armagh — a center of education and evangelization that sent hundreds of missionaries back into Europe to revitalize the people of God. It



still goes on. In 1961 the Christians of Nigeria claimed Patrick as their patron.

What is the rest of the legacy of the historical Patrick? Once there was an island people that other Christians felt were beyond redemption, and one brave man had faith enough to demonstrate in their midst that the sword was not the only instrument for structuring society. To be sure, there are corners of society yet in need of great-hearted people committed to loving outcasts in such an extraordinary way.

If today's civilization is to be saved — a civilization, which, as Patrick would say, "may pass in a moment like a cloud of smoke that is scattered by the wind" — it would be by such unlikely saints as this.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Saints: Past, Present Future," write to the *Christophers*, 12 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen

Evolution: Serious Questions Require Serious Study

Q. I am a CCD instructor and need some answers. You are probably tired of the subject of evolution, but I have taught and wrote that an ape cannot be in the image and likeness of God.

The Bible speaks so often about the story of creation I don't see how it can be wrong. When the pope came out with his statement on evolution, I was left virtually defenseless.

Why don't we read the Bible literally as do fundamentalists? The first remark of some Protestant recruiters is that we don't believe in the Bible so we cannot be Christians. Are there books and journals on these subjects?

A. An adequate response to any of your questions would require many col-

umns. Over the years I have devoted this space to each of them more than once.

One reason I'm printing your questions, which are much abbreviated, is that they seem to reflect the current feelings of many Catholics and other Christians. I want to suggest at least two important facts that deserve your serious and reflective consideration.

Tons of material have been written on the subject, very much of it from a solid base of Catholic/Christian philosophy and theology.

For whatever reasons, not a few otherwise intelligent people seem to think that any question, any searching, no matter how complicated or profound, should have answers they can absorb and understand in 30 or 60 minutes, just about the length of an "in-depth" TV program.

That simply is not true. If we wish

to ask serious questions, then we must be willing to do considerable study to find answers that will satisfy us.

This is especially desirable before we start to condemn or accuse others of error because they disagree with what we "know" to be the fact.

I have previously referred readers to the introductions and textual notes in the New American Bible (especially the St. Joseph edition), published under the auspices of the bishops of the United States.

A thoughtful, careful study of these alone would give at least a good start toward resolving your concerns about how the Catholic Church interprets Scripture.

Second, your problems with evolution prove again how we need to take



great thought before we build religious doctrines on matters that pertain primarily to the natural sciences.

Some months ago, the journal *First Things* (a monthly "Journal of Religion and Public Life") printed an intriguing dialogue on some relationships of modern physics to theology.

One participant noted perceptively that "we had better not base our theology on a desperate hope for continued ignorance" of matters of nature we cannot at present explain.

He makes a good point. In spite of painful experience, many have still not learned that lesson. For 15 centuries,

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Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke

Making A Subdivision A Neighborhood

Our children are growing up in a world much different from that in which we grew up. Our ethic of upward mobility demands that we provide easier access to the things we were denied because of racism and economic hardships. They go to better schools, a little "safer" environment, dress better, eat better, and are economically better off than we were growing up. Yet there is something in our middle-class life that eludes our children — something we both had in abundance...community.

Andrew grew up in a public housing project on Chicago's near Southside. His community fit every contemporary definition of a "bad neighborhood." However, in the seven-story high rise he lived in were families who found their identity in

the community they lived. Elders were revered. Parents were respected. Children were accountable to more than their own parents. There seemed to be monitors of bad behavior and language everywhere. Andrew remembers believing that his parents could see everything because they always were up on anything he did.

Terri grew up in the community of Englewood farther south. Among her experiences of community were block parties and jumping rope while somebody's mother kept an eye out from the front porch. While playing outside as a preschooler, she choked on a piece of candy. The watchful eye and quick response of Mrs. Mingo saved her life. The connectedness she experienced in Englewood has helped her maintain lasting friendships to this day.

In both communities there were dan-

gerous elements, such as gang and domestic violence, and much of the perils that pervade our society today. Yet the permeable boundaries of family allowed connection with other families and resulted in a sense of safety within the community.

Today, family boundaries are much less permeable. Personal autonomy and self-sufficiency make community connections much more difficult. Our American ethic of "rugged individualism" has come back to bite us. It is one of the big lies that has eroded our connectedness and sense of well-being.

It really does take a village. We don't long for "the good-ole-days" or our old neighborhoods that exist only



in our memories. Nor do we believe that our modern, technological lifestyle precludes true community. It's really about going beyond our comfort zones to be connected. It's allowing ourselves to be reliant and (yes) dependent on our neighbors for things of

which we have the means to be self-sufficient: A human connection between families that will add to our sense of community.

Perhaps we call turn our subdivision into a neighborhood, after all.

John Winthrop, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 18th century, said in a sermon. "We must de-

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# Catholic Distance University Offers Correspondence Study

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

PAEONIAN SPRINGS, Va. — Responding to Pope John Paul II's ongoing plea for Catholics to deepen their understanding of the faith as the Jubilee Year 2000 approaches, a university dedicated to correspondence education offers that chance through a unique resource called distance learning.

The Catholic Distance University is the first non-profit catechetical institute in the United States to be approved for distance learning by the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy. Since its founding in 1983, more than 6,000 lay persons, priests and religious have taken college-level courses through CDU, formerly known as the Catholic Home Study Institute.

"The Holy Father strongly encourages everyone to become familiar with the teachings of the Church in light of Vatican II, and that was one of the inspirations for the establishment of CDU," said Marianne Evans Mount, executive vice president of the school. A long-time catechist, she is one of several Catholic educators who under the leadership of Bishop Thomas J. Welsh — then of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., and from March 1983 to the present of the Diocese of Allentown, Pa. — established the adult education program.

Since 1987, students have been able to receive undergraduate college credit through CDU by later transferring to a degree-granting school such as the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio and Regis University in Denver, Colo. Participants can pursue the work

at their own pace, and have up to nine months to complete a class. Textbooks, manuals, Church documents and other materials are provided with the courses.

From its start, CDU has also granted catechetical diplomas to students who successfully complete a special 12-course program. College credit is an option through these courses, and the diploma is an accredited ecclesiastical teaching certificate. In the United States, CDU is its only distance-education provider.

The school also offers inexpensive, non-credit mini-courses and cassette programs featuring commentaries and studies on Church documents and Scripture.

In 1988, CDU introduced the Parish Plan Program, whereby coordinators such as pastors, deacons or catechists direct learning sessions using the school's course work. While no academic credit is earned through this program, rates are reduced significantly and participants can enjoy growing in their faith in a group setting.

Most recently, CDU has entered the field of graduate-level education by introducing two master's degree curriculums in religious studies. Unlike the baccalaureate classes, which must be forwarded to other institutions to earn degrees, graduate courses of the Master's in Religious Studies program at CDU can directly lead to religious degrees. The institute is seeking approval from the Council of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia to offer its Master of Arts in Religious Studies program.

Bishop Welsh remains as president and chairman of the board of CDU. Noting that the institute covers disciplines in

doctrine, Scripture, spirituality, ethics, history and catechetics, he added that CDU welcomes people from all walks of life to enroll in courses that will spiritually, professionally and personally enrich them. Like Mount, the bishop agrees that resources must be made available to cultivate the educational aims of the Church.

"Our mission goes back to Pope Paul VI, who said that we must first evangelize the evangelizer," said Bishop Welsh. "If we want to be good teachers, then we have to know our topics. For us the goal is not just knowledge, but faith that we are trying to impart."

The bishop added that courses are designed, directed and at times taken by people at various levels of the teaching and evangelical movements in the Church. "From the very beginning," he said, "we've had a lot of church involvement — from bishops, theologians and teachers to people such as Mother Teresa, who have been very happy to use the program."

Bishop William G. Curlin, who before arriving to Charlotte in 1994 ministered as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., is an enthusiastic supporter of CDU and its vision. His past work as the director of the permanent diaconate in Washington, through which many deacons proceeded in their religious studies and were enabled to earn degrees thanks to CDU, allowed the bishop a first-hand insight into the benefits of distance education.

As a former vice president of CDU, Bishop Curlin has also seen a "wide mosaic" of students served by the institute. "I know of hundreds of people who have taken these courses to continue or enhance

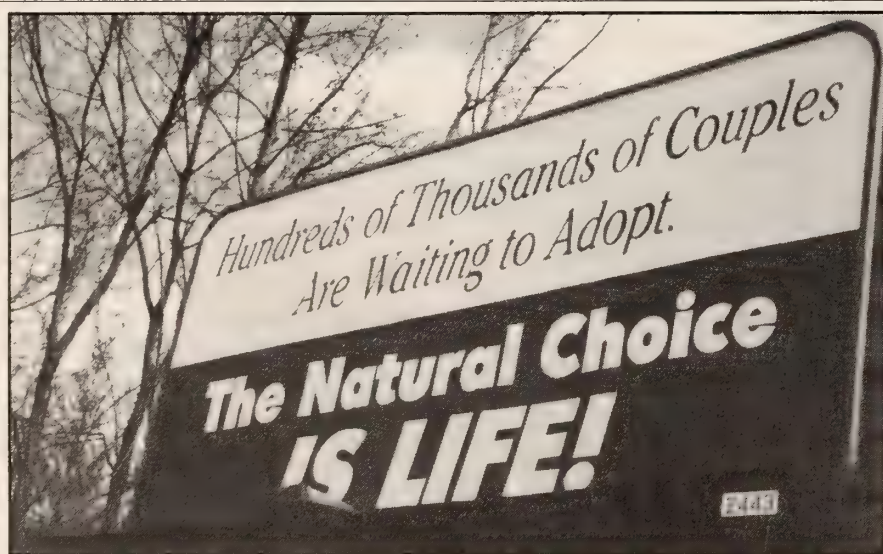
their religious education and their knowledge of the faith," he said. "There is a great variety among the students — not just priests and religious, but lay teachers, converts, catechists and people looking for spiritual nourishment."

Indeed, 75 percent of enrolled students represent the laity. That figure, said Mount, reflects the ever-growing importance of that population in today's Church. "For the lay person to be able to fulfill the role that God calls each of us to achieve, we have to understand what the Church teaches," she added. "Our lives are really a pilgrimage throughout which we're called to deepen our faith."

Bishop Curlin noted that the rewards of distance education are there for the taking for anyone interested in strengthening their comprehension of Catholicism. "I hope that people in the Diocese of Charlotte who want to advance their study of the faith — and perhaps even seek a master's degree in religious education — will realize that there is a golden opportunity to achieve this," the bishop said.

For Bishop Welsh, the past 14 years have yielded a great number of positive experiences of replying to the pope's call to energetically partake in the faith. "People have responded over the years that this is something good for the Church," the bishop said of CDU. "It truly seems to be answering a need that is increasingly present in our world."

Contact the Catholic Distance University toll-free at (888) 254-4238, or via the Internet: [cdu@cdu.edu](mailto:cdu@cdu.edu) (e-mail) or <http://www.cdu.edu> (web page).



CHARLOTTE — The St. Gabriel Church Respect Life Committee is promoting adoption as part of its media campaign. The group is using billboards on Monroe Road, West Boulevard and Statesville Road to spread its pro-life message. The same message also appears on the back of a city bus.

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veys since Vatican II," Sister Jeanne Marie added. "Let's assure them this time something is going to happen."

The diocese is conducting listening sessions in each vicariate to get input from seniors. That information, plus survey results and recommendations from the diocesan task force, will be used to help plan new programs for elders.

For information on CRISM, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720.

## St. Leo School Hosts Second Annual 5K and Fun Run

WINSTON-SALEM — St. Leo School's Second Annual 5-K Race and Fun Run is March 22. Starting time for the 1-Mile Fun Run is 8 a.m. The 5-K Run starts at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the school library. For information, call (910) 727-6310 during the day, or (910) 721-0864 in the evenings.



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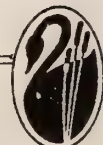
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## Semana Santa

Cuando el hombre deja de cuestionarse sobre lo que es, lo que quiere y lo que hace, está empezando a dar síntomas de muerte. Así, sería bueno que no pasara una Semana Santa más sin que nos preguntáramos seriamente, si ella es para nosotros algo más que ir a la Iglesia a llenar bancos o a buscar el guano y el agua, que bendice el sacerdote en las celebraciones correspondientes. Si hoy nos hacemos esta pregunta, estamos dando señales de vitalidad.

La Iglesia ha concebido la **Semana Santa** como celebración de la Historia, celebración de la vida e invitación para la vida. De esta forma, en los días de la Semana Mayor —como se llamó en otro tiempo—, al celebrar los últimos acontecimientos que protagonizó Jesucristo, estamos celebrando lo que ellos mismos nos invitan a realizar a todas horas.

El **Domingo de Ramos** aclamamos a Jesús, que entra victorioso en Jerusalén, como soberano de un reino distinto al de los hombres. Que al salir del templo los guanos no se conviertan en espadas y los ¡Hosannas! en ofensas; y esto no sólo el domingo, todos los días de nuestra vida. Esa es la mejor forma de recibir al Mesías.

Agradecemos al **Jueves Santo** lo que tantas manos temblorosas realizan a diario en el mundo entero; Cristo vuelve a ser Alimento para los suyos. Es repartido por manos del hombre, que nos son "santas y venerables" como las del Maestro, pero escogidas por El. También sustituye los 613 preceptos judíos por el mandato de AMAR. ¿Quién lo cumple cada día?

La celebración del **Viernes Santo** está centrada en la Pasión y la cruz, donde culmina la vida terrena de Jesús. Su obediencia a la Palabra de Dios llega a su perfección en la muerte. Ella está adornada por esa indescriptible satisfacción, que nace del corazón después de haber cumplido toda la misión. Estamos invitados a hacer "locuras", si fuera necesario, por obedecer a Dios que está "antes que todos los hombres" (Hch 5,29).

El **Sábado Santo** está cuajado de ese silencio precursor de los grandes acontecimientos. La sepultura de Jesús nos habla de su muerte real y no aparente. Nos está invitando a la oración y al compromiso con el momento presente. Que estas actitudes nos preparen a celebrar "el día en que actuó el Señor (Sal 117), el momento en que el silencio se convierte en gritos de júbilo, la noche en luz y la muerte quedó definitivamente vencida por la VIDA.

¿Realmente esto significa la Semana Santa para nosotros? Bueno, al menos ya dimos el primer paso: preguntarnos. Sabemos que estamos vivos, pero no podemos contentarnos con eso. Tenemos que ponerle más vida a nuestra vida. Hagamos vida las celebraciones de estos días.

(Tomado de "Vida Cristiana", boletín dominical de la Iglesia Católica Cubana)



## Cumplir con la voluntad de Dios

Dentro de unos días vamos a celebrar la Semana más importante del año. En nuestro corazón se acumulan los sentimientos más conmovedores y no es para menos pues vamos a vivir con Jesús aquellos acontecimientos, tan extraordinariamente dolorosos para El, que fueron el precio que El pagó por nuestro rescate. Lo vemos maltratado, lo vemos insultado, lo vemos golpeado, condenado a muerte y, finalmente agonizando clavado en una cruz y

derramando hasta la última gota de su sangre, en medio de dolores físicos y morales increíbles. No habrán faltado las ocasiones en nuestra vida en las que nos habremos preguntado si para redimirnos era necesario tanto dolor y tanto abandono. Año tras año revivimos este misterio, cuya explicación puede ser una sola: la voluntad del Padre y el amor infinito que nos tiene Jesús.

Cristo se hizo por amor a nosotros, obediente al Padre hasta la muerte y una muerte en la cruz. Como humilde siervo de Dios, Jesús, el Mesías, acepta valerosamente los dolores y la muerte. Se abandona a la voluntad del Padre que le dará una victoria definitiva y gloriosísima. Hijo de Dios, el Señor se somete a una muerte ignominiosa en obediencia a la voluntad del Padre y para reparar nuestra desobediencia y rebeldía. Por esa obediencia, el Padre lo exalta dándole pleno señorío sobre toda la creación.

A este señorío pertenecen todos los rescatados y redimidos. Para salvarnos, el Señor padeció y murió en la cruz. Su sacrificio nos dio la vida sobrenatural y cambió nuestra historia. Su obediencia heroica, sus sufrimientos, la deshonra, la gran soledad de su pasión y muerte nos devolvieron el gozo y la nobleza de ser nuevamente hijo e hijas de Dios.

Pero no olvidemos que participarán en la gloria del Señor únicamente los que tienen el valor de seguirlo por el camino de la Cruz.

## Presentation Del Anuario Pontificio 1997

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).- El 22 de febrero el Cardenal Secretario de Estado Angelo Sodano presentó al Santo Padre la edición del Anuario Pontificio de 1997, en presencia del Arzobispo Giovanni Battista Re, Sustituto para los Asuntos Generales, y de los que han colaborado en la elaboración e impresión del volumen.

En una nota sobre la presentación se muestran algunos datos acerca de los cambios y las variaciones del año pasado. La Santa Sede estableció relaciones diplomáticas con las Repúblicas de Tadjikistan, de Turkmenistan y de Sierra Leona, llegando a 163 los Estados con los que mantiene actualmente relaciones diplomáticas.

Además, se crearon una sede metropolitana, una archieparquía, 17 nuevas sedes episcopales, tres eparquías, un exarcado apostólico, un ordinariato

militar y dos vicariatos apostólicos.

En 1996, continúa la nota, se nombraron 161 obispos, siendo el número total de 4,224. Ese mismo año, el número de sacerdotes era de 404,750 (262,418 del clero diocesano), 289 más respecto a 1995. El aumento corresponde íntegramente a los sacerdotes diocesanos, ya que los sacerdotes religiosos disminuyeron en 593. Las 8,800 ordenaciones sacerdotales de 1996 superaron en casi 800 el número de sacerdotes fallecidos ese año. Los diáconos permanentes aumentaron un 5.3% respecto al año precedente.

Por vigésimo año consecutivo, concluye la nota, se incrementó el número de seminaristas inscritos en cursos de filosofía y de teología; el aumento fue del 1.2%, pasando de 105,075 a 106,307.



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La Virgen María y San Juan están representados con Cristo crucificado en "La Piedad", pintura de Lucas Cranach, padre. Esta pintura del siglo 16 forma parte de la colección del Museo del Vaticano. El Viernes Santo es la conmemoración de la pasión y muerte de Cristo que se celebra este año el 28 de marzo.



## Mensaje del Padre

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, este mes les quiero ofrecer unas reflexiones acerca del Jueves Santo.

Jueves Santo es el día en que la Iglesia nos invita a reflexionar sobre la Eucaristía, el Sacerdocio y el Mandamiento Nuevo de la Caridad, asuntos que también fueron objetos de la reflexión de Jesús.

Si cada día nos imagináramos a Cristo lavándonos los pies y perdonándonos los pecados, nos costaría poco el cumplir cualquier cosa que El nos mandará. El mandamiento del amor es tan exigente que a veces nos desconcierta. San Pablo nos recuerda que "Dios entregó a su Hijo a la muerte por nosotros cuando éramos sus enemigos". Al entregarse por amor a nosotros, Jesús nos ha hecho amigos íntimos del Padre.

A menudo sufrimos en la familia o con otros miembros de la Comunidad cristiana porque todos o casi todos nos hemos formado de la Comunidad cristiana una idea que no responde a la realidad: sufrimos cuando estamos en comunidad o en familia pensando más en nuestros derechos que en nuestros compromisos; sufrimos cuando pensamos que todos deben ser como nosotros quisiéramos y no lo son; sufrimos cuando pensamos en que recibimos menos que lo que damos.

Tal vez este Jueves Santo valdría la pena recordar y rezar por todas las personas que nos han hecho sufrir o nos están haciendo sufrir en la familia o en la comunidad.

La felicidad de las personas que han hecho una opción de servicio tien, con frecuencia, la posibilidad de servir a quienes no lo agradecen, a quienes son egoístas, a quienes no tienen detalles. Quien logra hacer esto, logra liberarse de su propio egoísmo, logra apoyarse en su humildad y en la fuerza de Dios y logra ser feliz.

A veces, decimos, quien menos cumple, exige más. O exige de manera más imperativa a los demás. Quien se siente profundamente necesitado de Dios y del perdón de todos, tiene también una capacidad de perdón y comprensión casi ilimitada.

Hermanos y hermanas, que en este Jueves Santo, nos acerquemos a Jesús con un corazón nuevo, un corazón hecho con el dolor de Cristo, hecho con el perdón de Cristo, hecho con el amor de Cristo. El nos lava los pies y nos perdona una y mil veces. ¿Para qué queremos tanta generosidad? ¿No seremos capaces de sentir en lo profundo del corazón un sentimiento generoso de perdón a todo el mundo, en especial a las personas que más nos hacen sufrir?

Intentémoslo. Sentiremos que se nos quita un gran peso del corazón. Cuesta, pero después de sentir el amor de Cristo nos cuesta mucho menos.

## Cardenal Obando sometido a cirugía con éxito en la Florida

MIAMI (CNS) — El Cardenal Miguel Obando Bravo, de Managua, Nicaragua, fue dado de alta el 13 de febrero del Hospital Bautista de Miami, después de someterse con éxito a la cirugía laparoscópica para extirparle cálculos biliares.

Según la portavoz del hospital, Anne Streeter, el Cardenal se hallaba en buen estado a continuación de la operación del 12 de febrero, y se esperaba que regresara a Managua en el transcurso de unos días. El médico personal del Cardenal forma parte del personal del hospital, ubicado en la zona de Kendall,

en Miami.

En una declaración publicada por la Arquidiócesis de Managua, Monseñor Eddy Montenegro, Vicario General, dijo que al prelado de 71 años de edad se le había dicho unas semanas antes que tenía cálculos biliares, y había decidido viajar al sur de la Florida para someterse a la cirugía. El Cardenal es un visitante frecuente de Miami, donde residen miembros de su familia.

El Cardenal Obando fue ordenado sacerdote en 1958 y ha sido el Arzobispo de Managua desde 1970. Se le nombró Cardenal en 1985.

## Curso de formación cristiana

YADKINVILLE — El pasado 22 de febrero comenzó un curso de formación cristiana en la Iglesia Cristo Rey de Yadkinville. Este curso continuará durante los próximos sábados de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM, y está dirigido a todas las personas que tengan interés en acercarse más a Dios, quieran profundizar su fe y aprender más sobre Dios, la Misa, los sacramentos y otras enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica.

Este curso se está dando en Dobson cada otro viernes de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM. Para más información llamar al padre Fidel al (910) 463-5533 o (910) 766-8133.

## Primer Mandamiento:

### "Amarás al Señor tu Dios y a El sólo servirás"

Este Mandamiento nos ordena adorar y servir al solo único y verdadero Dios, creador y supremo Señor nuestro y de todas las cosas, cuyas huellas encontramos en la misma creación y en nuestra conciencia, y cuya manifestación plena, clara y directa resulta de toda la maravillosa historia de nuestra salvación.

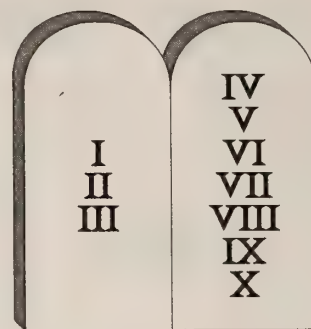
A esta adoración y a esta servicio está llamada, sin excepción, toda persona, y constituye su máxima y fundamental responsabilidad. El primer Mandamiento implica que nuestra relación con Dios sea como El la quiere: una relación de fe en El, una relación de esperanza en El y una relación de amistad y de amor con El.

**Actitudes equivocadas.** Comprenden todos esos gravísimos errores que directa o indirectamente nos desvían de la adoración y del servicio debidos a Dios. Además del ateísmo, que es la explícita negación de Dios y la indiferencia religiosa, que en concreto es una actitud atea, recordemos la idolatría, que consiste en divinizar lo que no es Dios, trátase de los varios ídolos, de los demonios, del poder, del placer, de la raza de los antepasados, del dinero, etc. La irreligión que es la falta de respeto a Dios o a realidades sagradas, como acontece con el sacrilegio, la

profanación y la simonía (comercio ilícito de las cosas espirituales). La superstición, que es la peor corrupción de la verdadera fe, llámese hechicería o adivinación. La apostasía en la que caen los que abandonan la verdadera iglesia. La herejía que consiste en la negación de una o varias verdades fundamentales de la fe. La duda voluntaria, con

la cual uno cree posible que la Iglesia se equivoque en la enseñanza del dogma, de la moral y del culto sagrado.

**Actitud cristiana.** Consiste en dar a Dios lo que le debemos como criaturas e hijos suyos: creer en El, como se nos ha revelado; confiar en El, tal cual como El lo espera; amarlo con todo nuestro corazón, con toda el alma y con todas nuestras fuerzas, tal como nos ha enseñado Jesucristo (Mt. 22,37 - Lc. 10, 27). El primer Mandamiento se relaciona con la virtud de la religión, que debe impulsarnos a alabar a Dios, a agradecerle cuanto hace por nosotros, a invocarlo, a pedirle perdón por nuestros pecados, a cumplir con fidelidad y generosidad las promesas y votos que le hemos hechos. (Comentario al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica - edición española - con permiso de los Padres de la Sociedad de San Pablo)



### Nuevo horario de Misas en español

TAYLORSVILLE — El nuevo horario de la Misa en la Iglesia de "Holy Trinity", es el 2do. Y 4to. Domingo de cada mes a las 6:00 PM.

A partir del mes de abril, habrá misas en español todos los domingos a las 7 PM en la Basílica de St. Eugene, en Asheville.

## Mensaje para el día de Hispanoamérica en España

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS) — El 28 de febrero se hizo público el Mensaje de la Pontificia Comisión para América Latina con motivo del Día de Hispanoamérica, que se celebrará en las diócesis de España el domingo 2 de marzo de 1997.

El mensaje está fechado el 6 de enero, Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor, y lleva la firma del Presidente y del Vicepresidente de la Comisión, Cardenal Bernardin Gantin y Obispo Cipriano Calderón, respectivamente.

En éste se lee: «La Iglesia ha realizado -como insinúa el Papa- una labor evangelizadora de tan amplias proporciones y de tan patente eficacia que, al comienzo del tercer milenio, en América Latina -según se puede calcular ahora- estará la mitad de los católicos de todo el mundo, con más de 1.100 obispos.

«Esto indica el protagonismo que la Iglesia latinoamericana está llamada a tener en el futuro y representa al mismo tiempo una responsabilidad muy singular, con enormes exigencias».

«El más grande evangelizador que han tenido los pueblos iberoamericanos en nuestros tiempos ha sido Juan Pablo II», continúa el mensaje.

España «ha de cooperar a la Nueva Evangelización de Hispanoamérica, con el mismo ardor y la misma generosidad con que contribuyó a la primera evangelización». Imitando a «Jesucristo 'Evangelizador'», concluye, «aprenderemos también a suscitar esos evangelizadores según el corazón de

Cristo, de los que tanta necesidad tiene Hispanoamérica».



## Prelado peruano espera que rebeldes se conviertan y liberen rehenes



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Una mujer toca una estatua de la Virgen María el 16 de febrero en un santuario improvisado, establecido cerca de la residencia del embajador japonés en Lima, Perú, donde los rehenes han estado retenidos por los rebeldes durante más de dos meses. Mientras los negociadores se reúnen para poner fin al estancamiento de la situación de los rehenes, muchos residentes continúan ofreciendo oraciones por un arreglo pacífico.

LIMA, Perú (CNS) — El Cardenal Augusto Vargas Alzamora, de Lima, dijo que esperaba que los rebeldes que retienen a los rehenes en la residencia del embajador japonés experimentarían la conversión durante la temporada de Cuaresma y pusieran en libertad a sus cautivos.

Los miembros del Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac Amaru, conocido por sus iniciales MRTA en español, tomaron en rehenes a cerca de 500 personas el 17 de diciembre cuando se apoderaron de la residencia durante una recepción. Cientos de rehenes han sido puestos en libertad desde entonces, pero quedaban 72 personas dentro de la residencia el 14 de febrero.

“La Cuaresma es una temporada para la conversión y espero que, con nuestras oraciones, los miembros del MRTA se conviertan, cambien sus corazones y pongan en libertad a todos los rehenes antes de la Semana Santa”, dijo el Cardenal a los periodistas después de una Misa en la catedral de Lima.

“Esta declaración puede sonar a ingenua, pero la historia de la Iglesia ha

mostrado que todo cristiano, todo ser humano, es capaz de los cambios más dramáticos y sorprendentes si abre su corazón a la gracia de Dios”, dijo el Cardenal.

El Cardenal Vargas recordó que, cuando él visitó la residencia con Monseñor Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne, Arzobispo de Ayacucho, a fines de enero, él se reunió con rebeldes del Tupac Amaru que alegaban ser católicos.

“Esto significa que ellos están abiertos a la posibilidad de la clase de conversión que la Iglesia pide de todos nosotros en esta temporada”, dijo el Cardenal.

“Los miembros del MRTA deben cambiar, pero todos nosotros debemos cambiar y convertirnos también, porque todos tenemos algo por lo que debemos pedir la misericordia de Dios”, agregó el Cardenal Vargas.

El dijo también que ha presenciado las conversiones de varios miembros del Sendero Luminoso, el grupo terrorista maoísta del Perú, a quienes se considera mucho más agresivos y violentos que a los rebeldes del Tupac Amaru.

El Cardenal dijo a los periodistas que un grupo de conversos del Sendero Luminoso le había pedido que celebrara una Misa por ellos y que los consagrara a la Virgen María. “Fue una celebración intensa, dramática y bella”, recordó el Cardenal.

“Aunque esperamos por su conversión, las conversaciones que se realizan entre el MRTA y el gobierno son una luz de esperanza por la cual tenemos que orar”, terminó diciendo el Cardenal.

## Encuesta de universidad muestra contienda congresional bipartidista

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Según dice una encuesta de una universidad católica, las elecciones congresionales próximas en El Salvador están pareciendo cada vez más como una contienda entre dos partidos.

“Estas serán las elecciones de mayor competencia de todos los tiempos”, dijo el Padre Rodolfo Cardenal, vice-rector de la Universidad Centro-Americana, administrada por los jesuitas.

“La contienda está demasiado apretada como para poder pronosticar los resultados”, agregó él. “No está aún del todo claro quién ganará”.

Una encuesta publicada el 19 de febrero por el Instituto de Opinión Pública en la Universidad Centro-Americana revelaba la parte de los ex-guerrilleros, el FMLN, superando al partido ARENA derechista por 21 contra 17 por ciento respectivamente en la preferencia de los electores para el Congreso.

El Partido Demócrata Cristiano, en tercer lugar, iba a la zaga con el 4 por ciento de la encuesta.

La encuesta reveló cifras semejantes para la intención de los electores para

alcaldes; 20 por ciento para el FMLN; 18 por ciento para ARENA y 5 por ciento para los demócratas cristianos.

ARENA, que ha estado en el poder desde 1989, va detrás de los ex-rebeldes por primera vez en su historia.

Los 2,400,000 electores de El Salvador saldrán a votar el 16 de marzo por 84 miembros del Congreso y 262 alcaldes, por segunda vez desde la terminación de la guerra civil en 1992.

Aunque inusualmente libre de violencia, la campaña electoral ha estado llena de enfrentamientos verbales entre los políticos, así como de una serie de anuncios anónimos televisados que advierten de los “peligros” de votar por los ex-guerrilleros.

Las tensiones surgieron a fines de febrero, a continuación de las acusaciones públicas — incluyendo las de miembros inconformes del FMLN — de que los ex-guerrilleros estaban financiando su campaña con la venta de armas. Los dirigentes del FMLN han negado las acusaciones y han culpado de ellas a la “propaganda gubernamental”.

## Arzobispo dice que acontecimientos podrían retrasar canonización

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Monseñor Fernando Sáenz Lacalle, Arzobispo de San Salvador, advirtió que las celebraciones públicas del decimoséptimo aniversario de la muerte del Arzobispo Oscar Romero podrían “interferir” con el trámite de su beatificación que se realiza actualmente en Roma.

“Los feligreses deberían ser cuidadosos, ya que las manifestaciones públicas podrían hacer más lento el trámite de la canonización”, dijo Monseñor Sáenz a los reporteros a mediados de febrero.

Según dijo Monseñor Sáenz, “mientras que el Vaticano no haya declarado la beatificación de Romero, no puede haber celebraciones públicas. En vez de eso, debemos tratar de ofrecer oraciones privadas por él”.

Los grupos religiosos y cívicos han desfilado tradicionalmente a través de las calles de la capital, San Salvador, cada día 24 de marzo, para conmemorar el aniversario de la muerte de Monseñor Romero.

En Roma, el Padre Peter Gumpel S.J., que fue anteriormente un funcionario de la Congregación para las Causas de Santidad y postulador oficial de las causas jesuitas, dijo el 19 de febrero: “Es sensato el adoptar todas las precauciones” para asegurarse de que cualquier conmemoración de un candidato a la canonización no sea

confundida con una veneración litúrgica oficial de la persona, como si ésta ya hubiera sido beatificada o canonizada”.

“Estas cosas pueden degenerar en un culto público o celebraciones litúrgicas públicas” si no se tiene cuidado, dijo el sacerdote.

“No obstante, es otra cosa distinta el recordar a la persona en el aniversario de su muerte con devociones privadas, visitas a su tumba y otras conmemoraciones. Eso es común”, dijo el Padre Gumpel. “Se halla estrictamente prohibido el atribuir un culto litúrgico oficial a alguien que no haya sido beatificado aún”, dijo él.

La diferencia principal es que en las Misas por los bienaventurados y los santos, las oraciones se dirigen a la persona; en todos los otros casos, las oraciones se dicen por la persona.

El trámite de canonización de Monseñor Romero, que fue abatido por disparos de armas de fuego mientras decía Misa en marzo de 1980, empezó hace seis años y se halla actualmente bajo consideración por parte del Vaticano.

Aunque está respaldado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, se espera que el trámite de beatificación del Arzobispo Romero sea extenso. Para que él sea declarado mártir, tendría que comprobarse que la fe del Arzobispo Romero, y no su postura política, fue el motivo primordial para su asesinato.

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## Vaticano dice que 1996 vio aumento de muertes de misioneros



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**Funeral Del Obispo De Jesus** — Dirigentes católicos presentan sus respetos al obispo filipino Benjamín de Jesús antes de su entierro el 14 de febrero en la isla filipina de Jolo. El obispo fue asesinado a balazos en las afueras de la catedral el 4 de febrero.

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** — Por lo menos 46 misioneros fueron muertos en 1996 — un aumento sobre la cifra del año anterior, según el servicio de noticias sobre las misiones del Vaticano, que publicó el informe a mediados de febrero.

Cuarenta y una de las víctimas estaban trabajando en África, 19 de ellas en Zaire, decía un informe en la edición para el 20 de febrero del International Fides Service.

“La Iglesia ha tenido siempre hijos valerosos que han dado sus vidas a fin de llevar la luz de la fe a las naciones, pero los 12 meses recientes han visto una cantidad excepcionalmente alta de misioneros muertos en acción”, decía el informe.

El servicio de noticias anunció el año pasado que, en 1995, 32 misioneros fueron muertos mientras se hallaban en el extranjero.

En su resumen para 1996, Fides nombró a los 46 sacerdotes, religiosos y trabajadores laicos, dando sus países de

origen y los lugares y las fechas en que murieron. El conteo incluyó a tres obispos, 18 sacerdotes, ocho religiosos, trece monjas y otras cuatro personas.

Larelación comenzó por la Hermana de la Presentación Patricia McAleese, estadounidense, muerta a machetazos en una playa de Ghana el 8 de enero, y terminó por un sacerdote diocesano de Zaire, el Padre Pascal Kanyamanza, que murió en la Víspera de Navidad.

Fides hizo notar que la cantidad real de víctimas podría ser mayor, porque la lista no incluye a aquéllos desaparecidos de quienes se teme que estén muertos. Entre los desaparecidos hay un obispo africano.

El informe abarcaba sin comentarios a los cuatro misioneros que se sabe resultaron muertos en las primeras semanas de 1997, incluyendo a Monseñor Benjamín de Jesús, Obispo de Jolo, en las Filipinas. Fides señaló que todos los misioneros perdieron sus vidas en el curso de la evangelización y el fomento del desarrollo.



Foto CNS de Reuters

El féretro de una víctima de una avalancha de lodo devastadora en Tamburco, Perú, es llevado por sus familiares al lugar del sepelio el 20 de febrero. Dos avalanchas afectaron a la zona a mediados de febrero, sepultando a cientos de personas.

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## People In The News



**Ravaged Home**  
— Brenda Nalley carries a computer monitor from what is left of her home in Little Rock, Ark., March 3. More than 14 different tornadoes touched down in that state March 1 killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 400.

CNS photo from Reuters

### Priest's Book Of Reflections Offers Homespun Advice

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (CNS) — Coping with the hustle and bustle of everyday life can be as basic as A-B-C, according to Father Mark G. Boyer, whose latest book, "Home is a Holy Place," consists of 37 alphabetized spiritual exercises. Father Boyer's 12th book offers what he describes as a "reflective pause" with simple stories, extended biblical quotations, questions for personal reflection, and homespun prayers.

### Northern Irish Students Excited About Singing For Clinton

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (CNS) — Excitement prevailed among students at two schools whose joint choir was invited to take part in a St. Patrick's Day party at the White House. A choir of 28 Protestant and Catholic students from

Belfast will perform a song, "Join Hands," for President Bill Clinton at the March 17 celebration. "It is a tremendous boost for us. The youngsters from both schools get on really well together, and I think this could be the beginning of special nucleus," the headmistress of Our Lady of Mercy School, Sister Regina Caffrey, told Catholic News Service.

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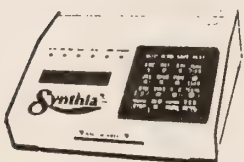
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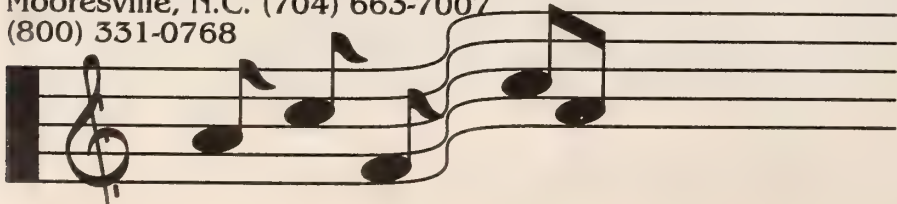
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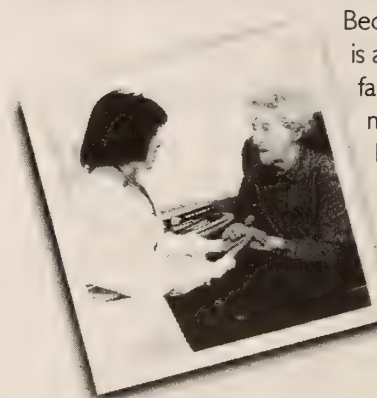
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# Teens Examine God's Plan At Respect Life Retreat

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HICKORY — Jonathan Karcher's bumper sticker shares a simple yet powerful message: *Kiss Me, I'm Pro-Life*.

The slogan was created by the Basilica of St. Lawrence youth as part of activities during the diocesan Respect Life Retreat, "God's Plan for Love and Life," held Feb. 28 and March 1 at St. Aloysius Church.

Led by Catholic educator Barbara McGuigan, the retreat for Catholic and non-Catholic parents and children focused on ways to reach the heart and soul of youth on issues as delicate as chastity and as fundamental as the sanctity of every life.

"We didn't want her (McGuigan) to stop talking. She has so much energy and has such a wonderful gift for proclaiming God's truth," said Anthony Braun, parent and St. Aloysius parishioner.

McGuigan's effectiveness was put to the test Saturday when she stood before rows of youth for the better part of the day. The group listened intently as McGuigan challenged them.

Speaking against violence in any form, she described how every human being deserves respect and love. "Because we are made in the image and likeness of God, we cannot kill through abortion, infanticide or euthanasia," McGuigan said, explaining how it violates God's plan for life. There was also discussion on the second victims of abortion and how "no sin is too great for God to forgive."

Later McGuigan applied the "Golden truth" concerning a person's dignity to God's plan for love. McGuigan explained

the proper way to express love with practical advice. She emphasized how the sacraments help people stay close to God and give them strength to love each other. When asked what one should look for in a spouse, she replied, "Make sure he or she loves God more than you."

During the session, the youth worked on pro-life or pro-chastity poems, bumper stickers and letters. The sacrament of Reconciliation was also made available by Father Anthony Marcaccio, who later celebrated Mass.

The success of the day was reflected in the inspired works done by the youth which proved McGuigan's motto, "If you want to be used by God, by God, you'll be used." Some of the works are featured below:

Bumper sticker slogan by Brian Lawler, Holy Family Church.

*"Society loves to nurture and care for that which it tolerates getting rid of: Life."*

"American Gold," poetry by Katherine Frazier, St. Charles Borromeo Church.

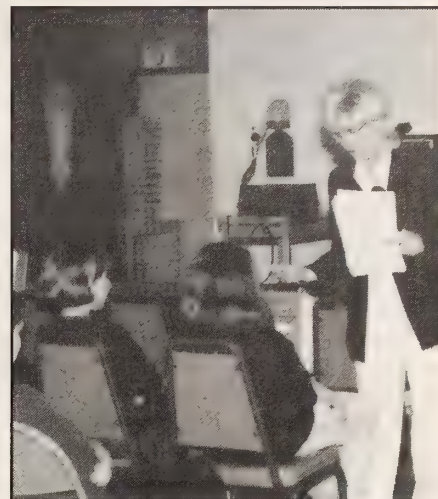
*I am American Gold.  
I am not brilliant nor bold.  
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I am American Gold.  
I am my mother's pride and joy.  
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may be named Jay or Troy.  
I am my mother's pride and joy.  
I am a human being.  
I can be kind, I can be mean.  
Can't you hear those little bells ring?  
I am a human being.*

*I am American Gold.  
I am not brilliant nor bold.  
I am as special as I am told.  
I am American Gold.*

"First Memories," by Katie Spear, Basilica of St. Lawrence.

*The first smile; the first tear; the first birthday; the first word; the first Christmas; the first day of school; the first sleep-over; the first drivers license; the first date; the first summer job; the first "I love you."*

*All these are ended before they can begin, if you choose abortion. And it leaves you wondering what could have been.*



Catholic educator Barbara McGuigan led the retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Respect Life Office.

Photo by KATHY SCHMUGGE

## Dietzen, from page 5

Christians built their Scripture interpretations and theology of creation on the assumption that we would never know more about the universe and our solar system than what we read in the Bible.

Along came Galileo, proving our assumptions were wrong, and it took decades, even centuries, before we could theologically adapt to the fact that there is far more out there than human beings ever dreamed or could imagine.

The same thing happened, and continues to happen, with evolution. We assumed that human knowledge about the origins of life would never go beyond the Bible stories. So we built a theology and philosophy of creation on that assumption of continued ignorance.

Then came the totally unprepared for converging discoveries of many natural sciences. As Pope John Paul II said last fall, that convergence "of the results of work that was conducted independently is in itself a significant argument in favor of this theory" of evolution.

We are free, of course, to refute that science if we do it on scientific grounds.

But to frantically attempt to shore up our religious convictions by refusing to recognize observable facts is ultimately fruitless.

It is to deny that truth is one, as our Holy Father reminded us. One truth can never contradict another truth.

Similarly, good science can never contradict good theology, with the emphasis on "good" in both instances. For some reason, that seems a particularly difficult and painful lesson to learn.

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## Lykes, from page 5

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### Easter Egg Hunt

**ASHEVILLE** — The St. Joan of Arc Easter Egg Hunt for ages one-and-a-half to 12 is March 23 from 1-4 p.m. A covered dish meal is from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

### Pro-life Day Scheduled

**GREENSBORO** — The N.C. Right to Life 5th Annual Pro-life Day is April 12 at the Embassy Suites with two workshops conducted by Janet A. Morana, M.S., national operations coordinator for Priests for Life. Other workshops, a luncheon and a panel presentation are included. For details, call (800) 392-6275.

### Knights Host Fish Fry

**CHARLOTTE** — Knights of Columbus Charlotte Council 770 hosts a Lenten fish fry March 21 from 3-7 p.m. at the council hall, 220 East Kingston Ave. Cost is \$5 per plate. For information, call Joe Hunt, (704) 399-661, or call (704) 332-3077 the day of the event.

### BHMS News

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The Rev. Thomas O'Connell leads the Erasmus Group, a series of talks on various theological topics, for parents of Bishop McGuinness High School students and adults of neighboring parishes. Next meeting is March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

BMHS presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" at Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center on March 14 at 8 p.m., March 15 at 8 p.m. and March 16 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for students.

### Charismatic Mass

**HIGH POINT** — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Maryfield Nursing Home Chapel.

### Abbey Student Honored

**BELMONT** — Jeff Brookman, Charlotte Catholic High School graduate and junior guard on Belmont Abbey College's basketball team, was recently named to the 1996-97 Cosida Academic All-American District Team from District III, col-

lege division. Brookman's name now appears on the national ballot for the GTE Academic All-America Team from this district. The team will be announced March 18.

### Support Group Meets

**ASHEVILLE** — A support group for separated and divorced Catholics meets March 21 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Catholic Social Services. Call Sister Marie, (704) 255-0146, for details.

### Bible Study Group

**GREENSBORO** — A Bible study group meets Thursdays through April from 10-11:45 a.m. at St. Pius X Church. For information, call Kitt, (910) 288-4584.

### Video Series for Parents

**CHARLOTTE** — A video and discussion series for parents of teen-agers continues at St. Gabriel's parish library March 16 from 6:45-8:15 p.m. with "The Keys to a Lifelong Love." Presentations are based on the *Life on the Edge* series by Dr. James Dobson, founder and president of Focus on the Family. Call Margie Eades, (704) 541-7703, for details.

### Adult Ed Series Continues

**GREENSBORO** — The Our Lady of Grace Church Adult Education Series continues March 18 at 7:30 p.m. with "The Last Four Things," a reflection on death, judgement, heaven and hell, directed by Jim McCullough. For details, call (910) 274-0415.

### Blessed Mother Novena

**CHARLOTTE** — A novena to the Blessed Mother is Saturdays at 8 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

### Lenten Services

**CONCORD** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Church. Meatless soup supper follows.

**MONROE** — The Way of the Cross in Spanish is at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Fridays at 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in English are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

**HICKORY** — Stations of the Cross and Benediction are Fridays at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church.

Community-wide Lenten services are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. at Hartzell Memorial UMC with the Rev. Pat Pearce officiating. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo the Great



**WINSTON-SALEM** — Students of Bishop McGuinness High School and Our Lady of Mercy School recently provided aid to the people of Haiti by participating in a program, "Nou Zanmi," which means "We Are Friends." The students collected toys, books, school supplies, and other items, as well as raised funds to cover shipping. Pictured are Matt McCarthy and Liz Snow presenting a check to Donna Kronner, project coordinator, as OLM Principal Sandra McMonagle, far left, looks on.

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**HIGH POINT** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church.

**GREENSBORO** — The Way of the Cross is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Cardinal Bevilacqua Calls For Ban On Clone Research

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Philadelphia's cardinal has called upon scientists, ethicists, legislators and political leaders to ban research on human cloning and regulate animal cloning, saying that "destructive practices of the past have already shown us the fragility of the planet." "Scientific manipulation of the most basic structures of life itself cannot avoid opening even greater risks to human survival," Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua wrote in an op-ed article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* daily newspaper. "The moral issues go far beyond the cloning of one sheep," he said in reference to the recent announcement from Scotland that scientists had cloned a sheep from a single cell.

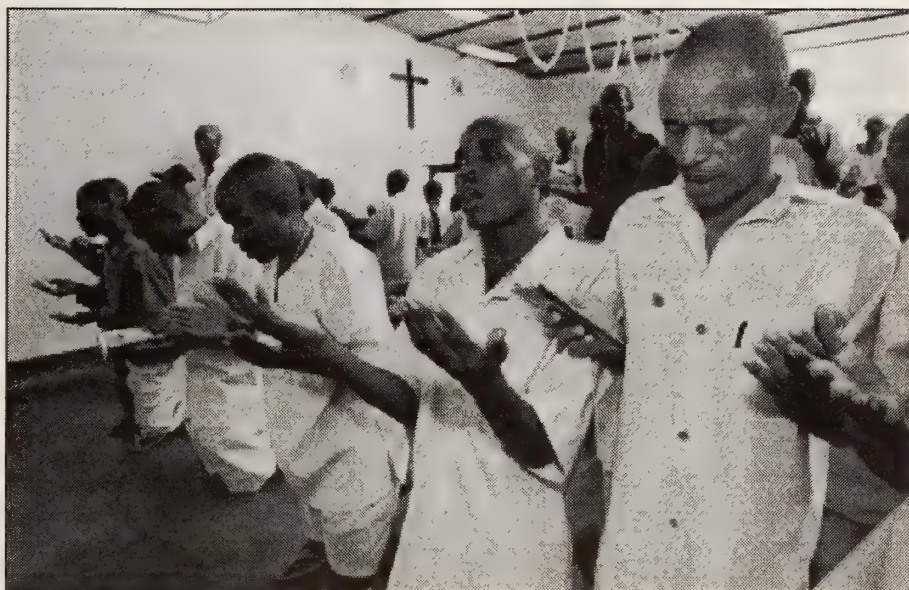
### Catholic Campaign Praises Catholic Charities, Santorum

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic Charities agencies are an "important part" of the church's service to the poor, and "there are thousands of Catholics who

participate in the work of this good organization," the Catholic Campaign for America said in a March 4 statement. The statement, issued from the campaign's Washington headquarters, came in response to remarks by U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who said at a campaign-sponsored dinner Feb. 20 that Catholic Charities USA "shouldn't be called Catholic" because its agencies give their clients only food and material assistance but not the teachings and support of Catholic faith. Santorum, a Catholic who led the Senate floor battle to pass the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act last year, received the Catholic American of the Year Award from the campaign during the dinner.

### Philippine Cardinal Praises Ramos, Warns Of 'Threat To Democracy'

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila praised President Fidel Ramos for declaring that he will end his presidency in 1998 as scheduled, but warned against persistent "threats to democracy" in the Philippines. "(Ramos) has openly chosen to concentrate his energies on consolidating the considerable gains of his administration, both in healing our economy as well as in social reform," Cardinal Sin told some 10,000 people at a Mass, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.



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**GENOCIDE SUSPECTS AT PRAYER** — Prisoners in the Kigali Central Prison pray during a Feb. 28 service. The population of mostly Hutus at the prison in Rwanda has swelled to at least 99,000 people accused of participating in the 1994 genocide. A dozen people have received death sentences in ongoing trials.

### Vatican Official Details Church Norms On Divorce, Remarriage

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Divorced and civilly remarried Catholics must either return to their original spouse or refrain from sexual relations with their new partner in order to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, a Vatican official said. "Divorced and remarried faithful must be inclined toward a form of life which is not in contradiction with

the evangelical norm of the indissolubility of marriage," said Msgr. Francesco Di Felice, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family. He also said priests should help people apply for an annulment when they are convinced that their first marriage was invalid. Msgr. Di Felice made his comments in a March 4 article in the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*.

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**BELMONT** — Queen of the Apostles Church was dedicated in March 1965, five years after Gaston County had been incorporated into the Diocese of Raleigh. From 1944 until 1960, Gaston remained the last county composing the "nullius" of Belmont Abbey. And while Queen of the Apostles Church was founded as a parish of the diocese rather than that of the abbey — which to this day falls under no diocesan jurisdiction — its parishioners can thank the Benedictines for their assistance in indirectly getting the parish started.

In the 1870s, a Benedictine monk named J.J. O'Connell purchased a 500-acre estate near what today is the town of Belmont. Offering Cardinal James Gibbons, vicar apostolic of North Carolina, the estate for religious and educational uses, the Rev. Dr. O'Connell played the key role in the establishment of a Benedictine monastery and school, later to become Belmont Abbey and College.

Pope Pius X in 1910 granted the status of "nullius" to the Benedictines, meaning they existed as an entity subject only to the pope himself. While the "nullius" originally comprised eight counties, the

Benedictines carried on missionary work throughout western North Carolina and beyond.

Much of that work went on in Gaston County itself, where Benedictine Father Joseph Keller founded Mary, Help of Christians Church on the estate grounds during the late 1870s. Catholics in the Belmont area worshipped as parishioners of the new church until 1892, when the cathedral at Belmont Abbey — still canonically known as Mary, Help of Christians — was built.

The abbey cathedral remained the only active church for Belmont Catholics until 1965, when plans to establish a diocesan parish came to fruition. Named Queen of the Apostles, the church was a converted gymnasium of a boarding school for boys, while an addition was built to include a sacristy, rectory and office. The parish took St. Helen Church in Spencer Mountain on as a mission as well. That church was built in the late 1910s thanks to donated land and evangelical efforts of one Robert Gardin, a former Baptist whose example, according to local lore, brought more than 1,000 people into the Catholic Church.

In Belmont, the main structure of the former boarding school, St. Leo's, was renovated in 1979-80 for use by Queen of the Apostles parish. Dedicated to the memory of the late Father Edward Malloy, pastor from 1977-80, the building served as the parish's activity and education center.

Parish development continued during the 1980s. Classroom and meeting space became a special concern. By decade's end, a building steering committee was formed and plans were developed for a new education and activity facility.

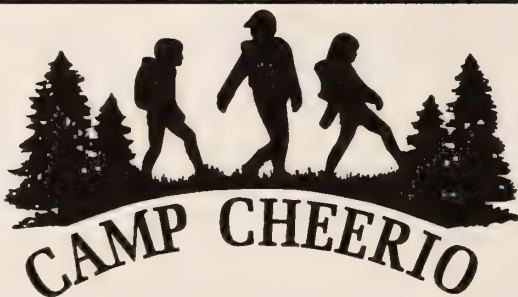
Meanwhile, Queen of the Apostles parish was given a duty of significant historical value: Custodial care of the Church of Sts. Joseph and Mary in nearby Mt. Holly. St. Joseph's joins St.

Paul Church in New Bern as the oldest Catholic churches in the state, both having been dedicated in 1844. Although ceremonies had been discontinued in the small church since the late 1800s, St. Joseph's was restored in the mid-1970s under the direction of Bishop Michael J. Begley of the recently created Diocese of Charlotte. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the State of North Carolina declared the church a national historical site in 1979.

Back in Belmont, Bishop John F. Donoghue in July 1991 granted permission for construction on Queen of the Apostles' parish center to begin. The two new buildings — a parish family center and a classroom center — were dedicated in February 1992.

Father Peter Jugis was appointed pastor of Queen of the Apostles parish and St. Helen mission in March 1996. He sees continued extension of service in Belmont, with a Knights of Columbus council, a food bank, youth ministry, two children's choirs and a St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter having been formed to join the parish ministry that pervades the community. Two former Queen of the Apostles pastors, Msgr. Thomas Burke and Msgr. Anthony Kovacic, are actively involved in various aspects of that ministry in Belmont as well. In addition, a number of parishioners commit themselves to spending time in the presence of Jesus at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel on the grounds of Belmont Abbey.

Ecumenical bonds are also formed, through such efforts as the Gaston County Nutritional Program, which uses the parish's family center on a daily basis to provide and deliver meals to those in need. With Catholic outreach an ever-present source in the parish, Queen of the Apostles stands as testimony of the enterprising evangelical spirit of Catholicism in North Carolina's history — and its present.



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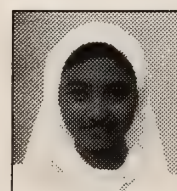
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CRISM Coordinator Suzanne Bach and Eddice Martin of St. Benedict the Moor Church in Winston-Salem discuss healthcare issues at last week's meeting of the diocesan Task Force on Aging.

## Task Force On Aging Holds Initial Meeting

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

*This is the fourth in a series of articles focusing on the concerns and needs of the elderly in the Diocese of Charlotte, and how the Church is addressing this very important issue.*

HICKORY — Should each parish establish a transportation committee to assist the needs of the elderly? What kind of housing are seniors interested in once they retire? What can the Church and community reasonably provide to address the aging issue that is facing many Catholics in the Diocese of Charlotte? Those were some of the questions raised at the first meeting of the diocesan Task Force on Aging March 13 at the Catholic Conference Center.

Citing a passage from the book *Our Greatest Gift* by the late Jesuit Father Henri Nouwen, CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) Coordinator Suzanne Bach said all people fear being alone as they age. "It's basic to our human nature," she noted.

The session focused on task force members taking initial steps to address their mission: to provide the diocese with recommendations to address the wants and needs of Catholics over age 60. The task force consists of senior citizens, priests and other religious, adults with elder caregiving responsibilities, and professionals with expertise in healthcare, direct services, pastoral care, the social sciences, and housing. The group's diversity can be seen among senior Kathy Kruckel, a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury who is also caregiver for her 92-year-old father; and George Mundle, a senior housing developer and former director of the Council on Aging in Charlotte.

"We have a tremendous power in this room," said Gerry Carter, director of Family Life and Special Ministries for Catholic Social Services, who along with Bach is helping spearhead the effort. "With your expertise, we can address this very important issue and set a plan in place for the diocese for the next 5-10 years."

The group's recommendations, which will take into account the needs of seniors, adult caregivers, and those who minister with seniors, will focus on short and long goals and lead toward development of new outreach and ministries.

The recommendations will consider key areas of ministry and/or service typically addressed in similar action plans: transportation; healthcare and direct services; pastoral care; housing; and general and psychological well-being. They will take into account the geographic realities of the diocese when offering a plan of action. While financial considerations need to be included, the possible sources of financing short- and long-term goals should not be the sole criterion for determining the appropriateness of a particular recommendation, Carter noted.

The results of separate surveys distributed to elders, adults with elder caregiving responsibilities, and priests, deacons and religious sisters, and listening sessions held in each vicariate will also be taken into account when the group makes recommendations.

Bach asked task force members to encourage seniors to attend remaining listening sessions. "Elders need to take the opportunity to share their vision and needs," she said.

"The ultimate task of the task force is to provide the diocese with a plan of action to guide our ministries to those who so faithfully served

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## Sister Nirmala Looks To Mother Teresa For Guidance, Prayers

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — The Missionaries of Charity have elected a Hindu convert as Mother Teresa's successor.

Sister Nirmala, 63, was unanimously elected by 123 Missionaries of Charity electors March 12, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

At a March 14 news conference Sister Nirmala told journalists crowded into the courtyard of the Missionaries of Charity headquarters that she would be relying on Mother Teresa's guidance and prayers.

"If God prays for me, if Mother prays for me and if you pray for me, I think I'll prove myself," she said, flanked by Mother Teresa as she stood on a balcony above the courtyard. "Mother is there to guide us."

Mother Teresa, speaking softly into a small microphone, bantered with reporters. "I have plenty of work to do and I will be here until my last breath," she said. "We have to pull on. We have 568 homes all over the world in 120 countries. We will continue God's work." She added that the order would next set up a base in China.

The new superior, an Indian of Nepalese origin, currently heads the congregation's contemplative wing. She once was a missionary in the United States.

"Now I am happy," Mother Teresa said after her successor was announced. Even though health problems forced Mother Teresa to resign in 1990, her order re-elected her.

"Mother Teresa remains as Mother and foundress," the Missionaries of Charity said in a statement. "Sister Nirmala is the new superior general."

After her election, Sister Nirmala said: "I am in a dreamland right now. It's a big responsibility. If you look at it from myself, I am afraid. But looking at God, and depending on prayer, I think I will be able to continue God's work."

Sister Nirmala is "a very fit person for carrying on the inspiration of Mother Teresa," said Archbishop Henry D'Souza of Calcutta, who conducted an eight-day retreat that preceded the congregation's chapter.

Sister Nirmala accompanied Mother Teresa when she visited China in 1993 and Vietnam in 1995, from which time she began to appear in press reports as a possible successor to the Nobel laureate founder of the Missionaries of Charity.

However, India Today, a leading fortnightly in India, and Asiaweek recently described Sister Nirmala as "the dark horse" among the likely successors.

Sister Nirmala is a graduate of Patna Women's College, managed by Apostolic Carmel nuns in the eastern Indian state of Bihar.

The Missionaries of Charity chapter, in session since Jan. 16, has also elected Sisters Frederick Lewis and Priscilla Lewis as councilors general. Two more councilors were to be elected.

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## Report Says Cuban Spies Infiltrating Church Groups

By JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With the Cuban church gaining popularity and the government losing it, authorities there have begun infiltrating church groups with spies, a Vatican report said.

The report said the Cuban bishops themselves were surprised and pleased at the increased sympathy toward the Church, but were also concerned that the church's mission could take an overly political turn.

The report was issued in mid-March by Fides, an information agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. It outlined the growing enthusiasm among Catholics and non-Catholics as Pope John Paul II prepares to visit the island nation early next year.

Young people in particular are packing churches on Sunday, motivated in part by curiosity and in part by respect for and interest in the pontiff, who is seen by Cubans as a strong defender of human rights, it said.

"The growing sympathy toward the church and the increasingly open criticism (of the government) worries the police, who have decided to re-establish controls and the infiltration of spies and informers in church groups," the report said.

It quoted an unidentified Cuban university student as saying the government had been stung by the general mistrust among the population, but was trying everything to retain its old power. The Vatican report added a criticism of President Fidel Castro, who met the pope in November.

"Castro himself, who during his visit to Italy sounded open toward the possibility of installing democracy and freeing political prisoners, upon his return to Havana has repeated his loyalty to Marxist-Leninist principles," the report said.

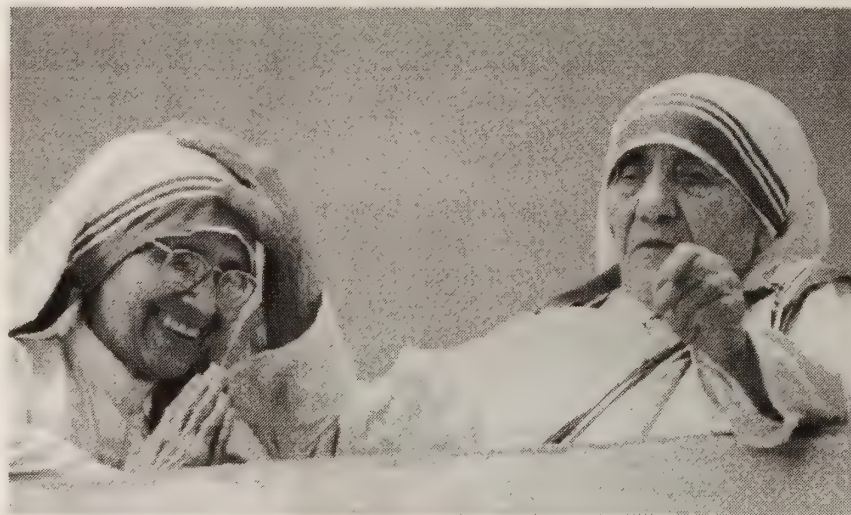
It said there was increasingly frank discussion among Cubans of the country's problems and harsher criticism of the government, which "in the name of a dictatorship, has produced only economic and human failures."

It cited a worsening food and medical situation on the island. According to hospital workers, there is an increase in blindness, related to vitamin deficiency, and in a form of paralysis caused by malnutrition. Even common medicines like aspirin have become rare, it said.

### Sexuality Awareness Seminar

WINSTON-SALEM — A Father/Son-Mother/Daughter Sexuality Awareness Seminar is April 13 from 12-3 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church. Females report to the activity center, males to the gym. Cost is \$5 per family. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert provided. Call the church, (910) 724-0561, to register.

## Mother Teresa Gives Blessing



NIRMALA BLESSING — Mother Teresa blesses Sister Nirmala, new superior of the Missionaries of Charity, March 14 in Calcutta. Mother Teresa had held the post since she founded the order in 1950.

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**"When we all come face to face with God, we are going to be judged on how much we have loved."**

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## Task Force On Elderly Meets, from page 1

the Church and now look towards the Church in their old age," Carter added.

The task force spent the majority of the first meeting in subcommittees discussing key areas of ministry. Questions intended to help guide initial discussions of elder needs in transportation, healthcare and direct services, pastoral care, housing, and general and psychological well-being were discussed.

"There is no possibility of us ever having enough clergy to address the pastoral care issue, but it shouldn't be just clergy; it is the responsibility of the entire faith community," said Mercy Sister Jeanne Marie Kienast, pastoral associate at St. Matthew Church, who feels each parish should implement a pastoral ministry training program.

"All elders do not think, feel or react alike," noted Kruckel. "The psychological needs of the aging vary widely and should be addressed."

The task force will meet three more times (in April, May and June). Final recommendations will be made to the diocese in the fall. Task force members include Delores Aherns; Stephanie Biggers; Sandra Breakfield; Kathryn Brown; Kay Cuzzzone; B.J. Dengler; Lola Holt; Peter Hubicki; Don and Hope Irmiter; Mercy Sister Jeanne Marie Kienast; Betty and Verne King; Gloria King; Kathy Kruckel; Father Andy Latsko; Father Anthony Marcaccio; Eddice Martin; Sharon Mayfield; Louise McMurry; Father Fidel Melo; George Mundle; Alma Mungo; Frances Nunziata; Matthias Propst; Alberta Raysinger; Anna Rounds; Al and Jo Santoro; Ray Schmitt; Father Ed Sheridan; Joy Shilan; Mary and Dick Ward; and Gayla Woody.

## Scripture

*Readings for the week of  
March 23-29*

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Monday:	Isaiah 42: 1-7 John 12: 1-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 49: 1-6 John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Matthew 26: 14-25
Holy Thursday:	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-15
Good Friday:	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12 Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 John 18: 1-19: 42
Holy Saturday: (Easter Vigil)	Genesis 1: 1-2: 2, 22: 1-18 Exodus 14: 15-15: 1 Isaiah 54: 5-14, 55: 1-11 Baruch 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4 Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Romans 6: 3-11 Mark 16: 1-7

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## Entry Into Jerusalem



"So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' (Mark 11:7-10)

Saints  
&  
Scripture  
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# Pope Appeals For Peace In Albania; Church Aids Refugees In Italy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II appealed to Albanians to stop the spread of violence which had sent thousands fleeing in panic, while church aid workers in neighboring Italy tried to accommodate the refugees.

In his Angelus address March 16, the pontiff asked people to pray for peace in the Balkan country engulfed in anarchy after anti-government protests turned to widespread looting, gunfire and destruction. The pope urged those who had seized weapons to put them down.

"Destructive violence certainly is not an adequate means to resolve social problems," Pope John Paul said. "On the contrary, everyone should feel compelled to collaborate, out of respect for people and for rights, in the re-establishment of trust between the citizens and their authorities. None of that can be realized without public order."

The pope said Europe must help the Albanian government and its people "to construct their country on the basis of democracy and political and social dialogue."

On the same day, the 15-member European Union agreed to send civilian and military advisers to Albania, but stopped short of the armed intervention for which Albanian President Sali

Berisha had appealed during the previous week. EU ministers did not rule out a wider intervention, but they decided to wait for the report of a diplomatic team sent to Tirana for talks with the government and opposition groups.

Day and night, meanwhile, refugees on boats from Albania continued to arrive on the shores of southern Italy. The port city of Brindisi was "completely saturated," Mayor Lorenzo Maggi said before a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi March 16. The prime minister, in turn, said Italy would do what it could to handle the influx of refugees, adding, "We can't throw them into the sea."

The Archdiocese of Lecce, just south of Brindisi, was housing refugees in churches, where volunteers brought food, clothing and blankets "constantly, but it is still not enough," said Father Cesare Lodesserto, who was coordinating the relief effort.


Caritas Italiana, relief agency of the Italian bishops, called on other church agencies in Europe to solicit donations to help meet the needs of Albanians "because we do not know how long this humanitarian action will have to last," said spokesman Ferruccio Ferrante.

"The immediate problem now is the arrival of masses of refugees in Italy," a statement from the organization said, "but at the same time there is a concrete and unceasing need for the international community to cope with the destabilization of all of Albania and with the risk ... of grave repercussions in the whole Balkan region."

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Dear Friends in Christ,

At Easter, we ask your generous support and response to the second collection which will be taken in all parishes of our diocese to help meet the needs of our Vocation and Seminarian program to provide support for the continuing education of our priests.

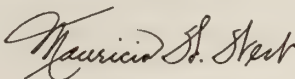
Like most other dioceses, we are in need of men who feel called to the priesthood, to serve the spiritual needs of our growing Catholic population. Presently, we have 23 men in various seminaries, and we look to the day when they will be ordained and begin their service to the Church in the Diocese of Charlotte.

Also, the diocese regularly sponsors workshops and other programs to keep our priests abreast of development in theology and pastoral practices. This theological updating is important and will help our priests in serving the needs of all the faithful.

The cost of education continues to rise and it is only through your kindness and generosity that we are able to meet these escalating expenses. Please know of our gratitude and appreciation for your generous response to the Seminary and Priests' Continuing Education Collection to be taken the weekend of March 29-30.

Wishing you the blessing of this holy Easter Season, I am

Sincerely in Christ,




Very Rev. Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
Chancellor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Holy Land, Christ's homeland, is our spiritual home, as well. Over the years, the shrines marking the great events of His life and death have been cherished and protected from harm by the kind support of Christians the world over.

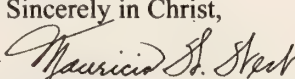
Your generosity is what keeps alive the caring spirit of Jesus in the Holy Places. Your generosity also supports the work of the Franciscan Missioners who serve the people there...pilgrims, native Christians and the poor of every faith who are in need.

Your donation this year may mean another meal for a refugee child, a candle for a dark shrine, a bit of spruce-up paint on a door, a warm place to sleep for once-in-a-lifetime young pilgrims, the very bread and wine for our daily Eucharist.

Please be as generous as you can to our less fortunate sisters and brothers in the Holy Land when the collection is taken in our parishes on Good Friday, March 8.


Wishing you God's blessing, I am

Sincerely in Christ,



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## St. Patrick Cathedral

Easter Vigil Mass  
March 29, 8 pm  
Celebrated by  
Bishop William G. Curlin

Easter Sunday — March 30  
8, 9:30 & 11 am, 12:30 pm  
11 am Mass celebrated by  
Bishop William G. Curlin

Rector: The Very Reverend Paul Gary  
Parochial Vicars: Reverend Eric Houseknecht  
and Reverend Thomas Williamson

Chrism Mass  
Holy Tuesday, March 25, 12 noon

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Holy Thursday, March 27, 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross  
Good Friday, March 28, 3 pm

Veneration of the Cross  
Good Friday, March 28, 7:30 pm

## Remember His Will In Yours.


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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances. To seek Him, the greatest adventure. To find Him, the greatest human achievement."*

**St. Augustine**

## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

### March 23

11 a.m.  
Passion/Palm Sunday  
Mass  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### March 25

7:15 a.m.  
Speaker  
YMCA Prayer Breakfast  
Charlotte Convention  
Center

12 noon

CHRISM Mass  
Blessing of the Sacred  
Oils and  
Recommitment of  
Clergy to Priestly  
Ministry  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### March 27

7:30 p.m.  
Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's  
Supper  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### March 28

7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday  
Commemoration of  
the Lord's Passion  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### March 29

8 p.m.  
Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

### March 30

11 a.m.  
Easter Sunday Mass  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Mary Cooperated In Christ's Saving Work, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience March 12.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider Mary's place in the public ministry of Jesus. According to the Second Vatican Council, Mary fully accepted the Lord's teaching about the Kingdom of God and the sacrifices which it entails (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 58). Jesus deliberately chose to be separated from all family ties in order to emphasize the need for complete fidelity to God's will. Although this separation must have troubled Mary, she continued to follow her son spiritually and to embrace his teaching. The Gospels tell us that Mary was present on a number of occasions when her son preached. Jesus' statement that His mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and keep it (cf. Lk 8:21) is to be applied above all to Mary. As a faithful disciple, she shared in Christ's rejection and His sufferings, and co-operated in His saving work. Her example of fidelity inspires us to persevere in faith and in union with Christ, confident that His word transforms and renews our lives.

I warmly welcome the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of Stockholm. With fond memories of my visit to Sweden, I encourage you to persevere in your work for the unity of all Christians in your country.

### Pope Tells Children He Likes To Watch Sunrise

ROME (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, a perennial early riser, told a group of young people he likes to start his day by watching the sun come up over Rome.

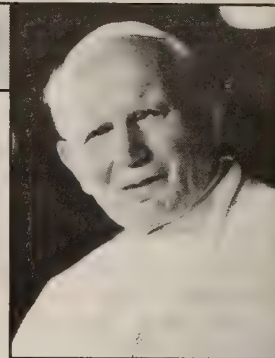
"Every day I always try to see the rising of the sun," the pope said during a parish visit in downtown Rome March 16. He informed the children that it had risen at about 6:30 a.m. that morning.

The pope normally gets up even earlier, between 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m., and spends time praying alone in his private chapel before celebrating Mass at 7 a.m. Weather permitting, he sometimes meditates on his private terrace above his apartment, where he had the stations of the cross installed a few years ago.

The 76-year-old pontiff ad-libbed with the children at the church of San Salvatore in Lauro, just across the Tiber River from the Vatican. He reminded them that Easter was coming, a day that is "more important than Christmas, because on that day Christ rose from the dead."

The pope quickly added: "But maybe for children, Christmas is more important."

The pope noted that the wealthy Roman neighborhood was known for its antique stores and an annual evening trade fair. He suggested that the churches of the zone remain open until late at night, too, so that visitors can stop in at any hour.



## Guest Column

Amy Welborn

### What's Funny And What's Not

What do you do for entertainment in your spare time?

A group of teen-age boys recently described what amused them to a teacher friend of mine.

Throwing things played a central role in the story, but they weren't tossing baseballs. And despite their protestations, what these guys do is certainly not a game.

"Skaters. I can't stand 'em," one boy declared. "When they're going around the lake, we throw pennies and stuff at them when we drive by."

"I've thrown raw meat at people walking by the lake," another added. The listener's eyebrows rose. "Once I got a lady walking with her kids with a steak." The eyebrows rose another centimeter. "It was a cheap cut," she was reassured.

Fruit is a popular projectile. These adolescent males, every one of them from an upper-middle-class background with all the privileges such a life provides, laughed heartily as they recounted tale after tale of heaving oranges and grapefruit at pedestrians and passing vehicles. Just for variety, they added driving into full trash cans and tormenting animals.

"But," a young man hastily added, lest the listener draw the wrong conclusion, "there are some kids who pick on homeless guys downtown. We don't do that."

Well good for you. What a bunch of humanitarians!

What these young men were doing was treating other human beings as objects. They were causing pain and discomfort to others for the purpose of entertainment.

"It's funny," they responded to objections, "and nobody really gets hurt."

Both points are highly questionable. If these are your friends you should be very concerned.

Treating others today as objects lays a foundation for using people in the future as stepping stones to

power and success; as sources of pleasure; as cogs in a machine that will make you profit.

The day after this discussion, the same group sat in their same seats, taking a quiz.

The teacher collected the quizzes, graded them quickly and returned them.

The students, both the boys who had bragged of their vandalism and the girls who had presented only mild objections, stared at their papers in disbelief.

"What did you get?" they whispered to each other.

"Zero."

"Zero."

All were zeroes except one boy whose paper had been handed in virtually blank. He had A+ scrawled across the top.

"What's going on?"

The teacher shrugged. "I'm bored. I just wanted to see the look on your faces. I thought it would be funny."

A couple of boys studied their papers, brows deeply furrowed. One girl put her head down.

Next the teacher whipped out a box of Girl Scout cookies and gave cookies to five students at random.

"Hey, why don't you give one to us?"

The teacher smirked rather cruelly. "It's really funny to see you guys so mad. This day was really dull until this class came in. I'll laugh about this all night. Maybe I'll even tell some people about it tomorrow."

At this point, the light began to dawn. "I get it," one of the previous day's braggarts announced, "You're doing to us what we said we did to other people."

The teacher nodded and asked how it felt to be treated this way. Not good, the boys answered.

Perhaps this lesson in the Golden Rule helped one or two of them re-evaluate their treatment of other people, reminded them of what it feels like to be treated like an object.

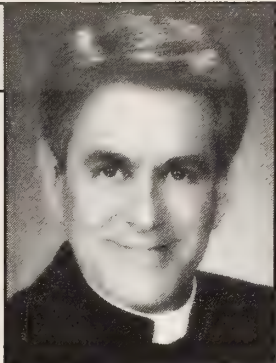
Could you use a little refresher in that lesson?

Amy Welborn is a CNS columnist.



Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



Betrayal: Why Did Judas Do It?

Leonardo Da Vinci's portrayal of the Last Supper is, perhaps, the most famous religious painting of all time. Why did he choose the instant when Jesus announced, "One of you will betray Me," for his painting?

He could have picked from other moments that took place during that Pass-over meal, but he didn't. Da Vinci chose to capture that second of indignation and anger and disbelief. The disciples reel back in horror, saying, "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?" Soon Judas will slip out to make his final arrangements and later that night will stand with the mob and soldiers who arrest Jesus. Jesus will be crucified and in another few hours Judas, too, will be dead — a suicide.

Yet, why did he betray Jesus? The most familiar theory is that he did it for money. But would Judas have "sold out" for a mere twenty dollars, which is the value of those 30 pieces of silver? I think not.

The money was more likely a bargain-sealer, a kind of token expression of a meeting-of-the-minds. And that is why, when Judas changed his mind, he threw the money back at the chief priests saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

To understand Judas we need some background. Suppose as a little boy or girl your mother and father and teachers told you, over and over again, that God loved your country, God loved your people so much that He was going to send a mighty leader. He would be an even grander hero than King David.

Oh, to be a part of this great moment, to be close to this great leader! Then Jesus comes and you believe He is the Messiah, the Promised One. And Judas gave up everything, throwing in his lot to follow Him. But, as the months went by, it became clear that Jesus was talking about another kind of kingdom. He was not going to start a revolution. At least, not the kind Judas expected. So Judas, with

his stubborn self-will, made some decisions.

He would force Jesus to do what he knew was best. If he had Him arrested, backed Him against the wall, Jesus would have to start a revolution. For his own good and the good of the people, Judas turned in Jesus to the enemy.

Self-will strikes close to home for each of us. I'm asking you to be honest. Be honest about your own self-will and the things you do to people because of it. Each one of us can look into our hearts and find something of Judas there. Like him, we are free to decide that we know better, better than God knows what is best. We are free to say "Yes" or "No" to God's will.

There is a very beautiful legend about what will happen on the Last Day. In Paradise everyone is celebrating, dancing and singing with great jubilation. Ev-

everyone except Jesus. He stands very quietly in the shadows of the Gates. Someone asks Him what He is doing, in the midst of all this festivity. Jesus answers, "I am waiting here for Judas."

I like that story because it symbolizes to me the infinite quality of God's forgiving love which He offers even to Judas Iscariot. But the question still remains: Will Judas use his freedom to accept it or reject it?

And that is the question we must ask about the bit of Judas in ourselves.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Let Go, Let God In Your Life," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



Medically, What Caused Jesus' Death On The Cross?

Q. *I am not a physician, but through my profession I do have some medical knowledge. We are told that Jesus suffered much in the scourging and carrying of the cross, and while He was on the cross.*

*This may be a stupid question, but what did He actually die of? I realize there were no doctors or scientists there to report what happened.*

*Since even Pontius Pilate was surprised He died so soon, there must have been something different about His death.*

A. First, let me assure you there may be a lot of stupid answers around, but

there is no such thing as a stupid honest question.

Yours has been addressed often through the centuries. Usually, of course, the response reflected the state of scientific information at the time.

To my knowledge, the best study of the subject in light of modern medical science was produced by two members of the medical staff of the Mayo Clinic with two Methodist clergymen. It appeared in the March 21, 1986, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Their study deals with the entire passion story, starting with Gethsemane. The final section speaks directly to your question and is the source of most of what follows.

As you note, that Jesus' death occurred in so few hours amazed Pilate himself (Mk. 15:44). The process of dying by crucifixion could continue for many hours, even days.

This fact, coupled with the loud cry (reported by Matthew and Mark) just before He died, suggests that some sort of catastrophic event caused His death.

It may have been a rupture of the heart. The massive physical and emotional traumas of the previous 24 hours may have caused "non-infective thrombotic vegetations" to form on the mitral

or aortic valves. These could dislodge into the heart's blood supply system, causing a rupture in the cardiac muscle wall, and nearly immediate death.

Perhaps a more likely explanation is simple terminal exhaustion, resulting from loss of blood and severe shock during the scourging a few hours before and from the painful struggle to breathe as His body weakened on the cross.

This would cause Him to die relatively quickly, too exhausted to even take

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Letters

Many Are "Unorthodox"

I would like to respond to Father Edgar Holden's letter of Feb. 21.

Since the definition of "orthodox" is to be sound or correct in opinion or doctrine, I would suggest that there are many in the Church, unfortunately, who are rather unorthodox. The list of those who would fall into this latter category is quite long. Permit me just to identify a few:

- Those who refer to themselves as "Catholics for Free Choice."
- Those promoting the "We are Church" referendum.
- The "Call to Action" group.
- Those who think of themselves as sedevacantists.
- All those writers, theologians, liturgists, educators and others who promote ideas, programs, liturgical events that are misleading or openly antagonistic to the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church.

I would agree with the statement that Scott Hahn is a "zealous and balanced

communicator of contemporary orthodox Catholicism."

Rev. Mr. Thomas O'Connell  
Winston-Salem

**Difference Lies In Practice**

I would like to comment on Father Edgar Holden's letter which appeared in the *The Catholic & Herald* Feb. 21.

Father Holden is right to correct the implication that there is more than one type of Catholicism. However, there are different kinds of people who call themselves Catholic followers. Some who adhere strictly to Church teaching and others who disregard most or all of the teachings. With such radical differences, in practice, it could easily appear that there is more than one type of Catholicism.

Let's face it, sooner or later, one has to decide if they want to be in the Church or not.

James S. Degnan  
Winston-Salem

**Catholic Schools Are Impossible Dream For Many**

This letter is in response to Dr. Skube's recent column regarding Catholic Schools Week. There are a few statistics that were not in his analysis:

1. The number of Catholic students who apply and are denied (placed on "the waiting list");
2. The number of Catholic families that do not apply because there is not a Catholic school close enough in location to make a Catholic education feasible;
3. The number of Catholic families that are discouraged from ever applying because the admission policies are unfairly skewed;
4. The number of families per parish who prefer sending their child to public vs. private education;
5. The number of families per parish who are currently sending their child to private, non-Catholic schools;
6. The distances parents who have children enrolled in Catholic Schools

travel per week (which also includes after-school activities, special events and meetings).

7. The demographic analysis of the growth of counties within our diocese since 1990;
8. What analyses indicate regionalization;

Catholics are directed to "Go and make disciples" and share the message of truth which is found only in the Catholic Church.

What a denial of faith to not provide our communities with this great tool of evangelization and faith formation, especially in an area that is filled with misconceptions of the Catholic Church.

Maybe the motto for Catholic Schools Week should be: "Catholic Schools — Schools You Wish You Had"; And the theme for 1998: "Catholic Schools — Schools You Can Only Dream Of."

Carolann Darling  
Advance, N.C.



## Put Your Assets To Work

By JIM KELLEY

There's no mystery to estate planning. It covers the process of accumulating, managing and distributing property over the course of a lifetime. Creating a sound estate plan and keeping it up-to-date expresses your desires regarding who receives your assets and under what circumstances; helps eliminate unnecessary administration expenses; and gives you control of what happens to your resources.

Should you fail to make your own plans, the state of North Carolina has provisions to distribute your assets, yet possibly not as you would prefer. Under rigid and impersonal "state-wide" wills, your friends and charitable interests cannot receive any benefits from your estate.

### Make Your Wishes Known

Voicing your wishes through a well-planned will, revocable living trust, or other valid legal arrangement can enable you to conserve more property for heirs, save you taxes both now and in the future, and reduce your estate settlement expenses. Let your attorney incorporate your wishes into the proper legal form so that your assets go to work for you while you control what happens to them.

As grateful stewards of their resources, many thoughtful Catholics in the Diocese of Charlotte also use their estate plans as vehicles to make charitable gifts to Catholic causes, their parish, the diocesan Foundation, or the Diocese of Charlotte that strengthen the foundation of Catholicism. This can be done without diminishing the security of your spouse, children, or other loved ones.

### Selecting The Right Property

Have you considered funding your gift with something other than cash? Perhaps you invest in mutual funds or stocks or receive shares from a company stock

option plan.

Whatever the form, appreciated property that you have owned for longer than a year and a day make advantageous gifts and bring you favorable tax treatment. You usually deduct the current fair market value of the asset you give instead of the lower price you probably paid originally and you do not pay capital gains tax on a charitable gift the way you would if you sold it instead.

### Honoring A Loved One Now

Our thoughts naturally turn to family during Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. A wonderful spouse, cherished children and grandchildren, beloved parents, treasured brothers and sisters all bring reasons to celebrate.

It's such a blessed season — and reason — for special memorial gifts to your parish, Catholic causes, or this diocese that combine your love for someone special with God's great love for us.

An effective real estate plan helps assure that your wishes for your family and your Church are carried out in welcome ways. Balancing your hopes for the future with realistic plans for today can be very satisfying.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss your long-range estate and financial plans in confidence and without obligation when you contact me at the Development Office, Diocese of Charlotte, 1524 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1709 or 377-6871.

*Jim Kelley is Director of Development for the Diocese of Charlotte.*



## Economic Initiatives Addressed At Ecumenical Conference

By PAUL FREDETTE

Correspondent

ASHEVILLE — Stirring beneath the quiet decorum at Trinity Episcopal Church one could feel genuine excitement among the more than 150 participants gathered March 15 for a groundbreaking ecumenical conference addressing social justice. *Economic Initiatives: Issues of Justice and Faith* was a daylong event co-sponsored by the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, and the Task Force on Economic Justice of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina.

The purpose of the conference was to generate deeper commitment among local church workers and their

respective religious communities to greater involvement in addressing issues of economic injustice in the broader community. Dee Williams of Asheville, responding to the keynote speakers, voiced a concern widely shared among participants. Those who would benefit most from this gathering, she pointed out, could not afford the time nor would they devote an entire day to "talking the talk without a determination to walk the walk right here in the Asheville community."

Keynote speakers Kimberly Bobo, executive director of the recently established National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice based in Chicago, and Dr. June Jackson Christmas, psychiatrist and health policy planner from New York, both stressed the importance of cultivating faith that is satisfied only in the doing of justice.

"Doing justice," asserted Bobo, "is not the same as doing good things." In her view, running soup kitchens does not suffice when the need for a living wage, or the need for collective bargaining are the real issues. Bobo stated unequivocally that loving one's neighbor as oneself means helping your neighbor to have what you have, even at some cost to yourself. Whether the issue is welfare reform, furthering local living wage ordinances, or developing resources for low-income housing, Bobo insists a faith that does justice must operate in two critical areas: Advocating public policies and supporting the right of workers to organize.

Speaking from her considerable experience in public policy at all levels of government, Christmas reminded everyone — with an eye on the current economic scene — that "a rising tide does not lift all boats." On behalf of groups "whose race and class make them expendable from the word 'go,'" Christmas



Photo by PAUL FREDETTE

Participants compare notes as they listen to keynote speaker Kimberly Bobo during the *Economic Initiatives* conference.

argued for a four-fold approach requiring awareness, advocacy, action and accountability to deal effectively with a national mood of "let me get mine first."

Without absolving government of its responsibilities to cooperate with private and religious groups, Christmas concluded her remarks by affirming the crucial role of faith-based groups, saying "it is not just for others, but for all of us that we must act."

Responding to the keynote speakers, Dr. Barney Offerman, director of the Campaign for Human Development in the Charlotte diocese, said he welcomed their affirmations of the connection between a strong labor movement and the advancement of economic justice, noting the legislative accomplishments of the 1960s and early '70s in the area of civil rights, housing and health care.

Other participants like Trinitarian Sister Marie Frechette, director of the western regional office of Catholic Social Services, felt personally challenged to examine some aspect of their commitment to social justice. "I'm being pushed to grow," she admitted.

Throughout the afternoon, regional and local leaders facilitated seven workshops that focused on housing and homelessness, welfare reform, immigration law, rural communities, institutionalized racism, employment ethics and living wage, and opportunities to promote economic justice in local communities.

## CRISM Spring Fling

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### Listening Sessions

April 1, 1-3 p.m., Greensboro Vicariate  
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Greensboro

April 4, 1-3 p.m., Albemarle Vicariate  
Sacred Heart, Salisbury

April 23  
Spring Fling

Catholic Conference Center, Hickory

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# What Catholic Schools Can Mean To Your Children

Mecklenburg Area  
Catholic Schools

## MACS... A Dream Come True

by C. Charles LeBlanc, Regional Superintendent

I have been gainfully employed by Catholic schools since 1967. In those 30 years I have either participated in or witnessed various schooling styles of parochial, inter-parochial and/or diocesan educational programs. Regardless of the offering there always appeared some degree of internal competition that did not address the vision and mission of the Catholic Church as I understand it.

Somehow, the message of Jesus ("Look at these Christians and see how they love one another") seemed difficult. Maybe what I was seeing was schooling that was narrow in scope. In some areas I observed buildings being built that were the envy of many and in other areas I saw that there were not even enough desks for each child to have a seat.

MACS has taken to heart the vision of the Christian dimension of Catholic education.

MACS is refreshing in that all schools in the system are like family. Parish contributions to the tuition assistance program are system-driven and not parochial supported. What a difference when I meditate on the Scripture — look at these Christians and see how they love one another. Positives are present. Equality is present in all arenas of the service community.

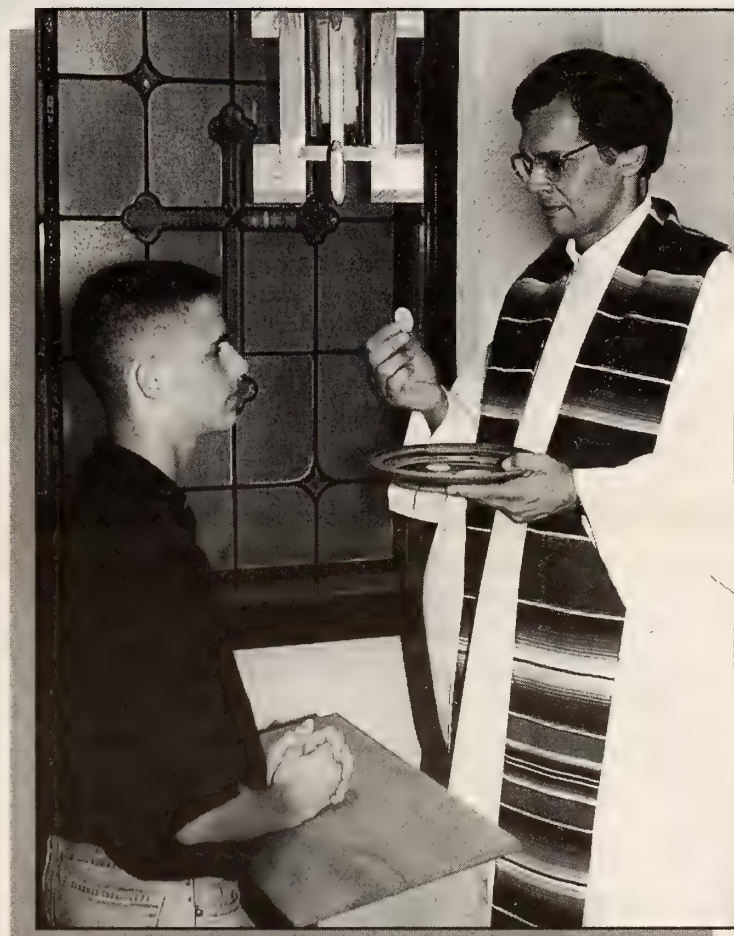
In 1988 the Congregation for Catholic education said, "While the Catholic school is like any other school in this complex variety of events that make up the life of the school, there is one essential difference: it draws its inspiration and its strength from the Gospel in which it is rooted." The gospel is not limited. My experience in Catholic schools has been one in which there were seeming limitations based on parochial boundaries. MACS reaches farther. MACS, by its very nature serves Mecklenburg County.

There is discussion to make that service more readily available. MACS is providing a service that can eventually become a model for other communities to copy and expand.

Knowing that the system is only five years old, we are indebted to those who have gone before us with the vision of education that is collaborative with the mission of the Church. Simply stated that mission is, "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, even to the end of time,*" (Mt. 28:19-20). I pray that God's blessings continue to lead and direct the efforts of MACS so that the system may more strongly evangelize.

### Mission

**The mission of the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools regional system is to provide Catholic children in the Mecklenburg Area the opportunity for a quality education in the Catholic tradition. We are committed to the development of our students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially to prepare them to live and serve in a changing society as self-respecting and responsible citizens. We strive to maintain an environment in which the teachings of Jesus are promoted and proclaimed as the basis of the values taught and upheld. We recognize that this mission is a shared responsibility with our parishes and parents.**



### Constructive Learning Environment

by Joan Stretch, member, Board of Education

The uniqueness of our Catholic school system is reflected daily by the young voices raised in prayers of thanks and prayers of petition at the opening and close of every school day. Our schools are communities of Christians empowered by the Spirit which endeavors to develop the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical dimensions of each student. MACS faculty and staff strive to proclaim and witness Gospel values by creating an environment built on mutual respect and love.

An indispensable element in the Catholic school environment is the support and involvement of parents. The home and school working hand in hand creates an environment that encourages each child to develop a personal relationship with Christ through knowledge of the Catholic faith.

The learning environment in every Catholic school strives to foster in each student a positive self image that will inspire him or her to develop a personal sense of initiative, responsibility and respect. It fosters a sensitivity to cultural and aesthetic values and a desire to acquire the qualities of heart and mind necessary for effective service to others.

Further, each student is encouraged in the daily practice of social graces through refinement in manners, speech and dress. We expect our children to live up to our highest expectations academically and behaviorally. Discipline is administered with firmness, kindness, concern and always in the best interest of the child and school community.



# MACS Experiences Incredible Growth

by Jennifer Wheeler, Director of Development

During the 1991-92 school year, more than 400 students were on waiting lists, and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School was thought to be closing in three years due to the widening of Independence Boulevard. Total student capacity for all five Catholic schools was 2,420. To accommodate rising enrollment, MACS was created and the Catholic schools in Charlotte increased from five to seven schools with the addition of an elementary and middle school. The MACS system now has the capacity to serve 4,300 students, an increase of 1,880.

All Saints Catholic School was a newly created elementary school, built to serve the growing southeast Charlotte area. Within a year, the building was expanded due to the ever increasing number of Catholic students in that area. The school now has the capacity to serve 640 students.

A new Charlotte Catholic High School was built to accommodate up to 1,200 students, almost double the number of students it was able to house in the previous location.

The building of the new CCHS allowed for a new middle school at the previous CCHS location, accommodating 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The move to the new Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School provided more space for additional students in all the elementary schools. The capacity at

## School Enrollment Increase (%)

1991-92 to 1996-97

MACS

Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Charlotte Latin

Providence Day

Charlotte Country Day

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is currently 850 students, with work beginning on the campus this summer to increase the number of seats to 1,100.

OLA, forced to move due to the widening of Independence Boulevard, built a new school on Shamrock Drive. Currently the school can serve 306 children.

St. Ann's Parish built a Parish Activity Center where the St. Ann Catholic School students now enjoy lunch, physical education classes and other activities. A kindergarten classroom was added to the existing school

structure and the former school cafeteria was converted into a multipurpose room. The current capacity for St. Ann Catholic School is 386.

St. Gabriel Parish built a new Community Center for both the Parish and St. Gabriel Catholic School to use. The new facility includes a gymnasium, cafeteria, stage and classrooms to serve 546 students, an increase of 176 over the previous school.

St. Patrick Catholic School, the oldest Catholic school in Charlotte, received extensive renovations including a new gym floor, masonry repairs, new bathrooms and repairs to the cafeteria. Present capacity is 365.

## Admissions Procedure Offers MACS Families Many Options

by Virginia Bond, Admissions Director

Families new to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area often express surprise and then interest in the MACS concept of regionalization. Prior to regionalization, more than 400 students were on waiting lists in many area

*The current admissions procedure enables families the greatest opportunities for securing a seat for their child in MACS.*

Parish Catholic schools in Charlotte. When the Catholic schools in Charlotte joined forces, families were given access to all seven schools in MACS; therefore increasing their chances of enrolling their children in one of the schools. The current admissions procedure enables families the greatest opportunities for securing a seat for their child in MACS.

Families applying for admissions for their elementary aged children are offered five different campus locations. They are asked to indicate their first four school choices by preference on their admissions form.

Many inquiring families express relief to know that MACS will make every effort to place their elementary child in one of the five parochial schools within the Mecklenburg Area Catholic School system. As one new family applying for admissions for the 1997-98 school year wrote on their application, "We were equally impressed with all the schools, therefore we are very flexible in our choices and just want our children in a Catholic school." All five elementary schools, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School and Charlotte Catholic High School offer a quality education in the Catholic tradition.







# MACS Buses Off and Rolling

by John Eichorn, Transportation Chair

In August of 1995, seven big yellow buses with Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools printed in bold lettering on their sides, rolled across Charlotte/Mecklenburg, inaugurating MACS' new transportation system. This service has been a boon for the parents of the 400-plus students who utilize the system, allowing more convenient access to all seven schools in the MACS system.

With every year the fleet has grown. During the school day the buses are used for school field trips, transporting the students to cultural enrichment programs and class retreats. In addition, a 22-passenger bus is planned for the use of smaller athletic teams like tennis and golf for transportation to and from tournaments.

Convenience and increased accessibility are the purpose of the transportation system. The safety and welfare of the students is our greatest consideration. All bus drivers possess the mandatory Commercial Driver's License and are state trained as well as CPR certified.

# Learning Enrichment Activities Program Begins at MACS

by Karen Mann, Director of Learning Support

All children can learn, but the rate in which learning takes place varies from student to student. For several years, the MACS Learning Support Program has helped students who needed a little extra support. LEAP (Learning Enrichment Activities Program), which MACS will pilot at Our Lady of the Assumption

Catholic School in the 1997-98 school year, offers enrichment opportunities to all children while allowing students who master concepts faster than classmates an opportunity during the school day to explore topics of interest and create projects to show what they have learned. The program is based on the nationally acclaimed Renzulli Schoolwide Enrichment Model.

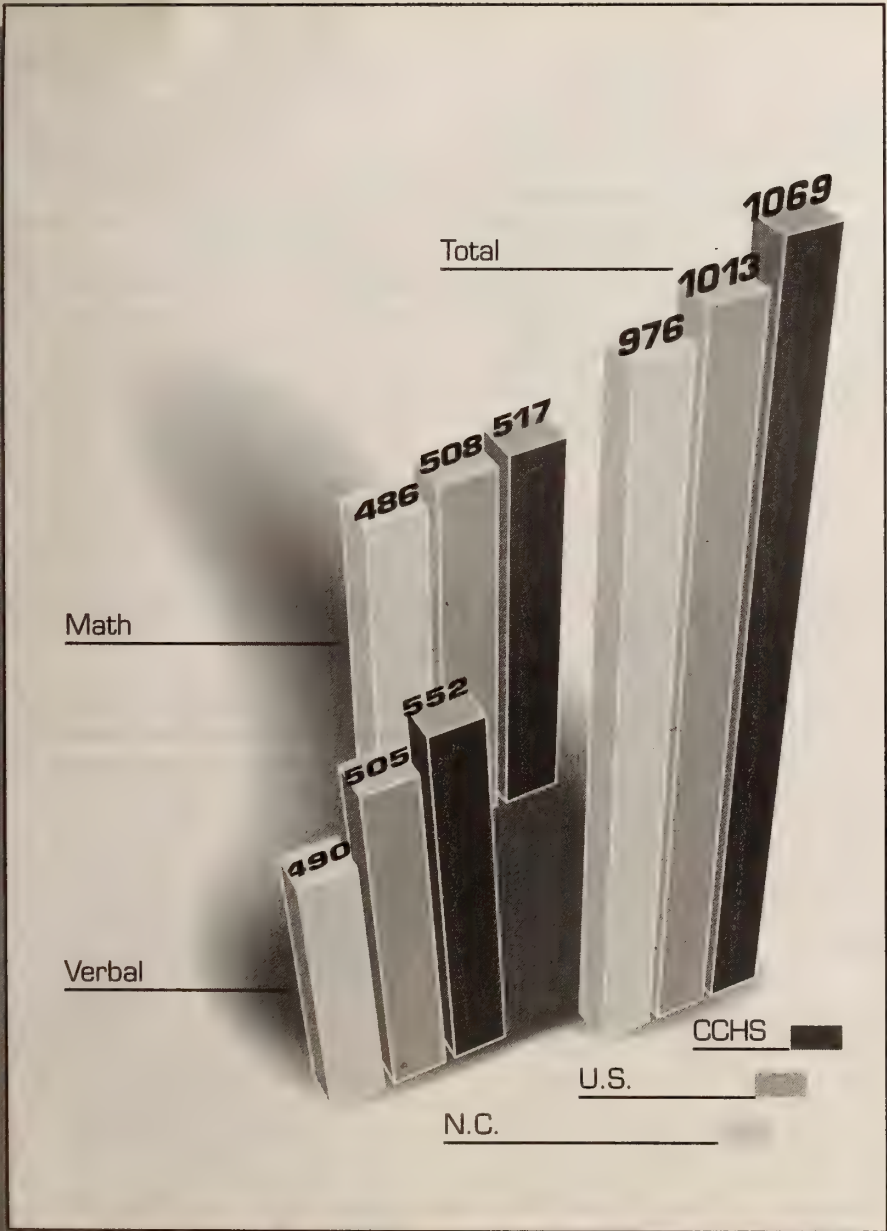
Teachers are able to use curriculum compacting to shorten the time a student spends learning a concept. As students compact curriculum, the teacher will move to helping students learn more about special interest topics, do higher thinking skill activities, and

create products to be shared with other students, the school or even the community. One elementary student in another school system learned the historic district of his town and developed a brochure which included a map and information on the historic places. His work was shared with the town's Chamber of Commerce and is now available to visitors. This kind of real-life-product is encouraged.

After a year, the program will be expanded to at least one other school in the MACS system. If the program succeeds, then MACS will consider implementing the Learning Enrichment Activities Program in other MACS schools.

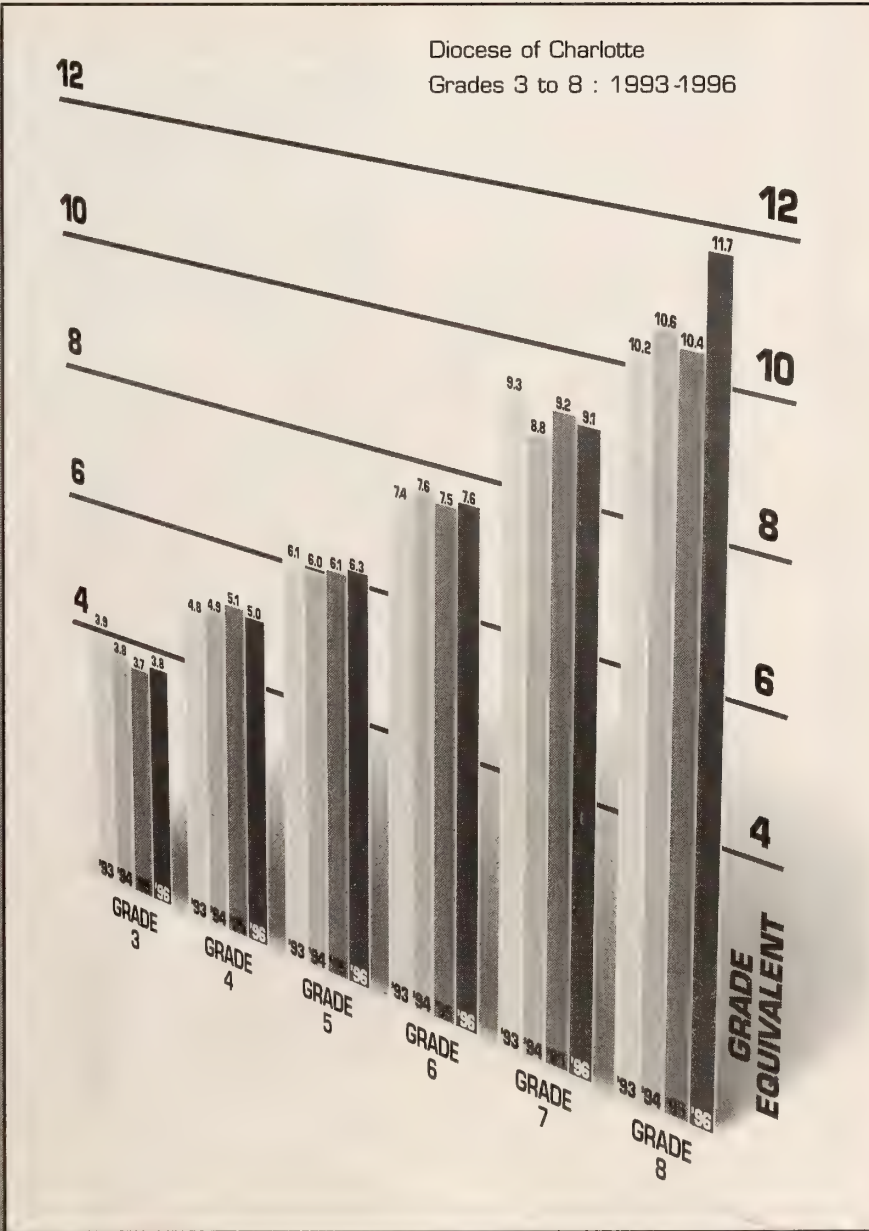
## SAT Scores

For Spring, 1995



## Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Comparison of Total Math Scores





## CCHS Offers An Enriching Experience to Students

by Jennifer Sheely  
CCHS Director of Development

Charlotte Catholic High School, a four year coeducational facility, has a long tradition of spiritual and academic excellence that has served the Charlotte Catholic community for over 50 years. The central aspect of the CCHS program is the Faith Development of the

students. CCHS works hard to create an environment where the members of the CCHS community are able to fully explore and develop their faith.

All students take Religion classes which are designed to give the students a firm foundation in Catholicism and

help them to apply their faith to every aspect of their life. The service program is another major component of this faith development. It affords students the opportunity to take these lessons of faith and love learned in class and apply them to the outside community.

The students of CCHS are not only challenged in their faith development but also in their academic knowledge. The facility provides the students and the faculty with the best available educational resources, including fully equipped science labs and a Media Center which boasts an Integrated Communications System.

The excellence that is seen in CCHS academics goes much further than its facilities; it also lies in the distinguished faculty at CCHS. The faculty consists of over 50 fully qualified individuals, many of whom have their Masters degree. There is currently a 17:1 student to teacher ratio with a maximum of 25 students per classroom. Guidance and learning support counselors help students with any needed additional academic attention, college and career preparation, and personal issues.

The students at CCHS do succeed academically. They consistently score significantly higher on the SAT exam than the state and national averages. The graduation rate is 100%, with 98% of the students historically proceeding to four year colleges and institutions. The Class of 1996 was awarded an incredible \$1.6 million in scholarships, with 25% of the seniors receiving these scholarships.

CCHS realizes that the growth of a young person is not limited to what is learned inside a classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in the many extracurricular and fine arts activities that the school offers. There are over 25 clubs that students can join.

Drama, music, choral, dance, band and art classes are all offered at CCHS. All students, regardless of their participation in these activities, are exposed to a variety of cultural events, presented by both their fellow students and guests from the larger community.

CCHS fields 26 teams in 13 different sports. The CCHS Cougars pride themselves most on their constant display of true sportsmanship on the athletic fields.

In all important areas from service to academic, from religious to social, Charlotte Catholic High School has worked hard to instill in its students strong Christian, Catholic values that they can use throughout their lifetime. The young adults who graduate from CCHS continue to make positive contributions to both the Church and society. CCHS is truly a school you can believe in!



## Education Foundation Enhances Schools Through Grants

by Jennifer Wheeler, Director of Development

The MACS Education Foundation, the fundraising arm of MACS, was established in 1993 to augment support of educational programs in the MACS system. Monies raised through the Annual Giving Campaign support projects and programs beyond what tuition and fees cover. These needs include additional computers for the classroom, tuition assistance for families in need, development for teachers and an endowment fund, to ensure the future needs of the students are met. Since its inception, nearly \$500,000 in donations have been raised for use in Charlotte's Catholic schools, enriching the learning environment for all involved.

The newest endeavor by the Foundation is the "Grants for Educational Excellence" program. Teachers apply for Foundation grants for projects which combine new teaching techniques with creative projects for the classroom. Grants for the 1997-98 school year are being increased from \$300 to \$500 per project.

## Beatitudes of Catholic Education

by C. Charles LeBlanc, Regional Superintendent

1. Blessed are the students whose schools have a clear Catholic identity.
2. Blessed are the students whose teachers acknowledge that all students can learn.
3. Blessed are the students who receive a quality education.
4. Blessed are the students who have a supportive and challenging learning environment.
5. Blessed are the students who are educated in all areas of life.
6. Blessed are the students when the school is a community of learners.
7. Blessed are the students when schools use multiple resources.
8. Blessed are the students whose parents play a major role in their learning.

Robert J. Kealey, Ed. D  
*American Catholic Schools for the 21st Century*

Christian living is centered in the Gospel Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5, Lk. 6). Each beatitude speaks of a certain unique quality that validates humanity. Experiencing school by sharing each of the Beatitudes of Catholic Education is chief to the unique identity of Catholic schooling. Catholic education participates in the "beatitudinal" dialogue by incorporating religious identity and quality

education and thus effecting and affecting the growth of personhood. Thus we quote Dr. Kealey's Beatitudes of Catholic Education as we discuss Catholic identity of the MACS schools.

Recognize the beauty of Beatitudes. In the Gospel each one speaks of human sentiment; in the Beatitudes of Catholic Education, each one begins, "Blessed are the students..." Catholic education is a student-centered process of scholarship, maturity, growth. Blessed are the students is the focus of education, especially education that is steeped in religious value — education that fosters identity.

Blessed are the students is also the focus that gives status and dignity to teaching. Teachers are professional because teachers interact with people "on the way." A true professional is one who shares learned skills and/or talents in relationship with people. People to people: that's what it's all about.

Thank God for the Beatitudes of the Gospel. They provide us a suggested style of living. Thank God for Catholic schools. They provide us the avenue for learning how to best experience life.

## Technology in the MACS System

by Joe Fiato, MACS Board of Education Technology Co-Chair

"The Mecklenburg Area Catholic School system technology program will create, maintain and perpetuate an environment in which students, teachers, administrators and the support community utilize technology as a tool for living and learning."

—Mission statement from the current five-year MACS Strategic Technology Plan

Within the MACS mission of providing a quality education in the Catholic tradition is engendered the need to prepare our children to meet the challenges present in the world today. As MACS enters the 21st century, our children must be prepared to leverage the Technology available to them, especially as Technology is fast becoming an integral part of their everyday

lives. The use of Technology that supports the development of skills such as flexibility, adaptability, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration are being implemented.

Additionally, not only is Technology essential to our student's success, but it is also fast becoming a requirement to effectively manage our school system. Therefore, Technology has become not only an integral part of our curriculum and physical environment, but also a necessary part to provide the Technological infrastructure for our teachers and administrators that will enable them to work and communicate more effectively and productively within MACS.

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# Entertainment



CNS photo from Disney Enterprises

Tim Allen (left) and Sam Huntington play a father and his missing son in the comedy "Jungle 2 Jungle." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Jungle 2 Jungle

### Culture Clash Comedy Is Mildly Amusing, Highly Contrived

NEW YORK (CNS) — A boy raised in a rainforest visits his father in New York in the frail clash-of-cultures comedy, "Jungle 2 Jungle."

The movie is actually based on a 1994 French comedy, which Disney released here in a poorly dubbed version entitled "Little Indian, Big City." It instantly vanished from the big screen. This time around, the identical story has a somewhat better chance owing to the presence of hugely popular sitcom star Tim Allen playing a workaholic Wall Street trader off to Venezuela to get his long-estranged wife (JoBeth Williams) to sign divorce papers.

But there is a complication before he can jet back to his bimbo bride-to-be (Lolita Davidovich): Once in the rainforest he discovers his wife was pregnant when she left him and he is the father of 13-year-old Mimi-Siku

(Sam Huntington), who insists on returning with his dad (whom he affectionately calls Baboon) to see the Big Apple.

Naturally the lad is a fish out of water there, who, speaking of fish, manages to roast and devour the rare aquarium fish of dad's frenzied partner (Martin Short) and generally unnerve everyone with his bow and arrow and giant pet spider. Limp subplots have dad and his partner in very hot water with the Russian mafia over coffee futures, dad's partner afraid that Mimi-Siku will seduce his smitten 12-year-old daughter, and dad and his fiancée bickering while an obnoxious video crew follows them around everywhere.

Despite the theme of dad learning to stop and smell the roses while coming to care for his son, the comic aspects of the movie, as directed by John Pasquin, are blandly realized and look highly contrived.

The cinematography of the real jungle and the city jungle is quite handsome and the many sitcom-type situations keeps the story dredging onwards, but the final result is a loose stitching together of only mildly amusing scenes up to the easily-guessed ending.

Due to an implied pre-marital relationship, comic violence and some coarse humor, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



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## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Celestial Clockwork" (1996)

Giddy French comedy in which a would-be opera singer (Ariadna Gil) leaves Venezuela for Paris where her attempts to audition for the lead in the Rossini opera, "Cinderella," is thwarted by a series of comic complications, eccentric characters and whimsical situations. Though writer-director Fina Torres tries to set the absurd proceedings in the grander context of the foolish nature of mortals, the lightweight result proves little more than a hit-or-miss mixture of good-natured frivolity and general silliness. Subtitles. Some sexual inferences, a few coarse words and an instance of profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Dawning" (1988)

Sensitive coming-of-age drama set in the political troubles of 1920 Ireland, where an Anglo-Irish girl (Rebecca Pidgeon), being raised by an affluent aunt (Jean Simmons), turns 18 and drops her crush on a local stockbroker (Hugh Grant) after meeting a mysterious stranger (Anthony Hopkins) hiding in an abandoned beach house. Directed by Robert Knights, viewers know long before the girl does that the stranger is an IRA gunman planning a ruthless terrorist action which will unleash an equally ruthless response, with traumatic results for the innocent teen-ager. Brief gory violence and menacing situations. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Hear My Song" (1992)

Jaunty comedy follows a conniving London concert promoter (Adrian Dunbar) back to Ireland to lure a famous tenor (Ned Beatty) out of retirement for a reunion with his old flame (Shirley-Anne Field). Director Peter Chelsom's scenic joyride across Ireland is littered with plucky characters, romantic sentiment and broad humor that's as silly as it is charming. Fleeting bedroom scene with nudity, momentary violence and occasional rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "High School High" (1996)

Dopey comedy in which an affable high school history teacher (Jon Lovitz) tries to motivate his rowdy inner-city class and winds up infiltrating a neighborhood crime ring preying on the students. Director Hart Bochner gleams limited humor from a feeble script and cartoon-like characters. Comic violence, sexual innuendo, fleeting rear nudity, in-

termittent crude expressions and minimal profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Horseman on the Roof" (1996)

While fleeing Austrian bounty hunters in 1832, an Italian nationalist (Olivier Martinez) makes his way through cholera-ravaged southern France alongside a beautiful, mysterious noblewoman (Juliette Binoche) he is determined to deliver to the safety of her family. Directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau from the Jean Giono novel, the result is a visually splendid romantic adventure awash in danger, mystery and the selfless hero's incredible gallantry. Subtitles. Sporadic brief violence and fleeting nudity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Into the West" (1993)

When a magnificent white horse wanders into their Dublin slum, two motherless waifs (Ruaidhri Conroy and Ciaran Fitzgerald) ride off into the countryside, pretending to be Wild West cowboys with their sobered father (Gabriel Byrne) and the police in hot pursuit. Director Mike Newell presents a sensitive yet rousing tale of emotionally neglected children whose imaginations help them transcend an impoverished home. Fleeting violence, children in jeopardy and a few profanities. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Supercop" (1996)

Bone-crunching pulp adventure follows a Hong Kong policeman (Jackie Chan) teamed with a mainland Chinese policewoman (Michelle Khan) as they go undercover to nab a top drug lord (Ken Tsang). Directed by Stanley Tong, the dubbed production revels in the comic-book exploits of its genial, self-deprecating hero in an action fantasy keyed to martial-arts stunt work and special effects destruction, including a wild chase finale. Tongue-in-cheek fantasy violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



## People In The News



A special edition postage stamp of Pope John Paul II is being issued by the Bosnian postal company. The pope will visit the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo for the first time April 12-13.

CNS photo from Reuters

### Former Rebel Leader Surprised To Find Herself Running For Office

GUARJILA, El Salvador (CNS) — Five years after the end of the civil war, former rebel leader Maria Navarette was running for Congress in the country's second post-war congressional and mayoral elections. "We've been seeking power for years, but I never thought I'd be the one actually going for a position," said the plump 47-year-old peasant at her home in this poor rural community of ex-combatants in Chalatenango province, some 50 miles north of the capital, San Salvador. The elections were to be held March 16. Navarette was running for the former leftist guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, which became a political party at the end of the war.

### Former Charities Head Now Researching Domestic Social Issues

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As president of Catholic Charities USA from 1982 to 1992, Father Tom Harvey became an expert on the world of human services. Now, after three years as pastor of two parishes in his native Pitts-

burgh, Father Harvey is back on the national scene, researching domestic social issues in Washington. He is the first holder of the Phil Land Chair of Applied Catholic Social Thought at the Center of Concern. He holds a joint appointment as senior policy fellow at the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations.

### Wisconsin Lawsuit Against Tobacco Companies Called Moral Battle

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — For Capuchin Father Michael Crosby, the legal battle of 21 states against the tobacco industry is also a moral battle. "Citizens, through their taxes, have been paying the burden of health-related costs for smoking," said Father Crosby, but such costs should be paid by "the real culprits — tobacco companies making exorbitant profits from people's ill health." The Milwaukee priest, a onetime smoker, is pleased that Wisconsin has joined the fight. He has battled the tobacco industry for many years as an officer of the New York-based Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility.

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# Permanent Diaconate Is Ministry Of Service

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — In the 46-county area that is the Diocese of Charlotte, the Catholic faith has flourished throughout 25 years of history. With that growth comes a variety of needs of the more than 104,000 Catholics living in western North Carolina today, needs which in large part are tended to by the Church's ministers of service: permanent deacons.

The permanent diaconate represents one of three ranks in ordained ministry and was restored by Pope Paul VI in 1967-68 to allow men to become deacons for life, rather than going on to the priesthood, as is the case in the transitional diaconate. Consequently, married men may be ordained as permanent deacons. The papal decree completed the hierarchical structure of the Roman-rite Church, and, according to Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, deacons were thereby directed to "serve the people of God in the

ministry of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity."

In the Diocese of Charlotte, more than 60 permanent deacons tend to a diversity of duties. "In this diocese, when a deacon is ordained, he is assigned to a parish, and he must have a parish ministry. Also, he may be given additional responsibilities during the course of his career," explains Rev. Mr. Ben Wenning, permanent deacon at St. Gabriel Church and Charlotte regional director of the permanent diaconate.

For this diocese's deacons, those ministerial duties include assisting in the celebration of Mass, administering baptism, leading Eucharistic services outside of Mass, preparing engaged couples for marriage, officiating at weddings and funeral services, and counseling, among a host of other duties.

The ever-increasing congregation of Catholics in the area, Rev. Mr. Wenning adds, is likely to increase those responsibilities. "With this diocese's potential

and growth, the deacons' assignments could be far and wide," he said.

Since January 1997, the training for the permanent diaconate in the Charlotte Diocese is a four-year period of formation, preceded by the two-year lay ministry program. Fourteen men are currently pursuing that commitment to service.

As vicar for the Charlotte region's permanent diaconate, Rev. Mr. Wenning assumes the added obligation of listening to and acting upon the concerns of the area's 22 deacons and their families, plus the widows of two deceased deacons. During monthly meetings throughout the diaconate vicariate, he sees and hears first-hand the impact of family life in the ministry.

"A deacon has his life influenced not only by the Church, but by his way of life through matrimony — through exposure to raising and educating children, and nurturing and living with his wife," Rev. Mr. Wenning explains. "A deacon processes whatever he does, be it for himself or for the Church, through the screen of marriage and children and home life."

The commitment can be an extensive one, and whether duties lie at the parish level or in the community, the diaconate becomes a life ministry. Rev. Mr. Wenning has witnessed that ministry reach worldwide proportions. An original board member and the current chaplain of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport Chaplaincy, he directs three other Charlotte-area deacons along with a multi-faith volunteer staff to provide

a tranquil resource in a sprawling metropolitan business.

"It's an interfaith chapel, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Rev. Mr. Wenning explains. Bibles and books of prayer are furnished in a number of languages, and the chaplaincy personnel offer outreach to people of all faiths. The volunteer staff members, whether Catholic or Protestant, are required to be trained through lay ministry-related programs before joining the chaplaincy team.

In his experience, Rev. Mr. Wenning has converted conference rooms into sanctuaries for Mass, arranged for Jewish religious services, assisted ministers in meeting families of deceased relatives for counseling and a host of other instances. "At the airport there are 17,000 employees, and 21 million travelers go through there every year," Rev. Mr. Wenning adds. "At any given time, day or night, we're always dealing with people (and their needs)."

Like those who minister at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, members of the permanent diaconate have been answering Christ's call to spiritual and charitable assistance throughout the diocese since 1983. It was in that year that Bishop Michael J. Begley ordained the first group of diocesan deacons, men dedicated to cultivating the faith through service.

*In the Diocese of Charlotte, the permanent diaconate program is one of the 37 ministries and agencies funded by the annual Diocesan Support Appeal.*

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another breath, from some form of acute heart failure, perhaps a fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

So apparently, as modern medicine analyzes it, either cardiac rupture or cardiorespiratory failure finally killed our Lord, bringing Him to the moment when, in John's powerful words, "He handed over the spirit," and died (Jn. 19:30).

*A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.*

*Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

## Employment Opportunities

### Pastoral Associate:

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, an 800-family parish located in historic downtown Charleston, S.C., is currently seeking a professional Pastoral Associate to manage its Christian Formation program (children, youth and adult) and Christian Initiation ministries. Masters degree in appropriate field or bachelors degree with comparable experience required. Interested applicants respond by 6-1-97 in writing to: Sr. Bridget Sullivan, OLM, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401

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The minimum requirements for this position are: 10 years work experience in related disciplines as outlined above; 5 years management experience; and a Bachelor's degree in business administration, finance or equivalent. Salary is negotiable and will be based on experience and competitive information.

For more information, please submit your resume to: Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410 or FAX to (910) 294-6149.



# Diocesan News Briefs

## Bereavement Support Groups

**CHARLOTTE** — The Grief Group meets Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish Center's Family Room. Anyone who has lost a spouse, child, sibling, friend or loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets every Thursday from 12-1:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Parish Center.

For more information, call B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5049.

## Marriage Preparation Series

**GREENSBORO** — A five-week marriage preparation series for engaged couples begins April 11 at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 7:15-10:15 p.m. To register, call (910) 294-4696.

## Marriage Encounter Weekends

**HICKORY** — The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 11-13 and Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Abbey Visitation

**BELMONT** — Belmont Abbey College Hosts a visitation day for high school juniors and seniors April 11 beginning at 9 a.m. Visitors will attend classes and tour the campus. For information, call (704) 825-6665, or (888) 222-0110.

## Jesuit House of Prayer

**HOT SPRINGS** — "Twelve Steps to Wholeness" is an April 4-6 retreat for men who are AA members. Accommodations for 17.

"Dreams: Ministers of the Spirit" is an April 11-13 retreat directed by Dr. Eileen Riordan focusing on the place of dreams in Judeo-Christian tradition.

"Growing into a Fuller Life: The Spirituality of Aging" is an April 18-20 retreat for men and women interested in the spiritual, psychological and physical process of aging.

For information and to register, contact the Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, NC 28743, (704) 622-7366.

## Retroville Program

Retroville (ret' ro-vi), meaning "re-discovery," helps married couples heal and renew their loving relationships. The next program begins April 11. For more information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

## Women's Emmaus Retreat

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — Come and experience the risen Jesus the weekend of April 11-13 at Living Waters Reflection Center. A time to reflect, relax and be refreshed. For information, call Cindy Yoham, (704) 665-8249, or Nancy Sparacino, (704) 255-0095.

## Pro-life Day Scheduled

**GREENSBORO** — The N.C. Right

to Life 5th Annual Pro-life Day is April 12 at the Embassy Suites with two workshops conducted by Janet A. Morana, M.S., national operations coordinator for Priests for Life. Other workshops, a luncheon and a panel presentation are included. For further details, call (800) 392-6275.

## Bible Study Group

**GREENSBORO** — A Bible study group meets Thursdays through April from 10-11:45 a.m. at St. Pius X Church. For information, call Kittie, (910) 288-4584.

## Blessed Mother Novena

**CHARLOTTE** — A novena to the Blessed mother is at St. Vincent de Paul Church each Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

**CHARLOTTE** — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Lenten Services

**CONCORD** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Church. Meatless soup supper follows.

**MONROE** — The Way of the Cross in Spanish is at Our Lady of Lourdes Church the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in English are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

**HICKORY** — Stations of the Cross and Benediction are Fridays at 7 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church.

Community-wide Lenten services are Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. at Hartzell Memorial UMC with the Rev. Pat Pearce officiating. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Leo the Great churches.

**HIGH POINT** — Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church.

**GREENSBORO** — The Way of the Cross is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church.

**CHARLOTTE** — A Lenten enrichment program follows 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Fridays at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction follows 9 a.m. Friday Mass and lasts until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass at St. Matthew Church.

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — Stations of the Cross are at 6:30 p.m. the Fridays of Lent at St. Margaret Church. Soup and bread are served at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**CHARLOTTE** — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5271, for details.

**BELMONT** — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

**ASHEVILLE** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Basilica of St. Lawrence daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

**CONCORD** — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays at St. James Church. Call (704) 786-9131 for details.

## BMHS Blood Drive

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The Bishop McGuinness High School Red Cross Blood Drive is March 24 in the gym from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. For an appointment, call Linda Kennedy, (910) 725-4247.

## Oratory Summer Camp

**ROCK HILL, S.C.** — The 1997 Oratory Religion Camp sessions at Camp York in Kings Mountain State Park are July 13-19 and July 20-26 for children under 13 who are entering grades 2-7. Cost is \$90. For applications and information, contact The Oratory Religion Camp, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, S.C. 29731. Volunteer counselors are encouraged to write for staff applications.

## Volunteers Needed

**ASHEVILLE** — Teen-agers 14 and older are needed to work as volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital. Deadline to register for summer orientation is April 1.

## Ultreya And Leaders' School

**CHARLOTTE** — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

**MORGANTON** — Ultreya for the Morganton and Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

**SALISBURY** — Ultreya for the Salisbury and Albemarle areas meets the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

**CHARLOTTE** — A Charlotte Cursillo Community Ultreya is the fourth Sunday each month from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. The event includes a potluck lunch. Baby-sitting is available. For information, call Joe and Sandy Farrelly at (704) 846-2913.

## Living Waters Retreats

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjieff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

"The Hills are Alive" is a May 2-8 retreat alive with the excitement of springtime and the gentle touch of God's creative love directed by Franciscan Father Tom Vigliotta and Sisters of Africa

Sister Eileen Waldron. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

"The Beatitudes and Discipleship" is a May 17-23 retreat based on Jesus' vision of the life of the believer directed by Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

## Divine Mercy Sunday Scheduled

**BELMONT** — Divine Mercy Sunday is April 6 at Belmont Abbey Church beginning at 12:30 p.m. with confessions and the rosary at the Grotto. Please bring a chair. Eucharistic Adoration is from 1:30-2:30 p.m. with Benediction and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Father Carl Kaltreider celebrates Mass at 3 p.m. For more information, call Terri or Phil DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.

## Godspell Production

**CHARLOTTE** — The musical "Godspell" is presented at the St. Gabriel Parish Center on April 4 at 8 p.m.; April 5 at 8 p.m.; and April 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale in the church office or by phone, (704) 364-5431.

## Social Justice Training Program

**ARDEN** — St. Barnabas parish hosts a "Salt and Light Training Program" Tuesdays, April 8 through May 13 from 7-9:30 p.m. for all people of faith looking to further the social mission of the church. Staff of the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace will present the program. The training incorporates the elements of prayer/faith sharing, Catholic social tradition and basic skill development, and focuses on leadership development in the broad spectrum of social ministry. To register, call Sheri Peyton, (704) 684-6098, or Joanne Frazer, (704) 331-1736. There is a \$15 fee for the leadership manual and other materials.

## Violette to Address NCEA Convention

**WASHINGTON** — Gail Hunt Violette, director of the diocesan Office of Telecommunications and the Media Resource Center, will address the 1997 National Catholic Educational Association (NCAE) annual Convention and Exposition, held April 1-4 in Minneapolis, Minn. Violette will present the media literacy session "The Gospel According to the Media" on April 3.

The theme for this year's convention is "Catholic Education: We Come to Share Our Story." More than 10,000 education delegates are expected to attend.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## Assisted Suicide Is Not A Patient's Right, Says Ethicist

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Proponents of physician-assisted suicide argue that legalizing it would recognize a patient's right to self-determination, but in reality doctors determine that course of action, not the patient, said a prominent ethicist March 7. "You tell me how autonomous a patient is who is suffering, who is depressed?" Dr. Edmund Pellegrino asked participants at a conference at The Catholic University of America in Washington. "Does one make autonomous decisions when one feels guilty (for burdening family)? Who makes the decision?" he continued. "The physician decides when you're terminal."

## Tennessee Catholics Debate State School Prayer Bill

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — A bill to enforce the religious rights of public school students has stirred up old questions for Catholics in this heavily Protestant state. The Tennessee Religious Liberty Act of 1997 is intended to erase confusion about students' religious rights, but doesn't seek to establish new rights or amend the Constitution, says its sponsor, state Sen. Roy Herron, a lawyer, teacher and a United Methodist minister. The bill, now awaiting hearings, is a "consensus" between groups who "normally don't even agree on what month we're in," Herron told the *Tennessee Register*, newspaper of the Diocese of Nashville.

## Alzheimer's Research Involving Women Religious Moves Forward

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cooperation by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in a major, ongoing research project is enabling investigators to bring a message of hope for people prone to Alzheimer's disease, according to the director of the Nun Study project. Dr. David A. Snowden, a professor at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington, said autopsies of deceased nuns have shown that many of them who "never showed the symptoms" were carrying the brain abnormalities associated with Alzheimer's. "Those nuns with strokes were more likely to have the symptoms of Alzheimer's," he said.

## Marylanders Take Pro-Life Message To Statehouse

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (CNS) — Almost 2,000 Marylanders marched to their Statehouse March 10 to tell legislators they regard unborn life as precious. The 18th annual March for Life in Annapolis came just days before the state Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee was to consider legislation banning partial-birth abortions. Under the proposal, doctors who perform partial-birth abortions would be subject to fines up to \$1,000 and prison terms up to two years.

## Ban On Partial-Birth Abortion Moves Ahead In South Carolina

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CNS) — Now that South Carolina's House of Representatives has voted to ban partial-birth abortions, the next step is to get the Senate to follow suit, said the director of the state's Citizens for Life. "The key is to get the bill through (the Senate) with no amendments," said Holly Gatling. "The only people who want to amend the language are those who favor abortion on demand, legal and unregulated, for all nine months of a woman's pregnancy." A measure before the Senate's Medical Affairs Committee has the same wording as the bill approved by the House Feb. 26 in a 105-4 vote.

## U.S. Justice And Peace Activists Make Pilgrimage To Israel

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The situation in Israel is very uncertain right now, said Jesuit Father Drew Christiansen, director of the U.S. bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace, after a nine-day visit to the region. Father Christiansen brought 15 Catholic justice and peace activists, including Catholic Relief Services personnel and staff of the international justice and peace office, on a late-February pilgrimage to get better acquainted with the issues in Israel and the Palestinian territories. "It is very hard to say what will happen, especially with this government being in such a paralyzed and disorganized state right now," he said, alluding to police investigation of alleged unethical political dealings within the Likud Party government and matters of coalition politics with which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has recently had to contend.

## Jesuit Jailings Show 'Low-Intensity War,' Says Mexican Bishop

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (CNS) — Two Jesuits beaten, imprisoned and charged with murder are part of a "low-intensity war" against churches in southern Mexico, said Coadjutor Bishop Raul Vera Lopez of San Cristobal de Las Casas. "We believe that we're dealing with a political question to drain confidence in ... the work of the diocese," Bishop Vera said after visiting the Jesuits in prison March 10. The diocese called the arrest of and charges against the priests "another arbitrary action" against the Church in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. Jesuit Fathers Jeronimo Hernandez Lopez and Gonzalo Rosas Morales — along with two Mayan Indians, Francisco Gonzalez Gutierrez and Ramon Parcerio Martinez — were dragged out of their vehicles and arrested March 8 in Palenque, Mexico. On March 10, police charged them with "qualified homicide," saying the four were responsible for leading a peasant attack in which two policemen were killed.



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Helen Alvare of the U.S. bishop's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities testifies during a joint congressional hearing March 11 concerning partial-birth abortion. She said abortion supporters continue to spread false information about the procedure. At right is Douglas Johnson from the National Right to Life Committee.

## Employment Opportunities

**Director of Faith Formation:** St. Michael Catholic Church, a growing parish of 930 families in Gastonia, N.C. is seeking a dynamic, energetic individual as a full-time director of faith formation. Successful candidate will be a proven leader with two or more years professional experience, a degree in religious education, theology or related field; a strong knowledge of Church teaching; be effective in recruiting and coordinating ministry volunteers; and possess a strong organizational and communication skills. Responsibilities include: Faith formation of children grades pre-K through 5, sacramental preparation, RCIA, adult formation, vacation Bible school, evangelization and small groups. Send resume and salary history to: St. Michael Catholic Church, 708 St. Michael's Lane, Gastonia, NC 28052.

**Atlanta, Georgia:** Christ the King Catholic School, a National School of Excellence located on Peachtree street in Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga., is seeking applicants for two positions for Fall, 1997.

**Vice Principal** — current teaching certification and previous teaching experience required. Must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Administrative certification desirable, or willingness to obtain.

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Also welcome are applicants from Catholic teachers for all grades from kindergarten through grade 5; middle school language arts; math; social studies; science; and in enrichment areas including art, music, computer, physical education, guidance and library. For further information, please call Mrs. Bryan, (404) 233-0383, press 0.

**Youth/Young Adult Minister:** Full-time position with responsibility for organizing programs for junior and senior high students, confirmation and young adults 18-30. Certification and experience in youth ministry preferred. Comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith essential. Good salary and benefits package being offered. Position opens July 1, 1997. Send resume and references to: St. John Neumann Church, Youth Minister Search Committee, P.O. Box 23689, Columbia, SC, 29224.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** 900-family, progressive and involved parish, Central Virginia area of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., seeks dynamic individual for full-time position. Coordinate a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle, high school and college-age youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Would work in a collaborative ministry structure. Bachelor's degree required. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Application deadline: April 12, 1997. Submit resume to: Youth Ministry Search Committee, Church of the Incarnation, 635 Hillsdale Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

**Director of Youth Faith Formation:** Sought for dynamic, 2800-family parish in North Raleigh beginning July 1997. The program, directed to youth in grades 6-12 and their families, emphasizes total youth ministry, peer ministry, youth leadership and evangelization. Candidate should hold degree in theology/religious studies and have experience working with youth in a parish setting. Contact Rev. William Kelly, S.J., St. Raphael Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 876-1667.

**Youth/Young Adult Ministry:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Staunton (Shenandoah Valley of Virginia) is a 600-household Catholic community seeking to hire a creative, energetic and talented person to establish a comprehensive Youth and Young Adult Ministry which works with the pastor, pastoral associate and pastoral council in reaching out to evangelize our young people from age 13-30. We are looking for a youth minister who is a committed Roman Catholic loyal to the Church, willing to invest time and energy in building this program with social, spiritual and catechetical dimensions. Degree in theology or religious studies is preferred; experience with youth and recommendations from other parishes is also important. For more information, write Search Committee, St. Francis Church, 121 N. August St., Staunton, VA 24401, or call (540) 886-2262.



# Parish Profile

## Immaculate Heart of Mary

500 Montlieu Avenue  
(Mail: 605 Barbee Ave.)  
High Point, N.C. 27262  
(910) 884-5212

Vicariate: Greensboro

Pastor: Oblates of Francis de Sales Father Joseph C. Zschmidt

Parochial Vicar: Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father Thomas P. Norris

Permanent Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joseph Smith, Rev. Mr. Thomas Kak

Masses: Sat.: 6 p.m.;  
Sun.: 8, 10 a.m.; 12 noon

Number of households: 834

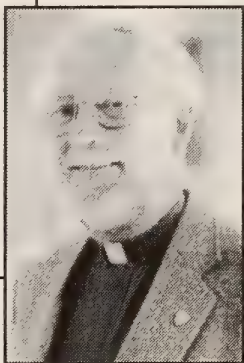
HIGH POINT — As the commemoration of its 50th anniversary as a parish continues through 1997, the Immaculate Heart of Mary community celebrates its present, in part, by taking a look at its history.

The first Mass in High Point was celebrated in 1903, when Catholics gathered with a priest in a local's home. When land was donated on which to build a church, the Benedictine Fathers of Belmont Abbey joined fund-raising efforts to begin a construction project. Plans became reality in 1907, when

work began. In September Benedictine Bishop-Abbot Leo Haid dedicated the new church, placing it under the patronage of St. Edward. It was that small mission community which would later become Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

With the Diocese of Raleigh having been established in 1924, St. Edward Church was placed under diocesan administration. A home and property — the site of the present site of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church — were bought in 1928. Father John Manley lived in the home for a short period as St. Edward's first resident pastor.

Another building project began in 1942. Under the direction and with the support of Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh, a new church and school were constructed. Bishop Waters dedicated the new facilities in October 1947, placing them under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Sisters of St. Joseph of Chesnut Hill, Penn., staffed the school from its founding until 1987. The on-site home that had served as a rectory since the late-1920s was converted for use as a convent. Meanwhile, Father Robert MacMillan — eighth pastor of St. Edward's and founding pastor of Im-

maculate Heart of Mary — took residence at a newly purchased home on Barbee Street.

The congregation has continued to grow steadily since the new parish came into existence. Periodic additions to and renovations of the church and school have been needed to accommodate that growth, including the construction of an eight-classroom educational wing for the

school, and the removal of two meeting room walls to allow more worship space in the church.

In June 1968, the rectory burned, forcing the move of the pastors to the convent. The Sisters relocated to nearby Maryfield Nursing Home's guest house. A new convent was dedicated in 1970, followed by a rectory in 1981.

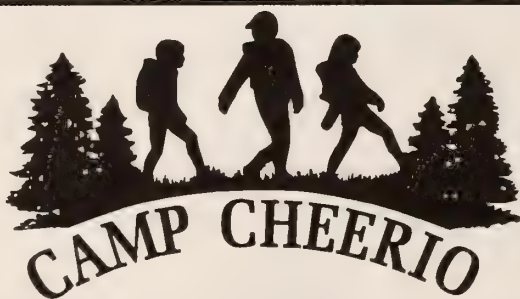
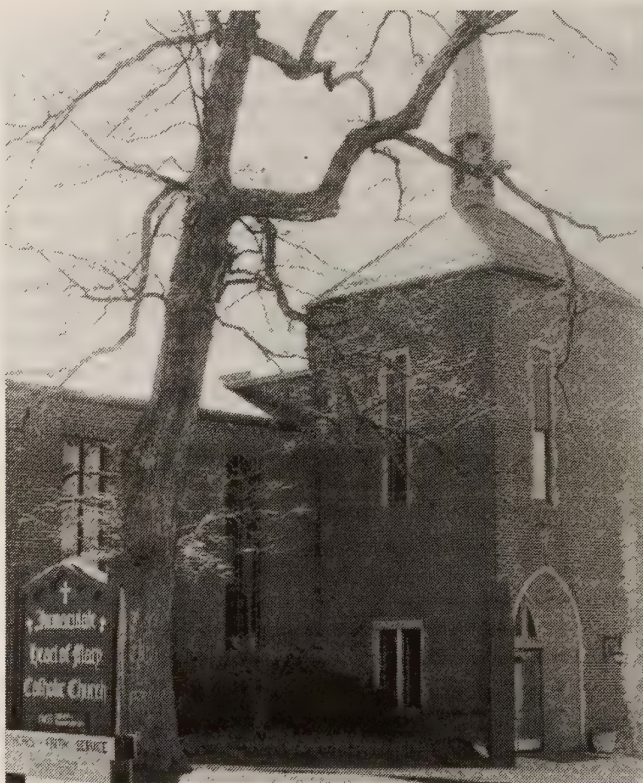
Diocesan priests ministered to the parish until 1989, when Oblates of St. Francis de Sales priests arrived in High Point. Oblates Father Joseph Zschmidt, pastor, and Oblates Father Thomas Norris, parochial vicar, currently serve the parish.

While the parish reflects on its history during their golden anniversary year, the pastoral staff and parishioners also celebrate their present-day community of faith. The religious educational mission

of the parish is a focal point both at the church and school, with programs serving hundreds of children — who attend the parochial school and public schools — and adults. A number of ministries, groups and outreach projects also enrich parish and community life, such as the Bethany Society for women, Young at Heart for senior citizens, Teen Ministry for young adults, the Knight of Columbus, the music ministry, the liturgical commission, Mobile Meals, prison ministry and Habitat for Humanity.

In the spring of 1996, the parish purchased a tract of land on Johnston Street and Skeet Club Road, and a capital campaign was underway by October. Plans are ongoing to construct a new church facility, with a projected occupancy date targeting the beginning of the next decade.

On Oct. 26, 1997, the parish, through a Mass and other celebrations, will take a special moment to recognize 50 years of history. The Immaculate Heart of Mary family will also look ahead, as conveyed in its mission statement, "to continue the work of the Lord Jesus by building up a community of faith in service in which every member is able to grow to the fullness of his or her Christian vocation."



## Weekend Retreats and Conferences for Church Groups

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Mary Magdalen meets the risen Lord in this fresco painted in 1440 by Fra Angelico. The fresco is in the convent of San Marco in Florence, Italy. Easter is celebrated March 30 this year.

## The Bishop's Easter Message

Bishop William G. Curlin

**F**or forty days we have walked with the Lord on the road that leads to Calvary. Holy Week is the culmination of our annual Lenten retreat.

It began Palm Sunday with joyful songs of welcome, yet our joy was tempered by the solemn reading of the Passion and Death of the Lord. For many, daily Mass became their daily food. On Tuesday during Holy Week, your priests gathered together at St. Patrick Cathedral to bless the holy oils used for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the anointing of the sick. They also renewed their priestly commitment and their obedience and reverence for their bishop.

On Holy Thursday, parishioners' feet were washed, symbolic of the Lord's humility in washing the feet of His apostles. It was on Holy Thursday that Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and commanded His followers to do this in remembrance of Him. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament was solemnly carried to the place that welcomed us to "come aside and pray with Him."

Good Friday saw the church's sanctuary stripped of all signs of rejoicing. It was the day of atonement, as we bowed to kiss the cross upon which Jesus paid the ransom price for our sins.

Our Easter celebration begins when the Paschal Candle is lit and its light passed to all within the darkened church. Prophecies that foretold the death and resurrection of the Lord are read. Then, with bells and alleluias filling the church, the *Gloria* is sung. Christ has risen as He promised! Sin and death have been conquered in His resurrection.

May the Risen Savior bless you and your loved ones with every grace from above. May all who have "died with Christ" rise with Him to a New Life and may that life be a light to all around us.

## Oils Consecrated, Priests Recommit To Ministry At Chrism Mass

Bishop Curlin presided at the annual ceremony of the blessing of the holy oils to be used at each parish throughout the diocese, which included the renewal of commitment to priestly service by the ordained.

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — The observance of Holy Week continued in the Diocese of Charlotte on March 25 with the annual Chrism Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral. Bishop William G. Curlin presided at the ceremony which included the blessing of the holy oils to be used at each parish and mission throughout western North Carolina. The liturgy also comprised the

renewal of commitment to priestly service by the ordained. More than 90 priests from throughout the diocese, including Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley and Belmont Abbey's Abbot Oscar Burnett, concelebrated the Mass.

"These blessed gifts of God are used to remind us of His presence in our lives," Bishop Curlin said in his homily before the consecration. The Sacred Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the

Oil of the Sick are sacramental signs of ministerial outreach through baptism, confirmation, ordination of priests and bishops, dedication of churches, and anointing of the sick.

The Chrism Mass, a commemoration of the vital place of the priesthood and the sacraments in the Church, is a union of solemnity and joy. "When anointed with this oil, the people of God are made temples of His glory, radiant

with the goodness of life," the bishop prayed.

As in years past, the ceremony also served as an opportunity for priests to rededicate themselves to the commitment of the priesthood. The diocesan shepherd, who was ordained into the priesthood 40 years ago, profusely thanked the men who will use the sacred oils as symbols of their ministry in various ways. "You're like Jesus, who said, 'I've come to serve, not be served,'" Bishop Curlin told his fellow priests.

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## Chrism Mass, from page 1



Bishop Curlin breathes on the Holy Chrism three times, invoking the Holy Spirit.

He commented on the wonder of the life of a priest, who in his very pledge of faith makes tremendous personal sacrifices. "These men have given up mother and father, sister and brother, the possibility of very successful, productive work in the world, the privilege of a wife and children," the bishop reminded the congregation. "They've given up everything for you." Moments later, the beyond-capacity assembly joined the bishop in applause.

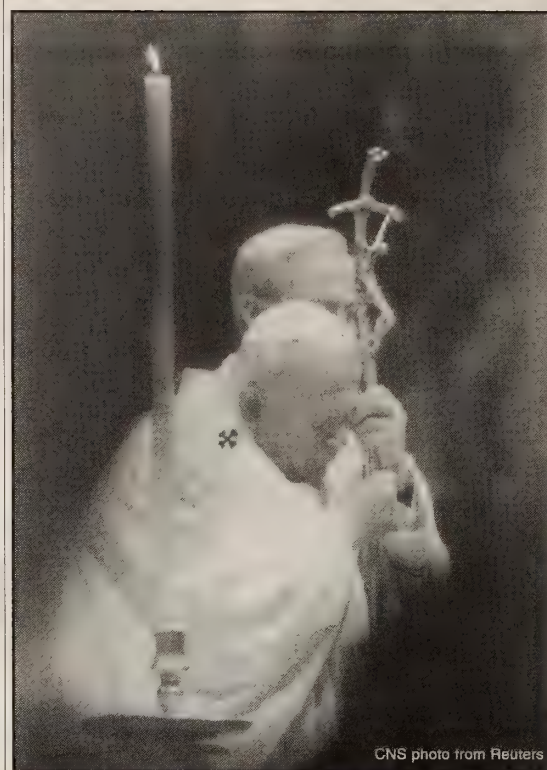
While emphasizing the symbolic grace associated with the holy oils, Bishop Curlin also noted the importance of priests' living in the example of Jesus. "I'm clearly aware that I can impart to them this great gift of the Spirit, the priesthood," he said. "But I cannot give them the heart to live it. Every man must bring that to the priesthood, and that means they must rise every day and be patient and kind, forgiving and generous. Only their love

of Jesus Christ can enable them to do that."

Bishop Curlin asked the congregation for their special intentions as well. "My brothers and sisters," he said, "pray for our priests. Ask the Lord to bless them in the fullness of His love, to help them be faithful ministers of Christ, the high priest, so that they will be able to lead you to Him, the fountain of our salvation."

"Today is a special day during which our brother priests once again say 'yes' to God, 'yes' to the priesthood," the bishop said. "This is a day to rejoice, a day of rededication, a day for us to be renewed by the Easter mysteries."

Photos by JOANN KEANE



CNS photo from Reuters

### Words Of Consecration Focus Of Pope's Holy Thursday Letter

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When priests consecrate the bread and wine at Mass, they should read the words as if they were saying them for the first time, Pope John Paul II said. "Let us take care that they are never said out of habit," the pope told his fellow priests in his annual letter for Holy Thursday, the day marking the institution of the Eucharist and of the priesthood. The Holy Thursday letter was released March 21 at the Vatican.

Pope John Paul II prays during Mass on the Feast of the Presentation in St. Peter's Basilica Feb. 2.

## Vatican Web Site To Debut, Again, On Easter

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican will resurrect its Internet Web site on Easter Sunday.

Dormant for more than a year, the new and improved site is expected to debut with some 600 documents in six languages, said Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the Vatican spokesman.

While the site will contain more information than the version unveiled on Christmas Day 1995, it will not give Internet users an address for leaving messages.

The first incarnation of "www.vatican.va" was accessed by more than 300,000 people from 70 countries in its first 48 hours of operation, pleasantly exceeding the Vatican's expectations. But the fact that nearly 1,000 of the first electronic visitors left messages created an unforeseen problem: Who would respond to the requests for prayers or information and well wishes for Pope John Paul II?

The site was put into hibernation as Vatican officials and the project's chief technician, Sister Judith Zobelein, a U.S. member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, refined their plans and prepared to expand the site.

"Setting up the hardware took a lot of time," Navarro-Valls said. "The site has been conceived as a huge data base containing all of the documents of recent popes."

Eventually more than 12,000 documents from Popes Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II will be available, he said.

Unlike most international organizations, including the United Nations, the Vatican web site will provide information and documents in Italian, French, English, Spanish, German and Portuguese, Navarro-Valls said.

However, he said, the Vatican's official language, Latin, is not expected to have much of a presence.

Part of what the new Vatican server offers has been up and running for more

than a year: an e-mail service for Vatican congregations, councils and offices.

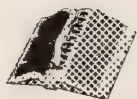
For the first time, the 1997 *Annuario Pontificio* — a listing of the world's dioceses and bishops, Vatican offices and officials — includes a sprinkling of e-mail addresses after postal addresses, telephone and fax numbers.

E-mail addresses for the Curia, the church's central administrative offices, end with ".va," the electronic country code for Vatican City State.

Some of the Vatican office's addresses are almost self-explanatory, like "vatio11(at)jubilee.2000.va" for the central committee planning events for the year 2000.

*Annuario* listings for the Secretariat of State, the Vatican office which coordinates almost everything, include addresses beginning "vatio23," "vatio26" and "vatio32."

### Scripture Readings



#### For the week of March 30 - April 5

Easter Sunday: Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Colossians 3: 1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5: 6-8  
John 20: 1-9

Monday: Acts 2: 14, 22-33  
Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2: 36-41  
John 20: 11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10  
Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday: Acts 3: 11-26  
Luke 24: 35-48

Friday: Acts 4: 1-12  
John 21: 1-14

Saturday: Acts 4: 13-21  
Mark 16: 9-15

#### For the week of April 6 - 12

Acts 4: 32-35  
1 John 5: 1-6  
John 20: 19-31

Isaiah 7: 10-14  
Hebrews 10: 4-10  
Luke 1: 26-38

Acts 4: 32-37  
John 3: 7b-15

Acts 5: 17-26  
John 3: 16-21

Acts 5: 27-33  
John 3: 31-36

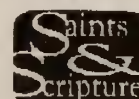
Acts 5: 34-42  
John 6: 1-15

Acts 6: 1-7  
John 6: 16-21

## Jesus' Hour



"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you.... Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."  
(John 12:23-26)



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# CSS Honors Sister Mary Thomas Burke, Presents Spirit Award



Bishop William G. Curlin with Sister Mary Thomas Burke, the 1997 Col. Francis J. Beatty Award winner. Also pictured are Geri King, director of CSS' Charlotte office, and Elizabeth Thurbee, director of CSS.

By **MIKE KROKOS**

Editor

**CHARLOTTE** — Mercy Sister Mary Thomas Burke has touched many lives in her ministry. As a lifelong educator, she is known for her teaching skills. Others see an individual dedicated to helping as a mentor, leader, civic activist, community volunteer, counselor, spiritual advisor and friend. It is the embodiment of these qualities that was honored as Sister Mary Thomas received the Col. Francis J. Beatty Award March 19 at the Westin Hotel.

The honor is presented annually by Catholic Social Services to an individual whose life exemplifies the standards set forth by the late Col. Beatty — faith, dignity, warmth, compassion, and the highest ideals of ecumenism. Sister Mary Thomas is the first woman to receive the award, which was established in 1991.

"Col. Beatty was both a great and humble person who loved and served his country and his God," Sister Mary Thomas told the 450 people in attendance. "He gave witness to the beatitudes, and by his example, we are all challenged to make the world a better place in which to live, to work for peace and justice, and especially, (to work) for equality."

Peter Keber, last year's award recipient, presented an overview of Sister Mary Thomas' life, a journey that began

in Westport County Mayo, Ireland, and has been centered in North Carolina for more than 40 years.

Like an aunt she admired, Mary Thomas Burke wanted to be a nun. Her desire to pursue a vocation was also influenced by her brother, Msgr. Thomas Burke. He served as a missionary in Nigeria, and she wanted to follow Father Burke to Africa to do the Lord's work.

Her "mission" in life would change after a meeting with Mercy Sister Mary Benignus Hoban of Belmont, who during a visit to a convent school in Ireland, heard of the high school student's vision to serve the people of Africa.

"Mother Benignus responded by pointing out that in North Carolina, Catholics made up only 1/2 of 1 percent of the population. In terms of needing missionary work, it was the Africa of America," Keber noted. And so, Mary Thomas Burke agreed to study in Belmont and become a Sister of Mercy of the Americas.

A graduate of Belmont Abbey College, Sister Mary Thomas first taught at Our Lady of Mercy School in Winston-Salem and Charlotte Catholic High School. In the mid-60's, she became an instructor in humanities at Sacred Heart College and later academic dean and chair of the education department. During that time, she earned a master's degree in history from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Sister Mary Thomas joined the faculty at UNCC in 1970 in the department of counseling, special education and child development. She was later named head of Support Services and Special Programs, and chaired the school's department of human services from 1982-96. She currently serves as the

college's coordinator of counselor education.

Like past winners, Sister Mary Thomas' service to community is second to none. She has had significant board or training involvement with more than 70 agencies, and has made more than 100 presentations to community organizations in student relations, counseling, communications, mental health and adult and child development.

She has served on the board of trustees of Belmont Abbey College, Holy Angels Nursery, and the Metrolina AIDS project. Her volunteer efforts also include working with the Mecklenburg unit of the American Cancer Society, Child Care Resources, and the Life Center, to name a few others.

Sister Mary Thomas' contributions to higher education and the community have been recognized through numerous awards. They include: Humanitarian Award — National Conference of Christians and Jews; Leadership Award — Metrolina AIDS Project; Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Education UNCC; and Community Service Award — UNCC Alumni Association.

"Mary Thomas Burke's relationships and initiatives cross the spectrum of race, gender, culture, and religion, an example that is so badly needed in this

era," Keber noted. "In this, she truly exemplifies the values and beliefs of Col. Francis J. Beatty."

Also honored as the recipient of the Spirit Award was the Adoption Auxiliary. The award was established by the Charlotte office of Catholic Social Services to honor persons and organizations that have shared their talents and treasure in an effort to enrich the lives of those who come to CSS for help.

Grateful to Catholic Social Services for allowing them to fulfill their dream of adopting children, several families from the Charlotte CSS office joined together to form the volunteer organization in 1988.

"The mission of the auxiliary is to develop a spirit of family and commitment among CSS adoptive families and to work with CSS in fostering a positive attitude toward adoption," said Geri King, director of the Charlotte office of CSS, who presented the award.

Among the auxiliary's contributions have been fund-raising activities to support agency recreational and educational activities, including a lending library to adoptive families. The first newsletter sponsored by the agency is a product of the auxiliary, King noted.

"The auxiliary members have been true trailblazers for CSS. Through this support and commitment of time and sharing of their many talents and gifts, the members have helped carry out the mission of CSS, reflecting a spirit of caring, compassion, love and sacrifice to better serve children and their families in the community," King added.

Accepting the award on behalf of the auxiliary were past Chairperson Valerie Smith and Sidney Stewart and Gail Timmes, present co-chairs.

"The Lord has blessed all of us through the miracle of adoption," Timmes said.

With 58 full and part-time staff members, more than 230 volunteers, and regional offices in Asheville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, CSS served more than 10,000 clients during the 1995-96 fiscal year, said Mike Collins, master of ceremonies.



The Adoption Auxiliary received CSS' Spirit Award. Members of the auxiliary are shown with Bishop William G. Curlin.

Photos by JOANN KEANE

## St. Patrick Cathedral



Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil — 5:30PM  
 Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM & 12:30PM  
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 Saturday — Rosary 8:45AM; Mass 9:00AM; Novena 9:30AM  
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



*That the joy of this day, when death was overcome by eternal life may strengthen us and cause us to embrace and enjoy all the gifts which God has given us; we pray to the Lord.*

## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

**March 29**  
8 p.m.

*Holy Saturday*  
Easter Vigil  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

**March 30**  
11 a.m.

*Easter Sunday Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

**April 1**  
8 p.m.

*Abbey Christian Fellowship*  
Belmont Abbey

**April 3**

*Priestly Personnel Committee Meeting*  
Charlotte

**April 5**

5:30 p.m.  
*Confirmation*  
St. James Church  
Hamlet

**April 6**

11 a.m.  
*Mass*  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

4:30 p.m.

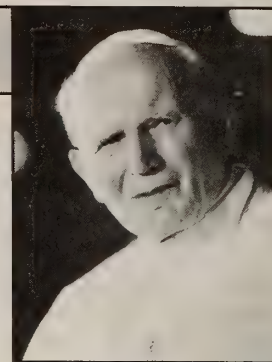
*50th Anniversary Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Msgr. Anthony Kovacic*  
Queen of Apostles Church  
Belmont

**April 7-17**

*Diocesan pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of France*

## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*



### Church Insists Workers Have Priority Over Profits, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience March 19.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our catechesis for today, the solemnity of St. Joseph, is an invitation to look to Joseph as a man of faith and as the patron and model of workers. In the Church's social teaching, work is considered an expression of our human dignity. As men and women made in the image of God, we are called to exercise dominion over creation and to serve our brothers and sisters in the building up of society. In God's plan, work exists "for man" and not man "for work." The Church teaches that labor has primacy over capital, and she is concerned whenever work is organized in ways that do not serve the true well-being of workers. Today, the Church is especially concerned by the effects of the grave problem of unemployment on individuals, families and society itself.

The figure of St. Joseph also reminds us of the urgent need to rediscover the spiritual meaning of work. May Joseph's example of living faith inspire us to make our work an opportunity for personal growth through the service of others.

I wish to greet the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrim groups from Korea, the Philippines, Canada and the United States. I thank the Catholic Central Concert Choir from Canada for their praise of

God in song. Upon all of you I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

### Polish Church, Pope Back Workers Protesting Gdansk Closure

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The head of Poland's Catholic bishops' conference has welcomed a March 16 statement by Pope John Paul II in support of workers protesting the closure of the country's largest shipyard. Meanwhile, Polish clergy have pledged vigorous backing for workers affected by the March 6 closure of the Gdansk shipyard, which eliminated 3,600 jobs. The shipyard, which was declared bankrupt in August, was the scene of labor strikes in 1980 which led to the birth of the independent trade union, Solidarity.

### Pope Condemns Child Prostitution, Urges International Action

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II condemned child prostitution as a "horrendous crime" and urged greater international cooperation to stem the practice. "In the face of the painful cry of millions of innocent people, whose dignity has been trampled and whose future has been stolen, no one can remain indifferent and shun their responsibility," the pope said March 21.

## Guest Column

*Rev. Joseph A. Komonchak*

### An Easter Meditation

In the Liturgy, the truth and grace of Easter come to us through symbols, particularly the abundant richness of the Easter Vigil whose readings place us before the great contrasts and struggles between darkness and light, chaos and order, slavery and freedom, thirst and hunger and drink and food, filth and cleansing, stone and flesh, sin and life, sorrow and joy — and the great one, which all the others serve: death and resurrection.

These are not superficial symbols. Nearly universal in the literature of religious experience, they have deep roots and awaken echoes in our individual psyches and our communal consciousness. While this resonance is the source of their power, perhaps it is also the source of a certain danger as symbols function in Christian faith and life. For us Christians they are not simply universal and deep symbols of dimensions of human experience common to all people; for us they also have their roots in a single, unique moment and event in our human history.

For the wonder of this day — its mystery — is that these many and polyvalent symbols are concentrated in the figure and fate of one of us poor humans, who on one of the days of our long history, many centuries ago breathed his last in pain and descended into that same dark and chaotic, enslaving and barren, cold and dreadful death that awaits us all, but who, by the power of God, was on the day we are now celebrating brought up into light and sense, freedom and joy, movement and life. The universal, deep, powerful symbols focus on him, on Jesus of Nazareth, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, a brother of ours.

Perhaps the image that best captures this focused wonder is not verbal but visual — the single flame atop the Easter Candle, which at the Vigil moves ahead of

us, alone in the surrounding darkness and chill, a guide and a goal—a flame so rich in its promise that from hundreds of other flames can be lit, the candles we hold, born from that one flame which loses none of its warmth and grace when we borrow from its light to discover our own faces and community and home.

This is what our faith celebrates in the symbols of our Easter Liturgy: that a living flame awoke in the darkness of death 2,000 years ago, a single flame in mankind's long, dark and cold night, that into our too familiar darkness broke something utterly new, known to us before at best as our hope, seen gladly as our guide and promised goal; that that flame has not been lessened for all the lives that we have taken light and fire from it — from him, the eldest of this large family of light-sharers and light-bearers, lights from light, of which we are the newest members.

This is what we as the Church are all about. The candles may be put away after the celebration, and we may move on to different feasts and different symbols. But there is something that should not be put away, a mystery from which we may never move away; that the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives among us and died before and with us now lives beyond death, and that what we saw that single flame do to darkness he himself has done to death — he has destroyed its power, its power over himself and its power over us — and the light of that faith is more than enough for us, however dark the night may sometimes be or distant the morning of our hope. "He is not here," we are told, "he has been raised, he goes before you, and you will see him."

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Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney

Faith: Seeing And Believing

An elderly woman traded in her compact car for a larger model, then headed her long, shiny, new beauty downtown to go shopping. The only parking space she could find required parallel parking. It looked barely longer than the length of her car. But the self-assured woman set about the improbable task.

As she cut the wheel sharply, she noticed two policemen staring at her. Unruffled, she shifted into reverse and parked the car perfectly with her first effort. As she stepped to the parking meter, much to her surprise, one of the policemen inserted a coin. Turning away, he responded to her bewilderment with just two words: "I LOST!" In her most self-satisfied tone, she called after him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!"

Jesus' words to Doubting Thomas

have echoed for 2,000 years. They are a consolation to people of faith. Our eyes have not seen Jesus as Thomas' eyes saw. Our fingers have not examined Jesus' wounded hands and side as Thomas' finger did. And we believe.

But are we really blessed in quite the way Jesus meant?

Blessed means not just "holy," but "happy." The key to whether or not your faith has made you truly blessed is found in the ways faith makes a difference in the kind of life you live. Only if faith changes you can you be happy!

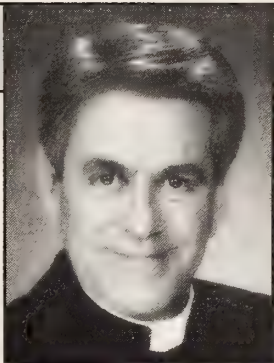
You have probably had the experience of driving along when one of those huge graders goes to work on a highway repair job. When the machine is operating on a busy road, traffic is halted and the cars lined up in opposite directions are allowed to proceed alternately. A veteran operator of one of those big machines decided to try to relieve the ten-

sion that inevitably results from such a traffic backup. On both the front and rear of his grader he put up signs declaring "The Road to Happiness Is Almost Always Under Construction."

True enough. It is not a matter of once-and-for-all professing your faith, allowing it to transform your life, once and for all, and then living happily ever after.

It is a matter of continuing encounter and response, continuing calls for new acts of faith, continuing adjustments in the way you live. To be blessed is to be consciously involved in a process of continuing growth into greater integrity, honesty and purity of heart. This is the only way possible for your life to be fulfilling and, yes, happy.

The philosopher Friedrich



Nietzsche, an atheist, once was talking to a group of Christians who were trying to convert him. He is reported to have said to them, "Show me first that you are redeemed, and then I will listen to your talk about a Redeemer."

We have no way of knowing whether or not he was sincere in what he said. But, assume for a moment that he was sincere. If he had known you, would he be willing to listen to your talk about the Redeemer? Has your Faith in the Risen Christ made that kind of difference in your life?

If so, be assured, others will see, and believe.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Make the Most of Your Potential," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen

Friday Penance

Q. I am puzzled by a recent book on Catholic spirituality which claims Friday "penance" is not merely a suggestion. A Catholic commits sin if he or she allows a Friday to pass without an act of penance.

He refers to Pope Paul VI's constitution on the subject and says a person is guilty of mortal sin by not observing a notable number of Fridays without a proportional grave reason.

We're told we should do some kind of other penance in lieu of abstaining from meat on Friday, but I've never heard the obligation expressed in such terms of sin.

I know the rules about fast and/or abstinence during Lent. My question in a nutshell: Is it really a mortal sin not to do any other kind of penance on the other Fridays of the year? (Indiana)

A. The source you quote has a strange and confusing way of expressing the present discipline of the Church

concerning penance on Friday.

In his 1966 document "Poenitemini," changing the regulation about abstinence from meat on Fridays, Pope Paul VI did not replace one kind of "sin" with another. He was pointing out "the implications and importance of the Lord's command to repent," since all members of the Church "are in continuous need of conversion and reform."

He refers to the tradition of Catholic spirituality that this penance takes many forms, from fasting and abstinence to prayer, fulfilling the daily duties of our vocation and patiently bearing the hardships and uncertainties of each day's struggle.

Much depends on one's circumstances, he notes. Richer people will need more self-denial. The poor can offer their suffering to the Father, in union with the suffering of Christ.

In its section on the subject (1427-1439), the Catholic catechism lists numerous other forms of interior and exte-

rior penance.

Habitual failure to observe some kind of regular penance, in the sense given by Pope Paul and the catechism, is surely a sinful violation of the commands given by our Lord in the Gospels. Christian tradition and Pope Paul tell us that.

It is in that context of the Lord's call to a life of penance and conversion that the pope calls "substantial observance" of the designated days of penance a "grave obligation." In that sense your author is correct.

Your concern is also right, however. If an individual is observing even minimally the habitual practice of penance the pope describes, it is hardly conceivable that he or she could go through a whole day without some kind of prayer, patient fidelity to life's obligations, an act of charity or any of the other forms of penance prescribed by Jesus and his



Church.

Nine months after "Poenitemini," our bishops made that document's provisions specific for the United States, abrogating the obligation of Friday abstinence from meat, except during Lent.

Without making it a "law," they recommended abstinence from meat on all Fridays as a praiseworthy, voluntary, not obligatory, act of self-denial.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke

God's Love Is Unchanging

During a family visit with relatives this weekend, Andrew' sister pulled out several recently discovered photographs from 20-plus years ago. To our children's amusement the pictures showed their father with "big" hair, bell-bottomed pants and platform shoes. My goodness, how things have changed! Yet, it is amazing how some things haven't.

Musing the photographs became for us a moment of reminiscence, but also a review of an era gone by with a matured hindsight perspective. Much more than having a few good laughs, we found ourselves reveling in what our new purview revealed to be a time of grace.

It's interesting how our evoked images were of happy times. Yet the pictures are from an era of our lives when

we were dealing with much difficulty and spiritual drought. We faced then the developmental challenges of individuating and maintaining intimate connections with our families, building an identity as a couple and grasping defiantly for our own identities. It was definitely the "school of hard knocks" as we stepped and misstepped into our future together.

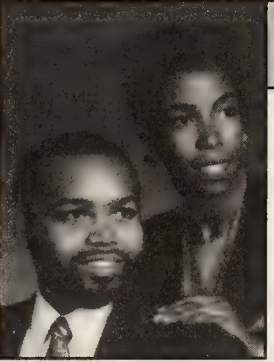
Our images of God were also at a difficult developmental phase of life. Our search for God was a twisted path that often had us feeling lost and distant from God. Church and religion had become irrelevant and replaced by cynicism and self-centeredness, which at times unleashed on each other.

Yet, the pictures evoked such fond memories — a retrospective that benefits from matured insights and historical evi-

dence of a loving and compassionate God who never abandoned us. We can remember our mistakes and our trespasses without the fear, hurt and confusion that were so much part of the lived experiences then. And basking in the glow of

God's love for us that we know so clearly today, those errors of the past evoke no pain. *Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* I Cor. 15: 55

Though the photographs were taken at a time of confusion and growing pains, the joyful feelings evoked from them are authentic and the rewards of our lived faith today. And the purged "sting" of the past is more evidence of how gracious



and compassionate our God is.

This says much about our rising from the ashes of the past and our confidence for today. Our developmental challenges are much different now. And we continue to step

and misstep into our future together. Twenty years from now when we reminisce about our lives today, we are confident that we will find further evidence of the unbroken thread of grace that God continued to weave through our lives. Then we'll say, "How things have changed! Yet it is amazing how God's love never changes!"



## Appeal Sunday Weekend To Cap 1997 DSA

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — With the Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) approaching its close with Appeal Sunday Weekend on April 5-6, organizers of the effort hope to meet their goal of \$2,580,000 by reaching out to parishioners in the pews.

The DSA, which tends to a variety of needs throughout the 46-county Diocese of Charlotte, has been met with positive response. "At this point, we're well over 70 percent towards our goal," said Barbara Rohrman, associate director of development and director of the DSA campaign on March 25. "The people of the diocese have been most responsive and most generous."

Appeal Sunday Weekend marks the formal close of the DSA, which began Feb. 2. The campaign's far-reaching impact helps fund 37 social service, multi-cultural, educational and vocations ministries and agencies of the diocese. Since its Jan. 31 issue, *The Catholic News & Herald* has featured a series of articles illustrating some of the ways the DSA affects people's lives.

On April 5-6, members of the laity

will provide congregations a chance to respond with pledge cards to the appeal. "We've had a lot of growth in this diocese, even in the past few months," said Rohrman. "Appeal Sunday is a golden opportunity for those new to the diocese who have not yet registered in a parish, and for those parishioners who have not yet responded."

Each parish and mission is designated with a specific goal for the campaign. If funds exceed the goal, the money is given back to the parish. If not, the parish is responsible for paying the difference.

Through Appeal Sunday Weekend, Rohrman is optimistic that Catholics across western North Carolina will add to the positive support already received. "Participation in the DSA is a real tribute to the stewardship of the people of this diocese," she said. "People truly seem to understand the mission of the Church — the larger Church, the diocesan Church — and they have been reaching out beyond their own parish needs."

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrates God's Mercy

BELMONT — In devotion to the revelation of Jesus as conveyed by Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska during the 1930s, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Belmont Abbey Church on April 6.

It is said that Faustina, a Polish nun, received a message of mercy from Jesus, who told her to spread it throughout the world. The message included a directive of trust in God's mercy, and the practice of that mercy in daily life. In 1934, amidst a continuing series of revelations from Jesus and Mary, she began keeping a diary describing her experiences, thoughts, prayers and insights. Sister Faustina died in 1938 of tuberculosis, leaving behind a plea to extend God's mercy to all.

In Belmont, Divine Mercy Sunday begins with confession and rosary at the at 12:30 p.m. at the Abbey grotto. Participants are asked to bring chairs. Eucharistic adoration is from 1:30-2:30 p.m., with Benediction and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following. Father Carl Kaltreider, pastor of St. Mary Church in Shelby, will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. Music will be performed by Schola Cantorum Carolinaean Boralis, directed by Dr. Marc Innis, minister of sacramental music and liturgy at Holy Family Church in Clemmons.

For further details about the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at Belmont Abbey, call Phil or Terri DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.

Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro will also host a celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday. See page 11 for more information.

## Frazer Elected to Roundtable Board

CHARLOTTE — Joanne K. Frazer, director of the Charlotte Diocese's Office of Justice and Peace, was recently elected to the board of the Roundtable, an association of diocesan social action directors.

Frazer joins the board of 15 members and will serve a three-year term.

The Roundtable was founded in 1985 to serve diocesan representatives who seek to link justice and faith in light of Catholic social teaching. The association serves and is an advocate for diocesan social action ministry. Its purpose is to provide professional support and management development, coordinating program planning and issue analysis, and greater access and influence in the forming of church and public policies.



Photo courtesy St. James Parish

HAMLET — Parents joined children recently for a "Jesus Time Meal" at St. James Church, sharing food, prayer and stories about Jesus, especially the Gospel passages of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

## Bishop Calls For Continued Efforts In Ecumenism At Prayer Breakfast

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — Addressing an ecumenical group of nearly 2,000, Bishop William G. Curlin called for continued efforts in faith at the 10th Annual YMCA Prayer Breakfast March 25 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

"We worship in different churches and follow different creeds. Yet, our presence here speaks eloquently of our belief that we are all children of the same Heavenly Father," the bishop said.

Hosted by the YMCA of Greater Charlotte during Holy Week, the event is the second-largest prayer breakfast held in the U.S. — second only to the prayer breakfast held by the president in Washington — according to

Harry Brace, president of the regional YMCA. "The ecumenical gathering was suggested by the Rev. Dr. L. Bevel Jones III (former bishop of the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church) to help bring people together in prayer and spirit," he added. "The event has been successful from the word 'go.'"

Bishop Curlin touched on various aspects of his 40 years in priestly ministry, citing two individuals who have inspired him in his vocation to help the least of our brothers and sisters: the late Jesuit Father Horace McKenna and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

During one of Bishop Curlin's pastoral assignments in Washington, D.C., the Jesuit priest helped him understand and respond to the poverty in the bishop's inner-city parish. "Father McKenna spent his whole life trying to bring God to man and man to God," Bishop Curlin said. "He challenged the community's conscience to recognize the presence of God in every man and woman. He courageously walked the streets of the poor in a city filled with racism and injustice."

Like Father McKenna, Mother Teresa has made a lasting impression on

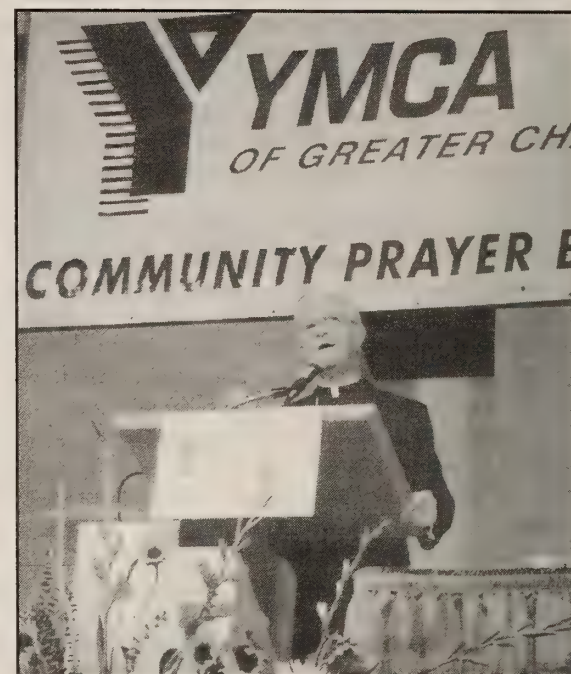


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Bishop Curlin by dedicating her life to the poorest of the poor. The Nobel Prize winner became friends with the bishop during a visit to the nation's capital 25 years ago, and traveled to Charlotte two years ago to dedicate a Missionaries of Charity convent in the Cherry region of the city, an area where poverty abounds. "When asked where she finds the strength for her ministry, Mother Teresa often responds, 'I am only a pencil that God uses to write love letters to the poor,'" Bishop Curlin said. "She reminds us that God does not demand that we be a success but that we are faithful to Him."

The bishop also encouraged all Christians to follow the advice of Pope John XXIII and "look beyond the things that divide, and seek those things that unite us as brothers and sisters under the One Father of all."

"I ask that we use this moment to recommit ourselves to live as brothers and sisters — seeing and serving God in one another," Bishop Curlin added. "Easter is the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus, but let us pledge that we will let Jesus rise in us, that we may think and act like Christ and open our hearts to everyone."



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# Entertainment

## The Quiet Room

### Film's Painful Focus Depressing For Some

NEW YORK (CNS) — Increasingly upset by the escalating arguments between her parents, a little girl refuses to speak anymore in "The Quiet Room" (Fine Line).

The camera seldom leaves the apartment, especially the deep blue bedroom of a couple's unnamed 7-year-old only child (Chloe Ferguson), who is so rattled that her parents (Celine O'Leary and Paul Blackwell) have begun to bicker daily in the next room that she mentally retreats to happier days when she was 3 (played by Phoebe Ferguson) and her family seemed one happy threesome.

Soon she has stopped speaking at all and cannot be tricked into vocalizing by her concerned parents who are quick to point the finger of blame at each other, even though they both care deeply for their child. The girl has decided that words are what have brought such disharmony into her once-happy home so she will speak no more of them.

But speak them she does, in abundance, as her thoughts are vocalized on the soundtrack. The film is highly unusual for being shot entirely from the perspective of a youngster — who often thinks she has a much better handle on the world than her grown-up parents.

Writer-director Rolf de Heer's straightforward Australian drama does take viewers inside the psyche of a child and there are insights to be had on how the impending separation of the couple affects the sensitive girl.

Struggling on the inside with an-

ger, fear, and hostility, she also experiences an awful loneliness as she will no longer emotionally admit her parents into her life.

While this might be fascinating for a child psychologist it may be more of a painful experience for the average viewer, what with its depressing nature and sole focus on the child's frazzled emotional state.

However, it does command attention as the child's silence is both a cry for help and an attempt to change her parents' behavior to what it once was.

In a telling scene, the child draws a black cloud over her city apartment building, next to her smiling family in the sunny countryside where they once lived and where she wishes to return. Her mother offers an innocuous compliment about the drawing and the camera pulls back to reveal a whole wall of similar drawings that have gone right over her parents' heads.

Sensing they are consumed with their own problems, the child concludes, "You two are more mixed up than I am." Some may find the filmmaker has imbued the child with a superior attitude that is not justified, but there is no ignoring that this is a rather original film for those willing to look beyond easy entertainment and enter into the confusing world of a troubled childhood.

Because of its serious treatment of marital discord and an instance of profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



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Edward James Olmos and Jennifer Lopez star in a scene from "Selena," the film based on the life of the Tejano singer who was murdered in 1995. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

Following is a chronological retrospective of the movies of director Fred Zinnemann (1907-97):

### "The Search" (1948)

Stationed in post-war Germany, an American soldier (Montgomery Clift) tries to find the relatives of a street urchin (Ivan Jandl) he has befriended while the boy's mother (Jarmila Novotna) desperately searches for her missing child. Director Fred Zinnemann's picture of World War II's displaced persons is entirely credible in its treatment of their problems and genuinely moving in its respect for the human dignity of all involved. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Men" (1950)

Brooding in a Veterans Administration Hospital, a bitter World War II paraplegic (Marlon Brando) resists all attempts at rehabilitation for civilian life until a dedicated doctor (Everett Sloane) and his loving fiancée (Teresa Wright) make him face the future. Directed in semi-documentary style by Fred Zinnemann, the story amply demonstrates the psychological dimensions of devastating injuries but it is Brando's powerful, convincing performance that makes the movie a vivid experience. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "From Here to Eternity" (1953)

Somber picture of life on an Army base in 1941 Hawaii centers on a company whose bugler (Montgomery Clift) is punished for refusing as a matter of conscience to join the unit's boxing team, with only a hapless private (Frank Sinatra) supporting his obstinacy. Directed by Fred Zinnemann from the James Jones novel, the story also involves an affair between the company's top sergeant (Burt Lancaster) and his commander's unhappy wife (Deborah Kerr) as well as the bugler's romance with a club hostess (Donna Reed), all of which gains tragic dimension from the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor at movie's end. Sexual situations and stylized violence, including a fatal beating and a knife fight. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Oklahoma!" (1955)

Stunning, delightful and surprisingly serious screen version of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical set in the relatively innocent days when Oklahoma was getting ready to join the Union and everything was up-to-date in Kansas City. Shirley Jones is absolutely winsome as the fresh-as-milk farm girl,

Gordon MacRae almost outsmarts himself as her cowpoke beau and Rod Steiger is downright malevolent as her would-be suitor. Directed by Fred Zinnemann, the plot is corny as all get-out, the song and dance numbers are zestfully charming but the melodrama tends to be a tad too heavy. Some menace and stylized violence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Nun's Story" (1959)

Sent by her community to be a nurse in the Belgian Congo, a young nun (Audrey Hepburn) resists her feelings of love for the doctor (Peter Finch) with whom she works, returns to Belgium and, after struggling with the routine of convent life, leaves for the world beyond the wall. Sensitively directed by Fred Zinnemann, the fact-based story focuses on the interior conflict between the nun's idealism and her growing sense of her own needs as an individual. Convincing portrayal of religious life as a vocation requiring more than good intentions. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Sundowners" (1960)

Excellent story about the joys and hardships of an itinerant Australian shepherd (Robert Mitchum) whose passion for the unencumbered life is in direct conflict with the yearnings of his wife (Deborah Kerr) to settle down. Directed by Fred Zinnemann, the movie's characters and its locale are finely evoked in a story that is part outdoors adventure and part domestic drama. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "A Man for All Seasons" (1966)

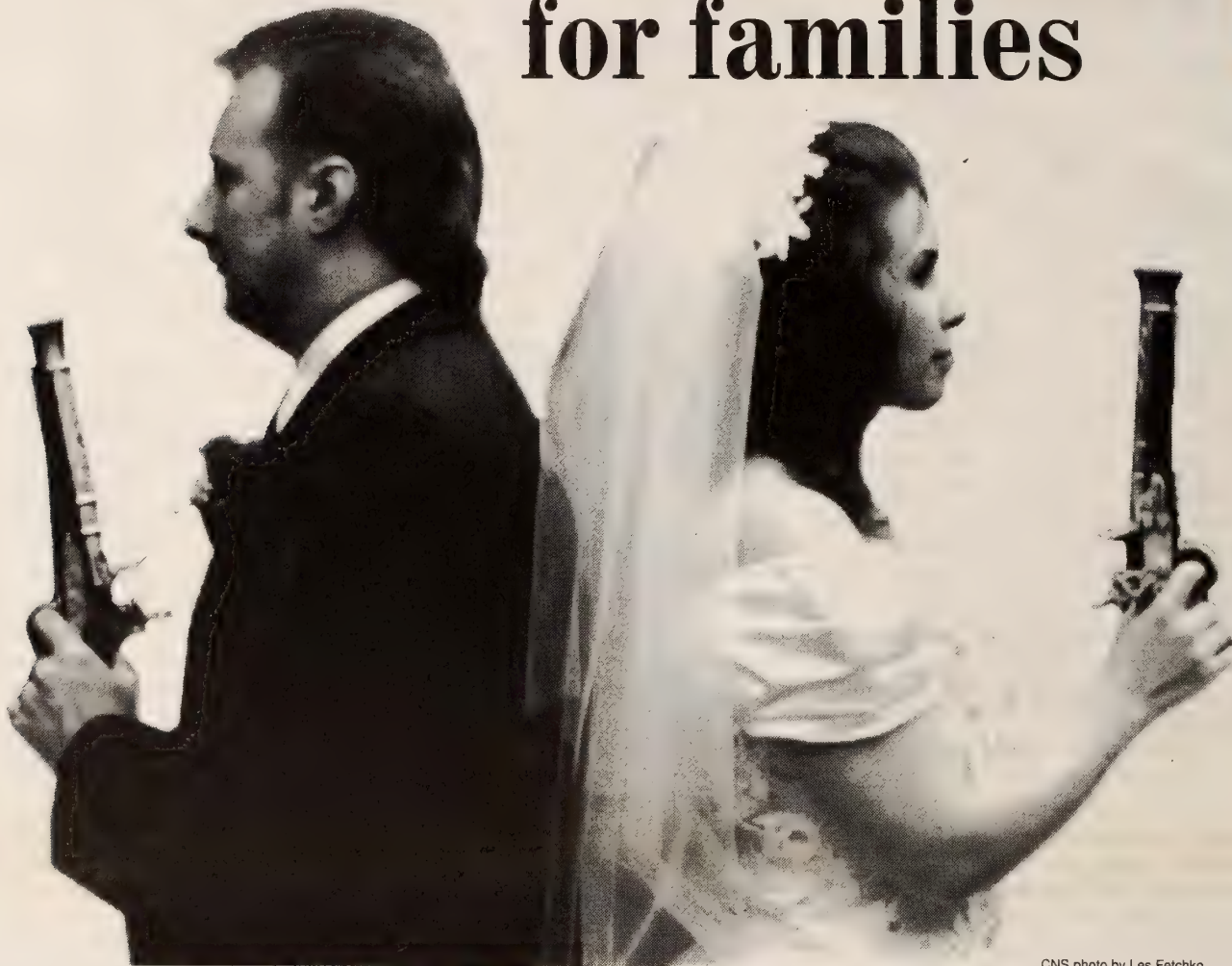
Engrossing drama of the last seven years in the life of Thomas More, Henry VIII's chancellor, who met a martyr's death rather than compromise his conscience during a period of religious turmoil. Robert Bolt's script is masterfully directed by Fred Zinnemann, with a standout performance by Paul Scofield in the title role, among other notable performances from a fine cast. The historical dramatization achieves an authentic human dimension that makes its 16th-century events more accessible and its issues more universal. Heavy going for children. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.



# Action steps *that work* for families



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By Judy Esway  
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**I**n the early years of our marriage my husband and I argued a lot. My biggest frustration was when he'd simply walk out of the room just because I told him to leave me alone. What was wrong with the man? Anyone in his right mind knows that "Leave me alone" means "Give me a hug, tell me you love me, tell me everything will be all right."

I was shocked to discover that many people (of a certain gender) can't read between the lines. And my husband was equally shocked that anyone would expect that he could. So, after visiting a counselor, I learned to say what I mean (which still seems silly to me), and he learned to rephrase it and say it back

just to be safe. Simple too!

Once we learned a few basic techniques for communicating better, we were amazed, really, that they were so simple. Anyone can master them. It just takes a little practice.

But before I learned the "art" (it's really a skill of communication), here are some things I used to do. I don't recommend them. They don't work:

1. Bringing up an "issue" on Super Bowl Sunday (oh, but it's so tempting).
2. Making statements like, "You always exaggerate — always, always!"
3. Saying, "If you don't change, I'm leaving you."
4. Yelling at your teen-ager: "You took my car where? You're grounded for 10 years!" Careful now. Do you really want to feed that kid when you're on social security?
5. Bringing up the past: "I remember

what you said to me in 1967. Did you think I'd forget?"

Now here are some things that do work in a family's favor and that foster a better atmosphere for communication at home.

1. Keep a sense of humor. A knock-down, drag-out fight today could end up being a new family story told around the kitchen table for years to come. It happened to us recently. My husband was going to accompany me to a speaking engagement. He's getting more involved in my work so that when he retires he can be my manager.

I was ready — calm, prepared, prayed-up, when he started: "What time do you speak?... You don't know exactly? You're kidding! What's the agenda? It's not your meeting! You should know these things!"

I was trying to stay cool — I had only

done this for years without him — but there I was, right before I was about to give a talk on spirituality, and I could hear my voice rising, getting louder and louder. And I did the only thing I could do.

I fired him!

It was only a few days later that we had a group of people in stitches recounting the story. "Yes," Rick said, "and after she fired me she asks, 'Would you mind just taking my books out to the car for me? And maybe you could drive me out there and get me set up.'"

So do you see what humor can do? When we were driving in stony silence that day, we both knew that tomorrow this was going to make a great story.

2. Be flexible. Perhaps the other person (or you) is not yet capable of making a major change. Have second and third options.

3. Work on your own emotional and spiritual growth. We've heard it a thousand times: "You can't change anybody. The only person you can change" — All together now — "is yourself."

4. Let the other person know you will not walk away. You are committed to working it out. People can thrive when the fear of abandonment is taken away.

5. Respect the other's opinions and

**"In the early years of our marriage my husband and I argued a lot.... Once we learned a few basic techniques for communicating better, we were amazed."**

feelings, even when they are different from yours. When we gasp or raise our eyebrows, we force others to tell us what they think we want to hear.

Learning about personality types also can help family members learn to communicate better.

For example, extroverts think aloud, and introverts usually don't say anything until they have something to say. This can be extremely frustrating for both. But when we realize our brains are wired differently, then we can be more tolerant.

Yet even when we have new information and have grown, we may still occasionally fall back to "earlier," less mature ways of behaving, because we come to the relationship with separate pasts. Our families of origin have influenced us, often in subtle, unconscious ways. We may have to take a serious look at how we learned to communicate in our childhood homes. If it wasn't healthy and nurturing communication, it may be time to learn a better way.

Finally, of course, forgiveness is everything at home. Laugh and forgive, and let it go, just as God does with us. As believers, we are expected to do no less.

(Judy Esway is the author of "Real Life / Real Spirituality (for Busy People Who Want to Pray)," Twenty-Third Publications.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*The assumption is this: Family members can learn to communicate better on difficult topics. Do you think the assumption is well founded?*

*Actually, people don't always communicate well on the easy stuff. Have you ever found in an ordinary conversation, after determining to listen well to someone, that you did all the talking?*

*If good communication often seems blocked under ordinary circumstances, the obstacles are much stronger when the matter at hand is serious because:*

- The stakes are higher.
- Something about the topic strikes fear; we feel threatened.
- Or the matter calls for shared action, but we're not ready to entrust any part of that action to another person.

*To communicate better on an important topic, it couldn't hurt to clarify how important it is. Remember: Important matters are not all equally important.*

*Try clarifying expectations also. Will you feel disappointed by anything short of total agreement on this matter? Are you certain that full agreement is necessary this time?*

*Remember that family communication often is blocked because people are not talking about the same thing — although they think they are.*

*Or, each person considers the topic serious, but not for the same reasons.*

David Gibson, Editor Faith Alive!



# Family members in crisis — with each other

By Father David K. O'Rourke, OP  
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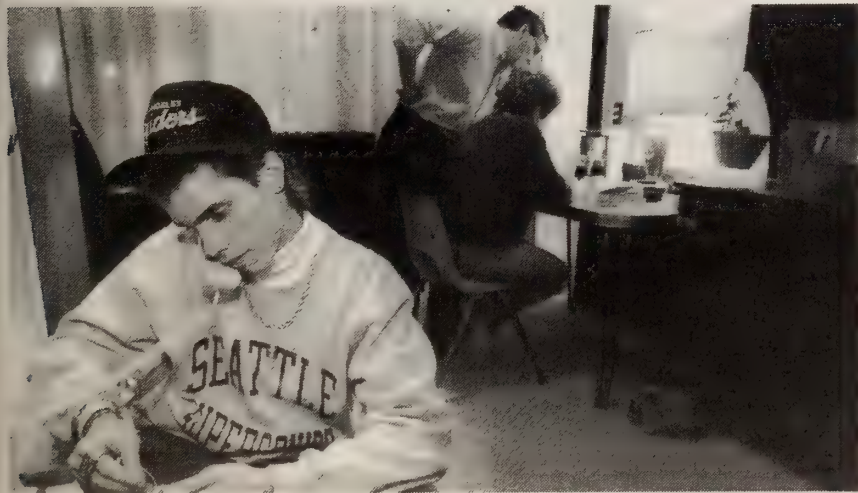
**W**hat can you do when there is trouble in the family and the trouble gets so bad that the family members can't talk about it?

That fairly common situation is one of the toughest problems families can

was permissive. The father was a disciplinarian, more than willing to go head to head with his independence-minded son.

Gary was spotted drinking at a school dance. The police were called, and Gary and two of his buddies went off to juvenile hall.

The father blamed the mother for being too permissive; the mother



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face. It is particularly difficult because when they're in trouble, the first place most people turn for help is to the family. If the people they normally turn to for help are the ones they're having problems with, then they're in a real bind.

One great family strength is the ability to come together in times of crisis. Every day I see ordinary families mustering the ability to handle unexpected crises, from sickness and death to troubles with the law to disabling emotional illnesses.

Families are our basic structure for dealing with trouble from the outside. But when the trouble is inside the family, the ability to muster needed strengths often is neutralized.

In such situations I believe some help from outside may be needed to get the family's wheels turning again. Let me illustrate with a situation I encountered a few years ago, which I'll disguise enough to preserve confidentiality.

A couple's teen-age son, Gary, was picked up by the police. The family was a well-functioning, productive and generally happy group. But Gary was 15 and was pushing the rules as far as he could, blaming his parents for just about everything and making life for them and his two brothers very difficult.

The parents were divided on how to handle the situation. The mother, always wanting to be reasonable, actually

blamed him for being a hard nose; the brothers blamed Gary for making trouble for everyone.

Gary alternated between being terrified at, and delighted by, all the commotion he had caused.

What happened was that the family's usual ability to cope collapsed. They couldn't bring their strengths to bear on the situation because they were fighting with each other.

This is where I came in. A third party, by doing actually very little, can be very helpful. The order of business is simple.

First, get everyone's fingers off the panic button. Set a calmer tone, and reassure them that the family is going to survive.

Second, help the mother and father articulate what they already know: that they are frustrated, angry and disappointed both with Gary's thoughtlessness and their own inability to stay calm. Then help them agree on a way to handle Gary and his brothers.

Finally, the family will have to clear things up with the school, the police and the juvenile court — often an easier task than most parents fear.

The point is that with minimal outside help — one hour for calming down, one hour for putting their heads together — they got their usual strengths going again. But without that help I do not know what might have happened. Ordinary trouble within a marriage and a family can become long-lasting and serious. But it need not.

The rule is simple. When the family system stops working, get help. And if you're a friend looking in, suggest that they get help.

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## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### What step have you taken that improved communication at home?

"Because we're newly married, we merged our finances and needed to improve our communication about how much we were spending. What I did was post our bills that were due or upcoming and what paycheck they needed to come out of on our calendar wall in our music room. That way we both know how to gauge our spending. It works really well!" — Megan Tobin, New Orleans, La.

"Taking time to eliminate distractions. For example, turning off the TV or not answering the phone, and sitting down with family members to talk." — Dawn Giblin, Houston, Texas

"Probably for my wife and myself it's been a common involvement in activities, whether at church or social events. We each have our own interests, but it's important to remember our shared life through sharing our time together too." — Fred Shetz, The Woodlands, Texas

"To reach out to my elderly parents who live at a distance I initiate weekly phone calls. I use to wait for them to call, but when I call them first, they look forward to the calls and feel my love for them more than before." — Barbara Lee, Milwaukee, Wis.

**An upcoming edition asks: What have you learned — discovered — about life from someone who was dying? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.**



## How Jesus conversed with people

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

**J**esus didn't have to carry on a long conversation with the woman at the well in Samaria. After all, when he had asked for a drink from the well, she cut him off with a rude reminder of their irreconcilable differences:

He was a Jew, she a Samaritan; he was a man, she a woman. End of conversation. (John 4:9)

However, Jesus did not think their differences were irreconcilable at all. Ignoring her hostility, he kept the conversation going. The fact that they were different didn't mean they couldn't talk. Rather, it was all the more reason they should.

Calm conversation could bridge the chasm that separated them. He acknowledged her as a person with a right to be heard, and he listened. By the time the conversation was over, her hostility had changed to enthusiasm. She couldn't wait to get home and tell the folks all about him.

The fourth Gospel is made up of a whole series of dialogues: with Nicodemus, with the woman at the well, with Jewish leaders, the blind man, the disciples, Pilate. In the other Gospels Jesus taught by telling stories, parables, all invitations to conversation.

A parable was a common way of teaching and an effective one. It was constructed to engage the listener. The parable's element of surprise got the listener wondering and talking.

A parable doesn't just go in one ear and out the other without leaving any lasting impression. A parable makes a person think, ask questions and personalizes a teaching.

When an expert in the law challenged Jesus to define what he meant by "neighbor," Jesus didn't give a definition. He told a story involving two respected religious leaders and a Samaritan, who was the "star."

This was shocking! It made the questioner think. And at the end of the story Jesus didn't just tell the man which of the three was a real neighbor. He asked for his listener's opinion, drew him into the teaching process, invited him to give the answer (Luke 10:29-37).

Jesus respected people as persons with an inherent dignity. And he listened.

Parents often complain that their children don't listen to them. They might well ask how often they listen to their children, really listen.

Simply talking at children can turn them off. They want to know why they should or shouldn't do something. They want to participate in a conversation and be heard — even in cases where parents won't be able, in the end, to endorse the child's view or request.

Patient conversation at home is demanding, but it pays rich dividends and is eminently worth the time and effort involved.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

### In a Nutshell

• **Can family members learn to communicate better?**

• **Jesus knew how to keep the conversation going, even when the woman at the well felt they were irreconcilably different.**

• **Commitment, a sense of humor and respect all serve to improve the atmosphere for communication at home.**



## People In The News

### Bishop Trautman Named For Liturgy Award

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — The Notre Dame Center for Pastoral Liturgy has named Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa., to receive its 1997 Michael Mathis Award for contributions to the liturgy. The award is to be given June 19. St. Joseph Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director of the center, said Bishop Trautman was being honored for his "visionary leadership" and scholarly work on the revision of the English-language Lectionary and the Sacramentary, the liturgical books used at Mass.

### Sister Margaret Cafferty III, Leaves LCWR Post

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Presentation Sister Margaret Cafferty has taken medical leave from her post as executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. She was diagnosed in December with bone cancer. In mid-March she returned to her motherhouse in San Francisco to continue treatments there. Sister Cafferty, 61, has long been a leading figure among U.S. women religious and has held several national and international posts.

### Priest Says Cloning OK For Ewe But Not For You

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cloning "is entirely unsuitable for human procreation," a Catholic bioethicist, Dominican Father Albert S. Moraczewski, told the National Bioethics Advisory Commission March 13. Catholic theologian Lisa Sowle Cahill called human cloning "a violation of the essential reality of human family and of the nature of the socially related individual within it." The two Catholic thinkers were joined by representatives of the Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and secular ethical tradition in

discussing whether human cloning should be allowed and, if so, under what rules or restrictions. The 18-member commission, appointed by President Clinton, is headed by Harold Shapiro, president of Princeton University. It held hearings on the science and ethics of human cloning in Washington March 13-14.

### Archbishop Asks For Prayers To End Albanian Crisis

NEW YORK (CNS) — An archbishop in Albania who once served as a parish priest in the Bronx has asked New Yorkers to pray for an end to the two months of rebellion and bloodshed that has besieged his country. Speaking by telephone to *Catholic New York*, newspaper for the Archdiocese of New York, Archbishop Rrok K. Mirdita of Dures-Tirana said he and Albania's other Catholic bishops were backing the government's offer of amnesty to the rebels if they lay down their weapons. "We are hoping for the best, but the situation is still not too good," Archbishop Mirdita said.

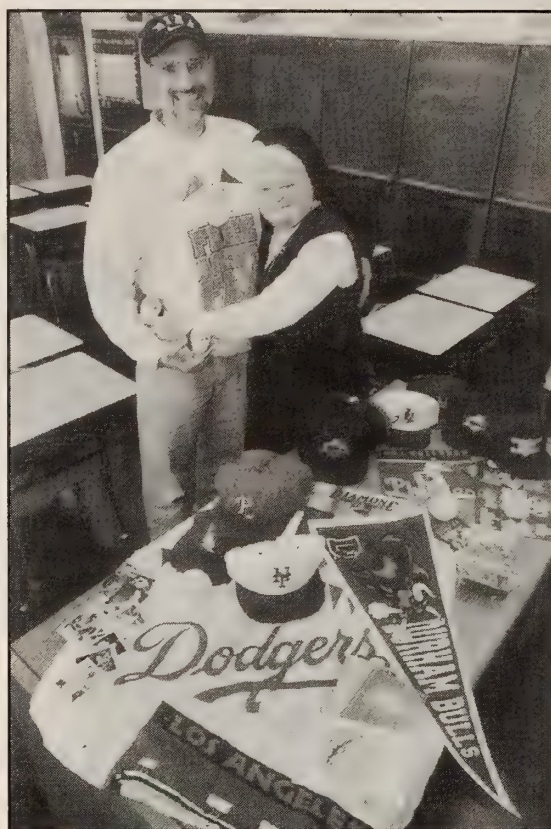
### Law Students Urged To 'Risk Solidarity' With Poor, Ill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston urged law students at The Catholic University of America March 20 to "risk solidarity" with the poor, the terminally ill and those in other countries who are harmed by U.S. economic policies. The cardinal, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, delivered the 29th Pope John XXIII lecture to an audience of about 75 people at the Washington university's Columbus School of Law.

### Fan Gives Memorabilia To Catholic School Auction

WASHINGTON (CNS) — What may have been a quixotic quest for a baseball fan to find a new favorite team is going to help a lot of good sports at the Catholic school attended by his sons. Self-professed "free agent fan" Mike Volpe turned over all the goodies and gimcracks offered by teams looking to have him as a fan to St. James School in the Washington suburb of Falls Church, Va. The items will be the centerpiece of an auction to be held in April. All proceeds are going to build a gymnasium for the school, which has seen rapid growth in recent years, according to Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Janet Regina Dougherty, the principal. In the booty handed over by Volpe are autographed baseballs and pictures, sweatshirts and T-shirts, pennants, hats, jackets, books, media guides — even towels.

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Mike Volpe, a self-professed "free agent" baseball fan, hugs Sister Janet Regina Dougherty, principal of St. James School in Falls Church, Va.

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# House Passes Partial-Birth Abortion Ban By Veto-Proof Margin

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a surprise of action taken last year, the House voted March 20 to again ban partial-birth abortions.

The roll-call vote — 295-136 — provides a veto-proof margin of more than two-thirds. It also reflects a slight gain in support for the ban among lawmakers in the House, where last year's vote was 286-129.

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997 contains the same language as the bill passed a year ago in Congress that subsequently was vetoed by President Clinton.

The legislation would prohibit the controversial procedure — which some, including the U.S. Catholic bishops, have called infanticide — except when it is necessary to save the mother's life.

In the late-term procedure, the unborn child is partially delivered, feet first, before surgical scissors are stabbed into the base of the infant's head. The child's brain is then removed by suction, allowing for easier delivery of the collapsed head.

During the emotional House debate, abortion foes referred to a recent admission by Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., that he had lied when claiming the partial-birth procedure was performed rarely and only to save the mother's life or abort malformed fetuses.

After the vote, Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., who introduced both House bills, said it is now commonly known that abortion advocates lied about

the facts regarding this procedure.

"They tried to cover up the shocking truth that thousands of partial-birth abortions are performed every year on the healthy babies of healthy mothers during the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy," he said in a statement.

"I hope the Senate and President Clinton will join us in condemning this unconscionable procedure," he added, "and support the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act."

Since the veto last April, many pro-life advocates have been working to keep the issue before lawmakers and the public.

The U.S. bishops co-sponsored a nationwide postcard campaign to get Congress to override the veto and also sponsored a national day of fasting and prayer for life.

A coalition of more than 400 physicians, including many ob-gyn practitioners and fetal/maternal specialists, as well as former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, has said "partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect a mother's health or her future fertility."

Legislative action now moves to the Senate, where Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has said the bill is among the Senate's top 10 priorities. A vote is expected in April or May, but Lott acknowledged March 20 that there still are not enough votes in the Senate to override another veto.

Last September, the House voted successfully to override Clinton's veto, but a similar vote failed in the Senate.

## Employment Opportunities

**Principal:** Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, a kindergarten through grade 8 school, is seeking applications for the position of principal. The school enrolls 200 students with a professional staff of 13. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. A master's degree in administration is preferred. Candidate must be certified or certifiable in the state of South Carolina. This position will become available beginning in the 1997-98 school year starting July 1, 1997. Salary is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. Send resume, references, and salary expectations by April 15, 1997 to: Search Committee, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, P.O. Box 8396, Greenville, SC 29604.

**Atlanta, Ga. —** Christ the King Catholic School, a National School of Excellence located on Peachtree street in Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga., is seeking applicants for two positions for Fall, 1997.

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**Youth/Young Adult Minister:** Full-time position with responsibility for organizing programs for junior and senior high students, confirmation and young adults 18-30. Certification and experience in youth ministry preferred. Comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith essential. Good salary and benefits package being offered. Position opens July 1, 1997. Send resume and references to: St. John Neumann Church, Youth

Minister Search Committee, P.O. Box 23689, Columbia, SC, 29224.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** 900-family, progressive and involved parish, Central Virginia area of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., seeks dynamic individual for full-time position. Coordinate a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle, high school and college-age youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Would work in a collaborative ministry structure. Bachelor's degree required. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Application deadline: April 12, 1997. Submit resume to: Youth Ministry Search Committee, Church of the Incarnation, 635 Hillsdale Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

**Director of Youth Faith Formation:** Sought for dynamic, 2800-family parish in North Raleigh beginning July 1997. The program, directed to youth in grades 6-12 and their families, emphasizes total youth ministry, peer ministry, youth leadership and evangelization. Candidate should hold degree in theology/religious studies and have experience working with youth in a parish setting. Contact Rev. William Kelly, S.J., St. Raphael Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 876-1667.

**Youth/Young Adult Ministry:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Staunton (Shenandoah Valley of Virginia) is a 600-household Catholic community seeking to hire a creative, energetic and talented person to establish a comprehensive Youth and Young Adult Ministry which works with the pastor, pastoral associate and pastoral council in reaching out to evangelize our young people from age 13-30. We are looking for a youth minister who is a committed Roman Catholic loyal to the Church, willing to invest time and energy in building this program with social, spiritual and catechetical dimensions. Degree in theology or religious studies is preferred; experience with youth and recommendations from other parishes is also important. For more information, write Search Committee, St. Francis Church, 121 N. August St., Staunton, VA 24401, or call (540) 886-2262.

**Pastoral Associate:** The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, an 800-family parish located in historic downtown Charleston, S.C., is currently seeking a professional Pastoral Associate to manage its Christian Formation program (children, youth and adult) and Christian Initiation ministries. Masters degree in appropriate field or bachelors degree with comparable experience required. Interested applicants respond by 6-1-97 in writing to: Sr. Bridget Sullivan, OLM, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401

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Please call (910) 328-1584 for more information/application.



## "Godspell" Cast Prepares For April Production

CHARLOTTE — The musical "Godspell" will be presented April 4-6 at the St. Gabriel Parish Center Hall.

The play follows the Gospel of St. Matthew, bringing Jesus into present time to teach His lessons. There are parables, rap music and a bit of vaudeville. It's a post-modern show, updated for the '90s and including such recognizable songs as "Day by Day" and "Prepare Ye."

Members of the 10-member cast range in ages from 13 to 48. Musical accompaniment includes guitars, drums and piano.

Frank Rutowski, a member of St. Gabriel's contemporary ensemble, is the director and plays Jesus. His credits include directing the play in Raleigh.

Performance times are 8 p.m. on April 4 and 5, and 2 p.m. on April 6. Admission cost is \$5 per person, and tickets can be purchased at the parish office or by calling (704) 364-5431.



Photo courtesy St. Gabriel parish

Members of the "Godspell" cast rehearse for their upcoming performances. Pictured, left to right, back row, are Jennifer Schoen, Priscilla Co, Chris Morley, Coleen Katana, Veronica Pisano and Cate Stadelman; center row, Chris Walters, Frank Rutowski and Tim Miner; center front, Kristy Merrell.

## Shroud Of Turin To Undergo New Tests After Public Displays

TURIN, Italy (CNS) — After two brief periods of public display in 1998 and the year 2000, the Shroud of Turin will be subject to new tests, Cardinal Giovanni Saldarini of Turin announced in mid-March.

In 1988, three separate laboratories using carbon 14 testing concluded that there was a 95 percent probability that the cloth, believed by many to have been Christ's burial shroud, actually was made between the years 1260 and 1390.

"We still must make the proper verifications of the results proposed by those laboratories, following new paths which were marked out afterward," Cardinal Saldarini said.

"Besides the determination of the date" of the cloth, the cardinal said, it is still a mystery how the negative image of an apparently crucified man was imprinted on it.

Cardinal Saldarini, the official custodian of the 14-foot-long linen cloth, spoke at a March 17 press conference announcing plans for the 1998 public display of the shroud.

Usually kept rolled and sealed in a silver reliquary in a chapel adjacent to the Turin cathedral, the shroud will be on exhibit April 18-June 14, 1998.

The cloth was last on public display in 1978.

Cardinal Saldarini told reporters that, whether or not the shroud was Christ's

burial cloth, it still has religious value as a tangible reminder of Christ's suffering and death.

The 1998 exhibit, he said, will be handled as part of the church's spiritual preparation for the year 2000.

The Archdiocese of Turin has already sent letters to all the dioceses of Italy asking about their plans for pilgrimages to see the shroud, so that lodging, Masses and confessions can be arranged.

In addition, he said, the archdiocese has established an official Internet site

— <http://sindone.torino.chiesacattolica.it> — with information about the shroud, its religious significance, its history and the scientific experiments conducted on it.

The site also provides information about the public exhibit and gives potential visitors to Turin ideas for spiritual preparation for their pilgrimage.

Cardinal Saldarini said the archdiocese's web site is the only official shroud page on the Internet.

One consideration regarding the shroud which does not touch on its authenticity is urgent nonetheless, the cardinal said: Church authorities must find a new way to store it.

"Today the real problem is the preservation of the shroud" which should no longer be rolled up, he said. Experts will meet church officials in late April to discuss possible solutions.

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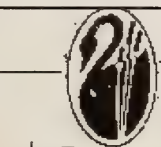
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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Knights' Blood Drive

GREENSBORO — The Knights of Columbus, Council 939, hosts a blood drive at their clubhouse, 2780 Horsepen Creek Rd., April 13 from 1-5:30 p.m. For an appointment, call Joe Van Kuiken, (910) 294-6602.

## Potato Famine Remembered

CHARLOTTE — The Very Rev. Edward Sheridan celebrates a Mass of Remembrance on April 13 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the potato famine in Ireland. For details, call (704) 537-4782.

## BMHS Hosts Auction

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Home School Association presents the Puttin' on the Glitz spring auction April 26 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the school. Fine dining, live music and auctions highlight the event, whose proceeds will support the needs of BMHS. Cost is \$50 per person, and reservations can be made by calling Gary LeBlanc, (910) 723-2030, or by sending the fee to BMHS's office, 1730 Link Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.

## Cursillo Closing

CHARLOTTE — The Cursillo women's closing is 5 p.m. on April 6 at St. Matthew Church. All Cursillistas are invited to attend.

## Ultreya

BOONE — Group reunion Ultreya is the first Sunday each month at 12:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church. For details, call (704) 284-8338.

## Adult Ed Series Continues

GREENSBORO — An adult education series at Our Lady of Grace Church continues April 15 from 7:30-9 p.m. with "How to be an Evangelizer," led by OLG parochial vicar Marian Father Waldek Ziolkowski. For more information, call (910) 274-0415.

## Golf Tournament

CHARLOTTE — Be one of the first to play Birkdale, the latest Arnold Palmer design, in the 16th Annual Charlotte Catholic/Holy Trinity Golf Tournament, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. The format is four-person, Captain's Choice. Entry fee is \$150, which includes green fee, cart, soft-spike changeover, refreshments, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and more. Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor holes for \$125 and to donate prizes. All proceeds benefit athletic programs at the schools. For reservations and information, call C.B. Williams, (704) 847-6652, or Jack Thomas, (704) 679-9415.

## Forum on Abuse Scheduled

BREVARD — The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart parish sponsors a four-part forum on abuse in the family and the work place beginning April 6 from 2-4 p.m. at the church with "Understanding Family Abuse," directed by Mary May, district administrator for the Guardian Ad Litem Program. For

more information, call (704) 883-9572.

## Spaghetti and Bingo Night

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel Catholic School P.T.O. hosts its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Family Bingo Night on April 12 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call Carolyn Swiger, (704) 882-2659.

## Landings Program to Begin

MONROE — Landings, a weekly program for inactive and recently returning Catholics, begins April 8 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes parish multi-purpose room. For more information, call (704) 289-2773.

## Sexuality Awareness Seminar

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo the Great parish Education Commission sponsors a father/son-mother/daughter sexuality awareness seminar April 13 from 12-3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert provided. Cost is \$5 per family. To register, call (910) 724-0561.

## Yard Sale

HIGH POINT — The Blue Ladies of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish host a yard sale April 11 and 12. Proceeds benefit the residents of Maryfield Nursing Home. Donated items for the sale are needed. For more information, call Dot, (910) 869-8186, or Sarah, (910) 886-2444.

## Wine Festival & Art Auction

CHARLOTTE — Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School hosts the Wine Festival & Art Auction on April 19 to benefit the school's academic and enrichment programs. The evening will include a sampling of fine wines and hors d'oeuvres, and a selection of art will be available at the silent auction. A specialty live auction will feature trip packages and more. For ticket information, call (704) 527-7822.

## Ecumenical Healing Service

SWANNANOVA — An ecumenical healing ministry service is April 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church. For more information, call (704) 686-3243.

## Bereavement Support Groups

CHARLOTTE — The Grief Group meets Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish Center's Family Room. Anyone who has lost a spouse, child, sibling, friend or loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets every Thursday from 12-1:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Parish Center.

The Men's Bereavement Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Call for location.

For more information, contact B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5049.

## Marriage Preparation Series

GREENSBORO — A five-week marriage preparation series for engaged couples begins April 11 at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 7:15-10:15 p.m. To register, call (910) 294-4696.

## Marriage Encounter Weekends

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 11-13 and Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Abbey Visitation

BELMONT — Belmont Abbey College Hosts a visitation day for high school juniors and seniors April 11 beginning at 9 a.m. Visitors will attend classes and tour the campus. For information, call (704) 825-6665, or (888) 222-0110.

## Jesuit House of Prayer

HOT SPRINGS — "Twelve Steps to Wholeness" is an April 4-6 retreat for men who are AA members. Accommodations for 17.

"Dreams: Ministers of the Spirit" is an April 11-13 retreat directed by Dr. Eileen Riordan focusing on the place of dreams in Judeo-Christian tradition.

"Growing into a Fuller Life: The Spirituality of Aging" is an April 18-20 retreat for men and women interested in the spiritual, psychological and physical process of aging.

For information and to register, contact the Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, NC 28743, (704) 622-7366.

## Retroville Program

Retroville (ret' ro-vi), meaning "rediscovery," helps married couples heal and renew their loving relationships. The next program begins April 11. For more information, call Lee Montelbano, (800) 470-2230.

## Women's Emmaus Retreat

MAGGIE VALLEY — Come and experience the risen Jesus the weekend of April 11-13 at Living Waters Reflection Center. A time to reflect, relax and be refreshed. For information, call Cindy Yoham, (704) 665-8249, or Nancy Sparacino, (704) 255-0095.

## Pro-life Day Scheduled

GREENSBORO — The N.C. Right to Life 5th Annual Pro-life Day is April 12 at the Embassy Suites with two workshops conducted by Janet A. Morana, M.S., national operations coordinator for Priests for Life. Other workshops, a luncheon and a panel presentation are included. For further details, call (800) 392-6275.

## Bible Study Group

GREENSBORO — A Bible study group meets Thursdays through April from 10-11:45 a.m. at St. Pius X Church. For information, call Kitty, (910) 288-4584.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5271, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey

chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Saturday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church. For details, call (704) 252-3151.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Basilica of St. Lawrence daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For information, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

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ARDEN — St. Barnabas parish hosts a "Salt and Light Training Program" Tuesdays, April 8 through May 13 from 7-9:30 p.m. for all people of faith looking to further the social mission of the church. Staff of the diocesan Office of Justice and Peace will present the program. The training incorporates the elements of prayer/faith sharing, Catholic social tradition and basic skill development, and focuses on leadership development in the broad spectrum of social ministry. To register, call Sheri Peyton, (704) 684-6098, or Joanne Frazer, (704) 331-1736. There is a \$15 fee for the leadership manual and other materials.

## Nocturnal Adoration

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The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## Survey: Catholics Differ On Teachings, Prefer Traditional Language

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A majority of adult U.S. Catholics disagree with church teachings on several hot-button issues and overwhelmingly prefer traditional language in biblical and liturgical texts, according to a new survey on religious attitudes. In a random sampling of 1,000 Catholics over the age of 18: 59 percent disagreed that "abortion is never justified"; 58 percent disagreed that "women cannot be ordained into the priesthood"; 73 percent disagreed that "it is morally wrong to use artificial methods of birth control." Regarding the use of gender-sensitive language in Mass prayers and English translations of the Bible, 71 percent disagreed that "terms such as 'man' and 'mankind' ... seem to exclude women," while 69 percent disagreed that those specific terms should be avoided "when referring to people in general."

## Court Considers Constitutionality Of Internet Controls

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Federal restriction of indecent material on the Internet may live or die by whether the Supreme Court decides the computer information network is more like the telephone system or a bookstore. In oral arguments March 19 over the constitutionality of portions of the Communications Decency Act, Supreme Court justices questioned whether the legal impact of the 1996 law is more like trying to prohibit teen-agers from talking about their sexual experiences over the telephone or like forbidding pornographers from putting their materials in places minors can find it on the shelves. The court was asked to review provisions of the Communications Decency Act which make it a crime to transmit or display "indecent" or "patently offensive" sexual material to under-age recipients. Provi-

sions of the law which prohibit transmission or display of obscene material were not challenged.

## Legislators Work To Bring Suicide Law Flaws To Surface

SALEM, Ore. (CNS) — An appeal made in federal court in mid-March puts Oregon's assisted-suicide law back on the shelf, giving a panel of state legislators time to uncover what they consider the law's multiple defects. Lawyers for the National Right to Life Committee March 13 asked the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse a Feb. 27 decision that gives assisted suicide the go-ahead in Oregon. The request, though unlikely to succeed, could block implementation of the controversial procedure for months. During that time, suicide foes will lobby the Oregon Legislature, even though votes for repeal are lacking. Legislators may be willing to delay the law pending investigation of its components.

## Ancient Gnostic 'Gospel' Unveiled

LAWRENCE, Kan. (CNS) — Two Midwestern scholars are planning to publish a translation of an ancient Coptic manuscript about Jesus that they describe as a long-lost Gnostic gospel. Paul Mirecki, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, who discovered the fragmentary text in Berlin's Egyptian Museum in 1991, said the calfskin pages date from about the fourth century but contain material apparently written between A.D. 150 and 250. "This newly recovered manuscript presents us with more primary evidence that early Christianity was far more diverse than the medieval church historians would tell us," Mirecki said at a news conference March 14. He said the find is similar to the Gospel of Thomas, a Gnostic scripture discovered near Nag Hammadi, Egypt, in 1945, and to the canonical Gospel of St. John in the New Testament.



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An Italian Red Cross worker wraps a blanket around two Albanian children rescued from waters off the port of Brindisi, Italy, March 19. Italy declared a national state of emergency to cope with a flood of refugees fleeing civil unrest in Albania.

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# Parish Profile

STATESVILLE — The year was 1870 when Father Mark Gross, a Benedictine serving in Greensboro, offered the first Mass in Statesville. That Mass marked the beginning of formal Catholic gatherings in the Iredell County town, and laid the foundation for the establishment of St. Philip the Apostle parish.

Father Gross celebrated those first Masses in the home of J.L.P. Roueche, using a handmade chest of drawers for an altar. Celebrations continued in the home on special occasions until 1898. That year a chapel was built and placed under the patronage of St. Philip in memory of Philip Barton Key, a Catholic Confederate Army officer in the Civil War who became a successful businessman in the 1890s in Statesville. Key's wife, a great-granddaughter of the niece of Martha Washington, decided to build a chapel in tribute to her late husband, himself a relative of "The Star-Spangled Banner" author Francis Scott Key.

Built in 1898, the church was dedicated and blessed in January 1901 by Benedictine Bishop-Abbot Leo Haid of Belmont Abbey. Thus, the 63-year Benedictine pastorate in Statesville continued. Mass was celebrated once a month until 1924, when Mass was offered twice each month.

In 1933, St. Philip Church was placed under the jurisdiction of the Raleigh Diocese. The Order of Franciscan Friars Minor, with priests living in a Lenior priory, was assigned to Statesville. St. Philip had its first resident pastor, Franciscan Father

Arnold Waters, in 1940, and a Friary was built and dedicated in Statesville the following year. The St. Philip Church community at that time consisted of 85 registered parishioners.

Parish formation continued through the 1940s. Catechism classes for children began in 1946, when Sisters of Mercy from Salisbury visited once a week, while the resident priests taught the older youth. The Catholic Women's League was founded in January 1948 to serve the church and its altar; it later played a significant role in organizing a variety of parish activities.

The Golden Anniversary of the founding of St. Philip Church was celebrated in October 1948. Abbot Vincent Taylor, second abbot of Belmont Abbey, presided at the jubilee Mass. Franciscan Father Arnold Waters returned for the occasion.

The Franciscan pastorate at St. Philip's lasted through the 1950s and into the '60s. In 1956, a former Lutheran Church in town was purchased and renovated for use by the ever-growing Catholic community in Statesville. In 1965, the pastoral work of St. Philip Church was transferred to diocesan priests. The priesthood of the Diocese of Charlotte assumed the responsibility in 1972 upon formation of the new territory.

A three-phase expansion project for a new multi-purpose parish center, a rectory and a church at a different location were being discussed in the 1970s. Bishop Michael J. Begley approved the plans in 1977. Late the next year, the bishop dedicated the new center, complete with a sanctuary, auditorium, classrooms, educational/recreational rooms, a cry-room, reconciliation room, counseling room, office and kitchen. A rectory was constructed in 1979, thereby completing the second phase.

With the Catholic population still increasing, St. Philip continued the building project, this time in the mid-1990s.

## St. Philip The Apostle



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Number of parishioners: **1,310**; Households: **526**

Bishop William G. Curlin dedicated the new church in October 1995 for a thriving Catholic community in Iredell County. The completion of construction — a project spearheaded by former pastors Father Edward Beatty, Father Joseph Waters and Father Paul Gary — also marked the developments in parish and community outreach, which over the years has included a daycare formerly operated by Sisters of the Daughters of the Church, a food closet ministry, and ministerial work to the county's Hispanic population.

Father Peter Fitzgibbons, a former Army chaplain now serving in the National Guard, was appointed pastor of St. Philip in July 1996. Outreach at the parish and community levels continues dur-

ing his pastorate, with parishioners still actively involved in the food closet ministry; the newly formed altar guild; twice-a-year blood mobiles; and Stop Child Abuse Now (STAN), a community-based advocacy group, among other efforts. The ministry work continues more than a century of Catholic tradition in Iredell County, tradition enriched through years of Benedictine, Franciscan and diocesan pastoral service.

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*I am in your midst as the one who serves.* Luke 22: 27

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin washes the feet of Victor Anderson during the Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday at St. Patrick Cathedral. The liturgy commemorates Christ's institution of the sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. Assisting Bishop Curlin are Father Anthony Marcaccio, left, and Rev. Mr. Nick Fadero, permanent deacon of St. Patrick Cathedral, far right.

Photo by JOANN KEANE

## A Child's Struggle Teaches True Faith

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HIGH POINT — It is not just Cain Howard's flawless appearance, disarming blue eyes, hair the color of daffodils or his captivating smile that makes him extraordinary. Cain is special because he is autistic, and in spite of this often devastating neurological disorder, he will not be defeated by the daily challenges he must face. Even the simplest task like making eye contact takes heroic effort on his part. Fighting against the odds, this spunky toddler who will turn three in May inspires anyone who sees his valiant struggle: to be understood and to understand the world around him.

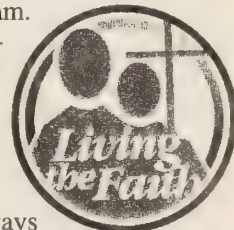
Behind Cain's growing successes in overcoming autism are his parents, Amy and Patrick Howard, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point, who from the start would not succumb to despair, self-pity and doubt but instead subscribed to hope, hard work and faith. Through their love and perseverance, Cain, to a casual observer, behaves similarly to his peers, a miracle that would never have been possible without God's loving hand working through them. "If I can't ask God for help and trust His will be done, I won't get through a single day. Because of my faith, I can have peace with whatever happens," said Amy Howard.

When Cain was 18 months old, his parents began to notice that he was not developing properly. "One of the hardest times was not knowing what was wrong with Cain. We thought we were doing something wrong as parents," said Mrs. Howard, viewing the early diagnosis as a kind of blessing. Its timing, however, was unfortunate; the family was preparing for the birth of their second son, Sam.

This joyous occasion was overshadowed, at times, by the crushing news of Cain's autism.

Although Patrick initially suffered when he found out, he now sees Cain's autism as a blessing. "In the past I have always taken things for granted in my life. I didn't appreciate all that I had. If Cain had been perfect, I probably wouldn't have appreciated the little things like I do now," said Patrick.

After the diagnosis, the Howards declared war on Cain's autism with "Intensive Early Behavioral Intervention," a program documented as having "recovered"



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## CCHS, Community Mourn Loss Of Students

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — Classmates and members of the Catholic community gathered by the hundreds inside and outside of St. Peter and St. Vincent de Paul churches April 8 to say goodbye to two Charlotte Catholic High School students.

Sophomores William Charles Rice Jr. and Catherine Jennifer "Katie" Littrell, both 16, were killed April 4 when their car collided with a fire truck answering a call. The accident occurred in the right southbound lane of Park Road at 8:51 p.m. Rice was driving his father's Honda Accord with Littrell in the passenger's seat. Rice died at the scene. Littrell was taken to Carolinas Medical Center and died shortly

thereafter. Students were on spring break at the time of the accident and returned to school April 7, only to have to deal with the tragedy.

"Billy and Katie were lovely, delightful, popular kids," said Mercy Sister Paulette Williams, CCHS principal. "They were full of life, always smiling and very involved. I'm sure they didn't miss any school-sponsored activities."

Counselors were at the school April 7, trying to help the CCHS family cope with the tragedy. Sister Paulette said counselors would be available all week to help students.

Rice, who was a member of St. Peter Church, graduated from St. Patrick elementary and middle school. He played basketball and football at Catholic

High. Littrell graduated from St. Ann elementary and middle school and played on CCHS' softball team. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Sophomores Dustin Drake and Mike Duffy spent part of the morning of April 7 near the corner of Park and Seneca roads, taping posters and other remembrances from classmates at a makeshift memorial near the spot of the accident. More than 100 schoolmates attended a candlelight vigil at the memorial that evening.

"I talked to Billy a couple



Billy Rice

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## Community Gathers In Wake Of Tragedy, from page 1



Photo by MIKE KROKOS

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days before spring break, and I figured when we got back we would brag to each other about what a great time we had," Drake said. "He was our best friend."

"I was told of the accident five minutes after I walked in the door from Florida," added Duffy, still showing signs of disbelief.

Drake was a teammate of Rice's on the CCHS football team, and Duffy played football and basketball with Rice. Both classmates said they will honor their friend's memory by wearing Rice's jersey number — 41, Drake in football, Duffy in basketball — next year.

The classmates characterized Littrell as "a sweet person." "She and Billy had been dating about a month," Duffy said. "They complimented each other so well."

School was closed April 8 to allow the CCHS community to attend services for both students. In his homily at Rice's memorial Mass, Jesuit Father Eugene McCreesh of St. Peter Church talked of Billy's last week of life, during which he and his father journeyed to Israel on a "father and son trip" because they "wanted to walk in the footsteps of Jesus."

Father McCreesh also shared a verse from St. Augustine — "Our hearts were made for thee, O God, and cannot rest until they rest in thee" — that Billy held close to his heart.

"There is a saying that some people come into our lives and pass out quickly. Others come and leave their footprints on our hearts, their wisdom to stay forever," Father McCreesh said. "May this (saying) be the footprint of wisdom Billy, this beautiful young teen-ager, leaves on the hearts of all."

Kathleen Murphy, softball coach at Catholic High, called Littrell a competitor who always gave it her all for teammates, family and friends — on and off the field. "Katie was a warm, generous, loving human being. She loved her teammates, she loved her family," Murphy said in a remembrance of Littrell.

Father Dennis Kuhn, in his homily at Littrell's funeral Mass, talked of how the Catholic community comes together to deal with grief. "This is a time to call on

faith, a time to renew faith. This is a time to be a community of faith. This is a time to be a faith family," he said.

Father Kuhn also said the Mass was "a moment of thanksgiving for Katie's life, a moment to say 'Thank you, God' even though you don't know the next feeling, don't know the next moment what comes."

"We, are a nurturing wonderful community of faith; we are a people loved by God. We can face anything that happens through the power of the cross," he added.

Students and administrators said putting the tragedy behind them will be difficult. "We're going to miss them. It's going to be hard without them," Drake said.

"The best thing anybody can do for us is pray," Sister Paulette added. "It's going to be a very difficult (school) year to finish out."

Billy Rice is survived by his father, Dr. William Rice of Charlotte; a brother, Brad of Banner Elk, N.C., and a sister, Rennie, of Charlotte. His mother, Jane Rice, died a year ago from cancer.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Charlotte Catholic High School, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226, or St. Peter Catholic Church, 507 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

Katie Littrell is survived by her parents, Patrick and Donna Littrell of Charlotte; two sisters, Amy and Julie, both of Charlotte; maternal grandparents, Vertie and Tony Cutrera, W.W. Brooks, Jr., all of Louisville, Ky.; and paternal grandparents, Anne and George Littrell of Bedford, Ky.

Memorials may be made to Camp Care, P.O. Box 35072, Charlotte, N.C. 28235 or to the charity of the donor's choice.



Katie Littrell

## Living The Faith, from page 1

A typical day starts at 9 a.m. Toy-play communication skills and social skills like eye contact are taught in the sessions. Later in the evening, Amy or Patrick will work again on those skills in a more natural setting. Although these activities are spontaneous for most children, autistic children struggle because they do not learn in normal ways such as through imitation. Cain, like most other autistic children, has an extremely short attention span and resists change. Helping him achieve normalcy continues to be physically, emotionally and financially draining on the family. As one behavioral problem is eliminated, new ones emerge. Money concerns continue to mount with little outside help. Although these issues can be discouraging, the Howards remain dedicated and hopeful. "All children deserve a chance. They are all special," said Amy, concerned that some parents might fear raising disabled children. "Even when your child is disabled, they bring so much joy into your life."

In only nine months with limited resources, Cain has already improved, although other health problems may be slowing down his progress. The Howards anticipate at least three more years of intense therapy before Cain is fully functioning on his own age level.

Patrick is concerned for the many autistic children like Cain who do not have access to this program, either because they do not know about it or simply can't afford it. He is actively pursuing grants and other resources to establish a behavior therapy clinic in North Carolina so that others can have the same chance Cain has to live a normal life.

Patrick admits that through it all, he has grown in his faith and has a strong desire to share with Cain a sense of who God is. He learned recently it would take time. "I was looking forward to taking Cain with me to church on Ash Wednesday. I thought about it all day. I just couldn't wait," he recalled. "Unfortunately, Cain made some noises which caused a humiliating pause in the service. I began to wonder if Cain would ever be able to behave during Mass and I wondered if he would ever know God."

Amy shares this same concern for Cain. Yet seeing Cain in his mother's arms affectionately playing with her hair, or on his father's shoulder smiling as if on top of the world, any doubts vanish. Cain certainly knows God because Cain knows love.

*If you would like more information on Behavioral Therapy or would like to help through volunteer work, please call Patrick or Amy Howard, (910)869-2408.*

*A book on a family who struggled to recover their two autistic children is "Let Me Hear Your Voice" by Katherine Maurice.*

some children. Because no behavioral specialists were immediately available and time is crucial to recovery, Patrick and Amy implemented the program by themselves, relying on manuals and occasional consultations. They hired and trained college students, and developed a curriculum for Cain.

To understand the courage of the Howard family, one must understand autism and the toll it takes on family life. This life-long neurological disorder has no known cure and only theories as to what causes it. The symptoms and stereotypic behaviors such as rocking, hand-flapping, fixating on objects, hand-biting and head-banging vary with the individual, and efforts must be made to try to eliminate them. Patience becomes the predominate virtue when the Howards and their therapist battle some of these behavior problems. Coupled with lack of sleep, resulting from Cain's erratic sleep patterns, days can be stressful and long. Without this intervention, frustrations can overwhelm a child as well, and cause a total withdrawal. Fortunately, Cain's fighting spirit keeps him holding on to

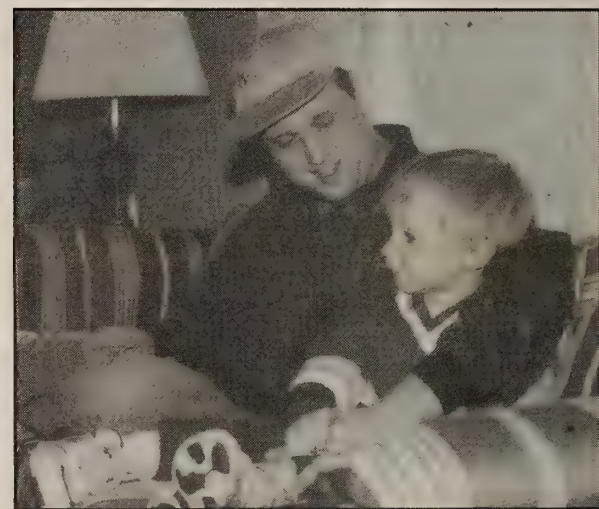


Photo by KATHY SCHMUGGE

Patrick and Cain Howard

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
April 13-19



Sunday:	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 John 2: 1-5 Luke 24: 35-48
Monday:	Acts 6: 8-15 John 6: 22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7: 51-8:1 John 6: 30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8: 1-8 John 6: 35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8: 26-40 John 6: 44-51
Friday:	Acts 9: 1-20 John 6: 52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9: 31-42 John 6: 60-69



# Archbishop George Of Portland To Succeed Cardinal Bernardin

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Francis E. George of Portland, Ore., has been named archbishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II.

The appointment was announced in Washington April 8 by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop George, 60, will succeed Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, who died last November. He was appointed to Portland only last April 30 and installed there last May 27.

A member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, he was named to the hierarchy in 1990 when the pope appointed him bishop of Yakima, Wash.

He is a native of Chicago, entered the Oblates in 1957 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 in Chicago.

On the day his appointment was announced, Archbishop George took immediate steps to ease tensions that arose in the city from an attack on a black 13-year-old by three white teen-agers, all students or graduates of a Chicago Catholic high school.

Archbishop George was scheduled to go to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chi-

cago for a visit with the black teen, Lenard Clark, whose prognosis was still unclear after the March 21 attack.

Clark, who was in a coma for a week after the incident, has walked down a hospital corridor, can breathe on his own and spoken one word, "mama." But he continued to be fed intravenously.

On April 8, in addition to holding a news conference on his appointment, Archbishop George was scheduled to visit the tomb of Cardinal Bernardin at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, meet with archdiocesan employees, and pray at Holy Name Cathedral.

Bishop Raymond E. Goedert, who had served as archdiocesan administrator since Cardinal Bernardin's death, welcomed Archbishop George "with a warm heart and an open mind" as the eighth archbishop of Chicago.

"We are confident the Holy Father has chosen an individual who will — through his spiritual leadership and his personal example — guide our local church well as we face the challenges and opportunities of a new millennium of Christianity," he said in a statement.

Francis Eugene George was born in

Chicago on Jan. 16, 1937. He entered the novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1957, and studied theology at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 21, 1963, in Chicago.

Archbishop George earned a master's degree in philosophy at The Catholic University of America in 1965 and a doctorate at Tulane University in New Orleans in 1970. He taught philosophy at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and became chairman of the philosophy department.

He has a doctorate in ecclesiology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome.

Archbishop George served as provincial superior of the Midwestern province of the Oblates in 1973-74 and was elected vicar general for the order in Rome, serving from 1974 to 1986.

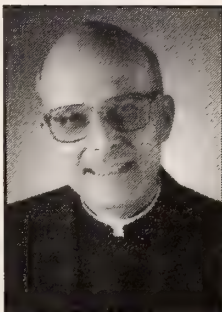
The mission of the Oblates, who number about 500 in the United States, is to work among the poor. Their founder, Bishop Eugene de Mazenod, was canon-

ized Dec. 3, 1995.

After then-Father George returned to the United States, he became coordinator of the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture, in Cambridge, Mass. He was serving in that post when he was named bishop of Yakima in 1990.

He is one of three Oblate bishops in the United States. The other two are Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas, and Bishop Roger L. Schwietz of Duluth, Minn.

A delegate to the world Synod of Bishops on consecrated life in 1994, Archbishop George also serves as episcopal moderator of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities.



Archbishop Francis E. George

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RALEIGH — Jim Kelley, diocesan director of development, was recently honored as the 1997 Citizen of the Year by the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Kelley has served on 24 volunteer boards since moving to Charlotte in 1979 and continues to show his commitment to service and social work on a daily basis. Kelley is shown with his wife, Joan, and Bishop William G. Curlin after receiving the award.

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## Pro-Life Corner



NEW YORK: Two nurses have filed suit against the hospital where they had worked until they were fired for refusing to assist in abortions. They were fired for insubordination a few weeks after they filed written notice that they would not do abortions because the procedure violated their religious beliefs. The hospital denies that the nurses were fired for their beliefs.  
(Untitled article, Reuters, 2/28/97)

## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**April 7-17** 7 p.m.  
Diocesan Confirmation  
Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Grace  
Marian Shrines of Church  
France Greensboro

**April 19** April 23  
Diaconate 7 p.m.  
Ordination of Confirmation  
Matthew Leonard Holy Cross  
& Chris Davis Church  
St Mary Seminary Kernersville  
Baltimore

**April 22** April 24  
10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.  
Diocesan Silver Confirmation  
Jubilee St. Luke Church  
Storytelling Event Mint Hill  
St. Joseph Church  
Mt. Holly

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Consent To Crucifixion Of Jesus An Act Of Love, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience April 2.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider her union with Jesus in the events of his passion and death. Mary's presence at the foot of the Cross was the culmination of her lifelong participation in Christ's redemptive mission.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that on Calvary Mary "united herself with a maternal heart to the sacrifice of her Son, and lovingly consented to the immolation of the Victim which she herself had brought forth" (Lumen Gentium, 58). Through the tragic events of the passion, Mary remained at Jesus' side, sustained by faith. By consenting to her son's sacrifice, she had a part in his self-offering to the Father as the saving victim who takes away the sins of the world. At the foot of the cross and like her son, she abandoned herself to the will of the Father and forgave those who put Jesus to death. Mary is thus the radiant model of the Church's faith and hope, which reach beyond the darkness of death to the joy of the Resurrection.

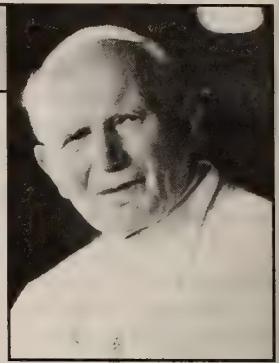
I offer greetings and prayerful good wishes to the bishops, priests and laity taking part in the International Theological Symposium on the Alliance of the Two

Hearts of Jesus and Mary. My cordial greeting goes also to the ecumenical delegation led by the moderator of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

I likewise welcome the representatives of the Korean Broadcasting System preparing a television program on the Vatican. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrim groups from England, Australia, Norway, Korea, Japan, the Philippines and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Christ our risen savior.

### Pope Asks International Community To Curb Use Of Child Soldiers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II asked the international community to help curb the deployment of children as armed combatants in wars around the world. "These inexperienced and fragile people are themselves the first victims of violence and warfare!" he said April 6. "If we want peace, let's provide an education in peace to those who are preparing to build the society of the future," he said. He made the remarks a few days before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva was scheduled to hold a special session on juridical protection of children and minors in armed conflicts.



## Guest Column

Christopher Carstens

### Beam Me Up, Scotty

Recently, 39 men and women, members of the Heaven's Gate cult, committed suicide, apparently believing they would join the crew of a starship.

The news reports make it appear that they "left their containers" through a peaceful ritual, a sad parody of a sacrament.

Reporters and analysts ask two questions: "How could they believe that stuff?" and "How can we protect others from the same fate?"

It's remarkably easy to believe things that couldn't possibly be true.

If one person tells you there are invisible monkeys in the trees trying to steal your good thoughts and replace them with bad thoughts, you'll think he's nuts.

But let's say five other people, all of whom seem relatively level-headed, agree that the monkeys are real, and these people wear yellow caps so their thoughts can't be stolen. That's different.

Try as you might to ignore them, you'll start looking suspiciously up in the branches. You might even consider a yellow hat, "but only as a fashion statement."

Here's how cult recruiting works:

You're new in town, or there's been some major disruption in your life. Things feel out of balance. A really friendly person goes out of his or her way to make you feel comfortable. After a couple of conversations over coffee or lunch, you're invited to dinner, "to meet some great people."

The new group takes you in, shows you around, maybe even provides a place to stay while things settle down.

They seem very happy, "in touch." The group spirit is comforting, especially in your unsettled state. At some point conversation moves toward their "teachings." You've noticed their caution around trees, and you've noticed the yellow caps. It's time for explanations.

You know these people and care about them. At first this stuff about monkeys seems a bit odd, but they're so convinced, so calm, so happy.

Here's the key part: There's nobody else around. Your old friends and family, people who might have

said, "That monkey stuff is nuts," aren't there. Everybody you hang out with is in the monkey cult. Pretty soon, you are too.

This is exactly the process followed — carefully, and with planning in advance — by hundreds of cults across the country.

It helps to know how cults work so you can recognize the pattern if you're being recruited.

But your real safety requires a religious answer. Because there are no reliable anchor points for spiritual truth built into our brains, we need outside standards.

As a Christian, there's a simple test. Whenever you're confronted with a new teaching, ask yourself two things. First, is this consistent with the Bible? Second, is this consistent with what I've been taught by the Church?

There are no thought-stealing monkeys in the Bible, and the church has never taught about yellow caps. So this stuff is probably not a solid path.

It's easy to think that the traditions of the church are stuffy and old-fashioned, and lots of us find ourselves wishing they were "more in line with the times."

Yet that's the central value of the church's teaching mission: It isn't in line with the times. If the popularity of yellow-hatted monkey worshipers took over all the TV stations and there was nothing on MTV but monkey chants, the church would still teach the same old stuff — just like it has for 2,000 years.

The best protection against cults is deeper knowledge of your own faith. As you strengthen the foundation of your own faith, you become less likely to end up under a purple shroud waiting for a rendezvous with a spaceship.

Christopher Carstens is a CNS columnist.



Heaven's Gate leader Marshall Herff Applewhite.



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Living With Mystery

Albert Einstein once said: "The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious.... Whoever has not experienced mystery can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead."

There is no single thing on earth about which we have total knowledge because all creation is permeated with the ultimate Mystery which is God. In a story called "The Soul of a Bishop," by H.G. Wells, there is a conversation between a bishop and an angel. The angel tells the bishop that religion is a human way of trying to define truths which men and women don't fully understand.

"But you can tell me the Truth," the bishop exclaims. Whereupon the angel tenderly touches the bishop's head, saying, "Truth! Yes, I could tell you. But could this hold it? Not this little box of brains. You haven't things to hold it with inside this."

What the angel meant, of course, is

that mystery is a blessing. In God's mercy, we walk in the shadow of mystery until the divinely appointed time for each of us to understand the blazing light of full Truth. It is expressed in an ancient maxim, "If you cannot face the candle, how can you look at the sun?" More precisely, to embrace the Mystery of God, you must first embrace the small mysteries that unfold within your own life as a blessing.

Consider the mystery of life as it unfolds in a marriage relationship. A good marriage that mellows with time is based on the growing realization by both spouses that complete knowledge of another human being is never attained. Here's another saying; "Married love is a balance uneasy." Meaning, there is always some new discovery to be made. Surprises happen.

The full mystery of the "other" is never solved, yet one learns to accept the other. Indeed, acceptance is the key to a

wholesome husband-and-wife relationship and all other human relationships, too. Non-acceptance implies a need to dominate, to program the other. A regimen of mutual programming is not only a sure guarantee of a dull marriage, it is also too often the underlying cause of a disastrous one.

Acceptance is an attitude of expecting the unexpected — a willingness to admit that the way you would like things to be is not necessarily the way things will be, or even should be. If you or I imagine that we really have a corner on the truth behind the beautiful mystery of everyday life, then we may also delude ourselves into thinking that we can program God.

It seems that we are better off simply to relish the daily mysteries in our lives. To face life squarely, in the spirit

of acceptance, with all the chanciness and the risk-taking it implies. To treasure the unexpected that comes our way, with all the compassion and patience it may demand.

Because, my friend, if we face the mystery of this life squarely, in the Chris-

tian spirit of loving acceptance, we will be ready to embrace the fullness of the Mystery of God at the appointed time.

"If you cannot face the candle, how can you look at the sun?"

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "A Lifetime Together, Thoughts for Engaged Couples," write to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the *Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### The Reverence of Outstretched Hands

**Q.** A member of our parish tells us he has it on good authority that when communion is received standing, liturgical law requires that one genuflect before receiving.

*That's news to me. I've only seen it done two or three times, but I said I would find out. Is that now a rule for going to Communion?*

**A.** I don't know who his authority was supposed to be, but there is no such requirement.

The General Instruction on the Roman Missal says only that communicants should "make a suitable reverence" before responding "amen" to the words "the body of Christ." It has the same notation twice (Sections 244 and 245).

This reverence might be a genuflection, of course, but it could also be sev-

eral other actions, such as a bow.

The point has been made, very fittingly I believe, that the most expressive act of reverence before Communion is the one the vast majority of people already use, holding out their hands.

Outstretched hands are a powerful symbol, for most of the human race, of nearly all those things we want to say to God as we come to receive the body of Christ.

Whether it's a child standing before his parents, a starving mother in Rwanda or ourselves before the eucharistic Lord, open hands held out to someone express our desire and need for what that person has to give.

The open hands also proclaim other feelings in our hearts at that time: our hunger and reverence for the gift we ask, our trust that the giver will give it, humility in acknowledging total dependence on what we will receive, praise and

thanks for the generosity of the one who offers the gift and much more.

As a priest, I admit to being deeply moved by this eloquent gesture every time I give Communion.

It's hard to imagine any other action capable of carrying such a weight of spiritual meaning for approaching Communion. As a bonus it is also unobtrusive and does not call attention to oneself.

Some may object that this sounds fine, but how many think of all this every time they receive the Eucharist?

It's true, of course, that we need to be always more conscious of why we do what we do. But one might make that same objection about a kiss or hug. What husband and wife reflect consciously on the deep meanings of these actions every time they say hello or goodbye?

Whether they do or not, however, the meaning remains and inevitably achieves its effect when such acts are done in a context of love and devotion.

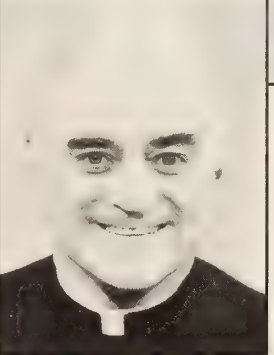
It's the same with open hands extended in prayer and hope. This

nearly universal gesture in its own way accomplishes what it symbolizes: humbleness and hunger.

A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on inter-Communion and other ways of sharing worship with people of other faiths, is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

## Spirituality For Today

Father John Catoir



### Poetry as Prayer

Poetry is more than language. It transcends what it actually signifies, enabling us to see beyond what is visible. Abstract formulas alone cannot tell us of God. We need the symbolic language of poetry to

transport us to new heights.

My favorite poet, Catherine de Vinck, has a new collection of unique meditations titled "A Basket of Bread" (Alba House, 2187 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y.). In her poem "Bread of Angels" she presents a familiar image:

*"At sunset  
the world rounds itself  
into a reed basket  
holding five barley loaves  
two silvered fish pale as the moon:  
not enough to feed the tribes  
reclining on the grassy slopes.  
The Master of knowledge stands on  
the mound:  
at his feet seas unfurl  
their ancient scrolls  
continents throb like murmuring  
hives.  
I am here, I am here, I am crying out  
waiting before an empty plate.  
Over the bread, over the fish*

*he speaks the eternal  
blessing.  
Now and forever, I,  
one among many,  
take and eat, the basket  
never empty  
the gift never with-  
drawn."*

You must spend time with a poem to savor it. Here is one titled "Hope":

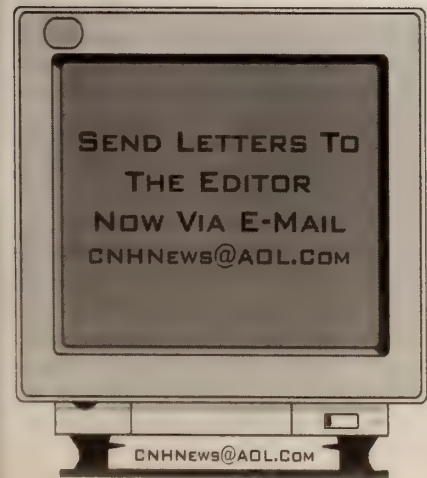
*"Now that life itself is flattened  
pierced by nails, wreathed with  
thorns  
now that your own body falls  
soft and limp into empty space —  
nothing to catch, no foothold  
no ledge  
only white emptiness  
through which you descend:  
the ground comes closer.  
Already you imagine*

*your bones broken  
your life crushed.  
Just before you hit  
rock bottom  
a small parachute of  
hope opens  
a corolla with fila-  
ments of light  
and you are held, you*

*swing free  
from deadly gravity: you  
float in azure currents  
through lanes of air  
through wide avenues of pure ozone  
and go on living another day."*

Thomas Merton said that Catherine de Vinck offers a "wonderful Blake-like response to the sacred world." Sally Cuneen says "her poems spring from a genuine love of simple realities ... suggesting a discipline that turns them into a poetry of joy."

I agree.





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Please call (910) 328-1584 for more information/application.

## Employment Opportunities

**Principal:** Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, a K through grade 8 school, is seeking applications for the position of principal. The school enrolls 200 students with a professional staff of 13. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. A master's degree in administration is preferred. Candidate must be certified or certifiable in the state of South Carolina. Position available beginning in the 1997-98 school year starting July 1, 1997. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Send resume, references, and salary expectations by April 15, to: **Search Committee, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, P.O. Box 8396, Greenville, SC 29604.**

**Atlanta, Ga. — Christ the King Catholic School,** a National School of Excellence located on Peachtree street in Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga., is seeking applicants for two positions for Fall, 1997.

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**Spanish Teacher:** Certification required. Also welcome are applicants from Catholic teachers for all grades from kindergarten through grade 5; middle school language arts; math; social studies; science; and in enrichment areas including art, music, computer, physical education, guidance and library. For further information, please call: **Mrs. Bryan, (404) 233-0383, press 0.**

**Youth/Young Adult Minister:** Full-time position with responsibility for organizing programs for junior and senior high students, confirmation and young adults 18-30. Certification and experience in youth ministry preferred. Comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith essential. Good salary and benefits package offered. Position opens July 1, 1997. Send resume and references to: **St. John Neumann Church, Youth Minister Search Committee, P.O. Box 23689, Columbia, SC, 29224.**

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** 900-family, progressive and involved parish, Central Virginia area of the Diocese of Richmond, Va., seeks dynamic individual for full-time position. Coordinate a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle, high school and college-age youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Would work in a collaborative ministry structure. Bachelor's degree required. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Application deadline: April 12, 1997. Submit resume to: **Youth Ministry Search Committee, Church of the Incarnation, 635 Hillsdale Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901.**

**Director of Youth Faith Formation:** Sought for dynamic, 2800-family parish in North Raleigh beginning July 1997. The program, directed to youth in grades 6-12 and their families, emphasizes total youth ministry, peer ministry, youth leadership and evangelization. Candidate should hold degree in theology/religious studies and have experience working with youth in a parish setting. Contact **Rev. William Kelly, S.J., St. Raphael Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 876-1667.**

**Pastoral Associate:** The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, an 800-family parish in historic downtown Charleston, S.C., is seeking a professional Pastoral Associate to manage its Christian Formation program (children, youth and adult) and Christian Initiation ministries. Master's degree in appropriate field

or bachelor's degree with comparable experience required. Interested applicants respond by 6-1-97 in writing to: **Sr. Bridget Sullivan, OLM, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401**

**Director of Parish Business Operations:** Large, growing, friendly parish needs professional for its business operations. This director will have the responsibility for the financial, fund-raising, information, technology, personnel and physical plant resources of the parish and will report to the pastor. Must be intimately familiar with the principles of accounting, have strong interpersonal skills and be an effective communicator. Minimum requirements are: 10 years work experience in related disciplines as outlined above; five years management experience; and a bachelor's degree in business administration, finance or equivalent. Salary is negotiable and based on experience and competitive information. Submit resumes to: **Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410 or FAX to (910) 294-6149.**

**Director of Youth Faith Development:** Full-time opportunity on faith development team to creatively mentor and minister to junior and senior high youth in grades 6-12 in a growing, vibrant parish in central North Carolina. Interested candidates should possess a degree in theology or related field. Experience working with youth, ability to train adult and youth volunteers a plus. Send resume to: **Search Committee, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 12333 Bayleaf Church Rd., Raleigh, NC 27614.**

**Principal:** Divine Redeemer School in suburban Charleston, S.C. is a parochial school of 285 students from preschool through 8th grade. The principal is responsible for all areas of instruction, staff development and budget supervision. A master's degree in education is required and extensive experience in Catholic school is preferred. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Please send resume and references to: **Father Jay Scott Newman, Divine Redeemer Church, 1106 Fort Dr., Hanahan, SC 29406.**

**Director of Youth Ministry:** St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., seeks a dynamic individual for this full-time position. The director will coordinate a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle and high school youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Bachelor's degree required. Some experience with youth preferred. Ongoing training opportunities provided. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Submit resume and references to: **Youth Ministry Search Committee, St. Leo the Great, 335 Springdale Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27104. Attention: Fr. Jim Solari.**

**Director of Faith Formation:** St. Michael Catholic Church, a growing parish of 930 families in Gastonia, N.C., is seeking a dynamic, energetic individual for this full-time position. Successful candidate will be a proven leader with two or more years professional experience, a degree in religious education, theology or related field; a strong knowledge of Church teaching; effective in recruiting and coordinating ministry volunteers; and possess strong organizational and communication skills. Responsibilities include: Faith formation for children grades pre-K through 5, sacramental preparation, RCIA, adult formation, Vacation Bible School, evangelization and small groups. Send resume and salary history to: **St. Michael Church, 708 St. Michael's Ln., Gastonia, NC 28052.**

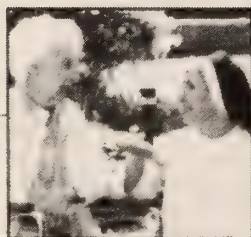
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# Entertainment

## The Devil's Own

# Innocent Family Snared In Imported Struggle

NEW YORK (CNS) — A big-hearted cop finds he has welcomed a wanted criminal into his home in the edgy drama, "The Devil's Own."

Two of Hollywood's leading box-office actors go head to head as strangers who become like father and son, then hunter and hunted as Harrison Ford befriends Brad Pitt, unaware the younger man's violent tendencies represent all that Ford as New York police Sgt. Tom O'Meara abhors.

Pitt plays Frankie McGuire, whose path in life was set from age 8, when he saw his gentle father shot to death at the family dinner table by those opposed to a united Ireland.

Having subsequently shot his share of British soldiers and cops, fugitive Frankie is secreted out of Ireland. Under the alias Rory Devaney, he is to buy Stinger missiles in New York for the IRA from saloon owner-arms dealer Treat Williams.

Frankie's first contact, an Irish sympathizer judge (George Hearn), assures him the safest place to stay is with the apolitical cop who thinks Frankie is a just a poor construction worker eager to settle in America.

Frankie moves in — and is himself moved by the atmosphere of peace and love between the cop, his gracious wife (Margaret Colin) and their three young daughters.

And Tom, ever surrounded by four females, treats Frankie as the son he never had.

Attending one daughter's confirmation, Frankie is clearly conflicted by the priest's words, remembering the commandments he has broken as a terrorist, all in the name of patriotism.

Meanwhile, Tom is having his own moral crisis when his partner (Ruben Blades) rashly shoots a fleeing suspect dead, not realizing the man had already dropped his gun. Tom hates himself for backing his partner's lie that the suspect was still armed.

However, violence invades the sanctity of Tom's home when thugs show up to snatch the IRA money hidden in Frankie's room, but end up nearly taking Tom's wife hostage.

Realizing Frankie must be an IRA operative, the furious Tom sets out to take him in — but also to save his life since the Brits closing in on him would surely nab and execute Frankie

on the spot.

Under Alan J. Pakula's well-crafted direction, this Hollywood action movie expands into a character study of two men torn by their loyalties — and the friendship squarely in their way.

Ford and Pitt give commanding performances: Ford as the cop who never shot anyone but is now faced with gunning down the fellow he has loved like a family member, while Pitt must choose between his mission or killing the man who took him in with open arms.

Pakula takes pains to make the two men's contrasting worlds palpable. The scenes shot in Ireland are gripping testaments to instantaneous violence wreaking havoc on simple street scenes — a far cry from the hushed serenity of the neighborhood Tom returns home to each night, and which Frankie knows he can never truly inhabit.

But the film doesn't whitewash the Irishman's murderous streak; when push comes to shove Frankie will kill in cold blood if it furthers his cause, and face the consequences in the hereafter. He has made his choices, but Pitt

doesn't rob his character of his humanity — and Ford conveys that he can understand the forces that shaped him into a murderous terrorist.

The cop's conflict with his trigger-happy partner adds another layer of complexity to his soulful ex-

amination of his own beliefs and sense of integrity.

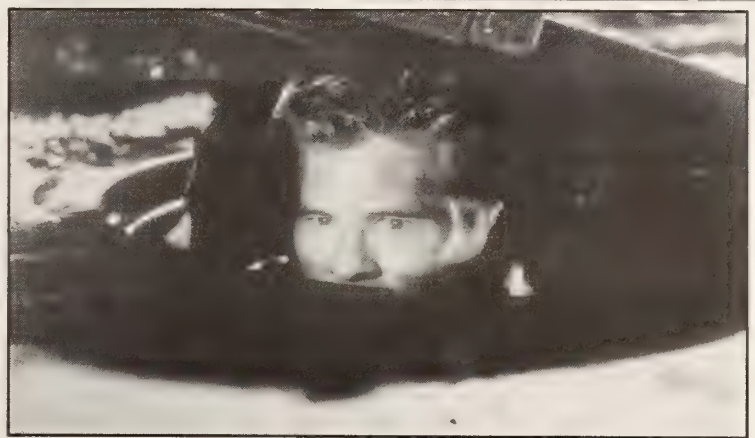
This makes the movie more interesting than the cookie-cutter parade of constant action and mayhem often favored in big-budget studio films.

Production values are top-notch both in the Dublin and Gotham locations, with sudden terror time and again keeping the proceedings suspenseful.

A hint of romance between Pitt and Natascha McElhone has no chance to develop but viewers will have plenty of time to decide if Pitt's soft brogue sounds authentic.

Without oversimplifying the Northern Ireland troubles, "The Devil's Own" explores the ramifications of that struggle when it is imported to these shores and snares an innocent family into its clutches.

Due to intermittent violence, recurring rough language and some profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



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Val Kilmer stars as Simon Templar, in the action-adventure film "The Saint." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Basquiat" (1996)

Hollow dramatization of the short career of Jean-Michel Basquiat (Jeffrey Wright), a black graffiti artist in New York City who achieved international fame as a self-taught painter before dying from a drug overdose in 1988 at the age of 27. Written and directed by Julian Schnabel, the episodic script develops little emotional involvement in the character and lacks insight into his work or the bohemian art group which brought him fame. Frequent scenes of drug abuse, implied sexual encounters, profanity and rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "The Chamber" (1996)

Somber drama from John Grisham's novel about the dark secrets uncovered by a novice lawyer (Chris O'Donnell) in his stubborn attempt to win a stay of execution in Mississippi for his racist grandfather (Gene Hackman), convicted of murdering twin boys decades earlier. Directed by James Foley, the result is not particularly suspenseful, but offers an absorbing character study of the convicted man coming to terms with the life he has led. Sporadic violence, racial epithets and an instance of profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "The First Wives Club" (1996)

Deserted by wealthy husbands who have callously lined up younger replacements, three irate wives (Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton) scheme to humiliate and financially drain their estranged spouses. Directed by Hugh Wilson, the revenge-themed comedy is weighed down by unconvincing plot contrivances, despite spirited performances and caustically funny dialogue. Some sexual innuendo, an off-screen suicide, fleeting comic violence and an instance of profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The

Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Flirting with Disaster" (1996)

Mindless comedy about a young couple (Ben Stiller and Patricia Arquette) on a cross-country search for the husband's biological parents with the help of an adoption agency worker (Tea Leoni) and a homosexual couple they meet along the way. Written and directed by David O. Russell, the journey's disasters are too predictable to be amusing and the sexual byplay between the quirky travelers is too heavy-handed to be comic, though occasional giggles are supplied by veteran performers in supporting roles. Sexual situations and innuendo, tasteless humor, drug jokes and some rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "The Spitfire Grill" (1996)

Engrossing picture of a troubled young woman (Alison Elliott) coming to a small town in Maine for a fresh start in life which seems possible after she's befriended by a couple of local women (Ellen Burstyn and Marcia Gay Harden) but her growing sense of belonging ends in a tragedy which soberes the community and helps transform it. Written and directed by Lee David Zlotoff, the emotionally involving story is told with realism, the characters are warmly human and, despite some melodramatic turns, the result is heartfelt drama with a genuinely uplifting conclusion. Some menace, a tragic death and a reference to the sexual abuse of a minor resulting in murder. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.





# What does *parenthood* mean?

By H. Richard McCord Jr.  
Catholic News Service

**T**he strict definition of parenthood — “the state of being a parent” — is not very useful. It’s a static viewpoint.

Instead, we need to ask, What does being a parent mean? This is the dynamic viewpoint and the more relevant question.

More specifically, what does it mean to be a Christian Catholic parent?

There are some generic things we can say about being a parent, regardless of one’s religious background, and there are some dimensions that flow directly from being a Christian and a Catholic believer.

To be a parent is to answer a call to help God create, nurture, sustain new life. It’s a vocation, something which, especially today, can involve risks, create anxiety and fear, and seem daunting. Like any vocation, when it’s embraced in freedom and with trust in the Lord, it will bring much joy, but always some pain and sorrow as well.

The call or vocation to be a Christian parent is a summons to perform the roles and responsibilities that all parents have and to see in this activity a deeper spiritual meaning.

What do parents do? Theologian and educator Maria Harris provides a helpful set of categories.

—Parents protect: keeping children from physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual harm; constructing boundaries around a family or household to screen outside influences.

Parents must be aware, however, that their protection cannot be absolute. Accidents, tragedies will happen; eventually children will suffer some harm.

Parents must be ready to let go of the need to control every aspect of their children’s world. This realization can be a source of great sorrow — and also a new sense of freedom — for parents. It requires faith (trust) in God.

—Parents nourish: feeding, sheltering, clothing, and providing for children’s physical needs. This can be exhausting. For some parents it requires heroic effort and sacrifice. It is where some parents focus all their effort.

That can be short-sighted because there is also the need to nourish children’s human spirits. They must

encounter beauty and truth and develop their gifts for creativity and service. Parents “feed” these spiritual hungers too.

—Parents guide: teaching, inspiring, communicating and modeling values and behavior — a progressive task which grows and changes as a child becomes more experienced with making decisions.

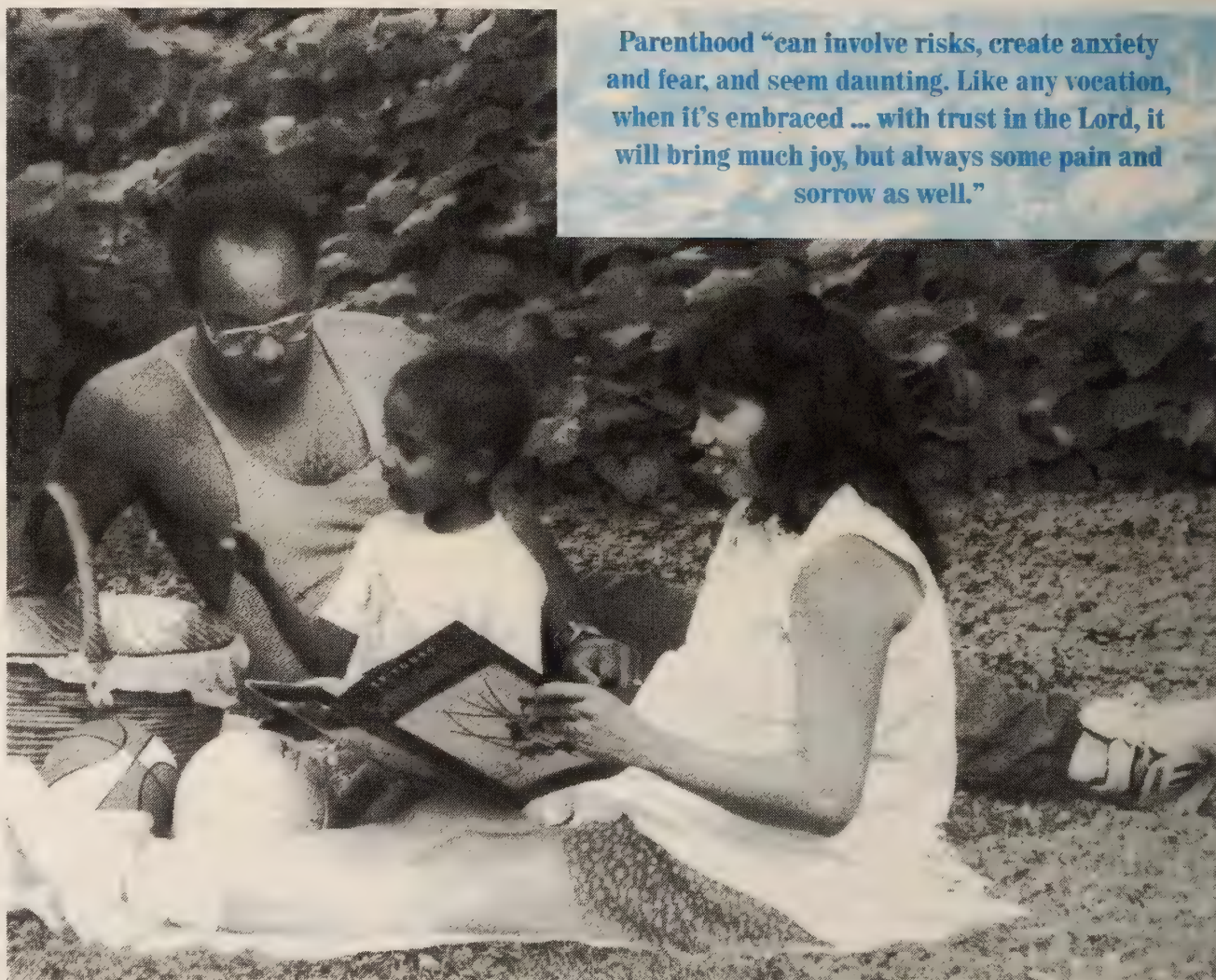
love has so many faces. But parental love does not rule out anger, frustration, the need for discipline, the urge to scream and otherwise let off steam.

To be a parent is to have an enduring love for one’s child — the kind of love which “never forgets” this essential relationship that began long ago.

Mothers and fathers will “parent” differently — each bringing a different

“Baptism brings all Christians into union with God. Your family life is sacred because family relationships confirm and deepen this union and allow the Lord to work through you. The profound and the ordinary moments of daily life — mealtimes, workdays, vacations, expressions of love and intimacy, household chores, caring for a sick child or elderly parent and even

**Parenthood “can involve risks, create anxiety and fear, and seem daunting. Like any vocation, when it’s embraced ... with trust in the Lord, it will bring much joy, but always some pain and sorrow as well.”**



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At some point in a child’s development, it involves greater ability to listen, to pose questions, to outline possible routes to follow, then stepping back.

Parents are the first and most basic teachers, doing so more by giving example, by answering questions and equipping children with skills than by relating concepts and information.

—Parents love: This is what makes all the above roles possible. Parental

set of perspectives and skills. Neither is better or more essential than the other; they should not strive to be interchangeable, lest they deprive children of ingredients for healthy development.

The single parent is not someone to despise or pity or blame. Usually people do not intend to parent alone. Most would rather have the assistance of a spouse if the circumstances were different.

The single parent is usually doing the best she or he can with limited resources. Research about resilience in children shows that children can thrive if they at least have the undivided attention, loyalty, love and care of one parent.

What can distinguish a “Catholic” approach to parenting is a sacramental viewpoint. This means that ordinary, everyday realities (like wiping dirty faces, tucking a child into bed, calming a child’s fear) are “doors to the sacred,” ways of discovering God’s presence and encountering God’s love.

The U.S. bishops, in their pastoral message “Follow the Way of Love,” state:

conflicts over things like how to celebrate holidays, discipline children or spend money — all are the threads from which you can weave a pattern of holiness.”

The other thing that could be called distinctively “Catholic” about the role of parent is the understanding — a part of official church teaching — that a Christian family is a “church of the home.” The parents are the leaders or ministers in the church of the home.

Pope John Paul II has said that parents have a ministry of evangelization and catechesis within their own family (“Familiaris Consortio,” 53).

(McCord is the associate director of the U.S. bishops’ secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.)

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## In a Nutshell

**The bad news: Parenting is hard work. The good news: It’s worth it.**

**Parenthood is a vocation from God involving risks and anxiety. Is there a definition for “parenthood”?**

**In the sacramental vision, parenthood’s ordinary actions are doors to the sacred: tucking a child into bed; calming a child’s fear.**



# Parenthood: It's just divine!

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

To say that God sets parents in a special position in the family is to say that parenthood is a divine vocation, a call to serve a family that is Godlike, as the New Testament Letter to the Ephesians reminds us:

"I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named" (3:14-15).

The term "vocation" has taken on a tightly defined meaning for some people. Perhaps when they think of vocations they think exclusively of a call to the priesthood or religious life — greatly important vocations. But St. Paul, speaking of the action of the Spirit in our lives, wrote:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the

Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

Parents are called to share with God the uniquely divine act of creation. Creation is an ongoing process. And human beings are works in progress, not finished products.

By our every choice we affect our physical and spiritual development and that of others. We are co-creators with God.

In a special way parents participate in this never-ending divine work. They give and nurture life, are given responsibility for human development.

As the initial act of creation was an act of divine love, the birth of every person results from an act of love. Both parents are intimately involved in this sacred process.

The father is a "sacrament" of God's life-giving and continued providence. It is not only in his authority that a father is a God-image. He is so more radically in his act of "pro-creation" — in his reassuring presence and caring support.

The mother is likewise a God-image. From her very substance a human being, a child of God, takes being itself. Her nurturing is an exquisite sharing in God's sustaining love.

In the Book of Isaiah, God exclaims: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (49:15).

Even if we define the term "vocation" as a calling to serve the church, it is good to remember that the church includes the domestic church. Every family is the church in miniature, and parents are called to guide it.

And like all vocations, it is demanding. Like the God with whom they work, parents will know misunderstanding, ingratitude, rebellion. But like God they will be understanding, patient, compassionate.

Parenthood is a truly awesome vocation!

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

# Parenting: Hard work, but worth it

By Dan Luby  
Catholic News Service

I've only climbed one mountain, and that was in my car.

Against a brilliant blue sky, the snowy grandeur of Pike's Peak inspired me with awe and an intense desire to get to its top. The road was clear, the car in good shape. I figured half a morning should do it.

Almost all of my expectations were wrong. The road curved fiendishly. Hairpin turns tested my reflexes and my nerve.

My companions grew nervous and critical. Hours later, when we finally reached the top, I was exhausted. Had I known how hard it was going to be, I would probably never have tried it.

Parenthood is like that. On a clear day from a distance, it seems an inspiring and awesome privilege. Parents charge ahead, filled with enthusiasm and utterly unrealistic expectations.

—The bad news: Parenting is hard work.

—The good news: It's worth it. We find it harder than we thought — more work, trickier, more dangerous, more trouble. Our initial confidence often takes a beating.

ergy than we figured. And the downhill side of it can be as tough as the uphill.

The gap between our expectations and reality on the parenthood journey

**"To be a parent is to embark on a climb that holds the promise of an inspiring and glorious vision.... That's worth whatever cost we have to pay."**



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We worry about things we never noticed before. The other passengers on the trip don't often applaud our performance. It always takes more en-

may be the toughest thing about it. From a child's point of view, parenting hardly looks like the accumulated experience it is. As children we thought of it, if we thought of it at all, as simply what parents do.

Once we become parents, though, we discover how complicated it is. Decisions our parents apparently made by instinct reveal themselves as Solomonic tests of judgment.

We find that the patience required for interruptions, unanswerable questions and endless challenges to authority is not automatic, but a deliberate and difficult choice.

Obstacles abound. The values parents work to instill are often undermined by those of the culture of which we are a part. The solid givens of child rearing for one generation, like gender roles or norms of etiquette and public behavior, vanish for another. Economic and social demands on parents erode the energy and time they have for their children.

Some barriers are raised simply by human interaction.

Conflict between parents can result

## How do you define "parenthood"? Or, identify two of the "essentials" of parenthood.

"Flexibility, because nothing is certain but the unforeseen, especially in parenthood. And a strong sense of self, because you're making thousands of decisions all the time — and if you're second-guessing yourself you'll go crazy." — Gail Koehler, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

"Love and communication. You have to let them know how much they are really loved no matter what happens, and too often, due to working so much, parents don't have time to talk with their kids — and talking with them is essential." — Elaine Koopler, South Milwaukee, Wis.

"Responsibility and dedication. Raising children is a kind of unwritten contract: You agree to provide for their physical, emotional and psychological needs to the best of your ability, and it requires dedication to continue doing those things over the long haul." — Mike Dell, Colonia, N.J.

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in inconsistent, confusing messages for kids. Today's children — and therefore their parents — face an unparalleled array of choices (Soccer or football? Dance or gymnastics? Cable or video?), contributing to a sense that every moment or every day must be filled, creating overcrowded schedules and high stress.

The exquisite demands of parenthood are, happily, not visible until it's too late to turn back. Once embarked on the journey, we must go forward in spite of our shocking realization that we aren't certain where the blind turns will show up, that the risks of failure are greater than we imagined.

Had I never attempted to reach the summit, I would have felt less anxiety and fatigue that day in the mountains. I would have had less stress, but my spirit would have been the poorer for missing the vista of the Rockies spreading out to the west as far as the eye could see.

To be a parent is to embark on a climb that holds the promise of an inspiring and glorious vision, a chance to see the world through God's eyes. That's worth whatever cost we have to pay.

(Luby is director of the Division of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas.)

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

A parent is a work in process. That means that a significant part of a parent's definition of "parenthood" is likely to be based on actual parenting. It boils down to this: Parenthood is a whole lot different than people tend to think going into it.

Now, as I see it, dealing with this reality constructively — being open to the larger dimensions of parenting as they emerge before your eyes — is a mark of adulthood.

Parents are adults who accept the fact that they don't already know everything. As unanticipated, even mind-boggling challenges confront them, parents as adults:

- Respond reflectively, appropriately to what appears negative, and
- Don't overlook the fact that God may be beckoning to them through this very situation, with all its difficulty.

I've only been a parent for 24 years. But already I think I've learned something: Even if a situation involving a child produces high levels of frustration and anxiety for a parent, God is not absent there.

In parenthood, Catholicism's sacramental imagination comes into full view: As children, who are works in process, make works in process of their parents, God remains part of the process.

**David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!**



## People In The News

### Date Set To Bless, Break Gound Of New L.A. Cathedral

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Sept. 21 has been set as the date to bless and break the ground for the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The event will include a formal blessing ceremony plus presentations from cathedral architect Jose Rafael Moneo and others involved in the design and construction process. Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, in a letter to priests of his archdiocese, asked parishes to send delegations to the ceremonies. "Since the site is some 5.53 acres, we will be able to accommodate a very large number of people," he said.

### Cardinal Law To Represent Pope At Antilles Eucharistic Congress

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago (CNS) — Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston will represent Pope John Paul II at the Antilles Eucharistic Congress to be held in Trinidad and Tobago. Planning for the April 17-20 congress began nearly two years ago and was officially launched by Archbishop Gordon Anthony Pantin of Port of Spain last year. The congress theme is "We, though many, form one body, because we partake of the one bread" (I Cor. 10:17).

### Catholic Student Teacher Sues Over Denial Of Certification

BOSTON (CNS) — A student teacher in Massachusetts has brought a suit in federal court against Salem State College and Melrose public school officials, claiming he was denied teaching certification because of his Catholic religious convictions. Robert Hennessy says he has been unfairly punished for walking out of a fifth-grade art class at Horace Mann Elementary School in

Melrose, where he was a student teacher. He left because he objected to the display of a parody of Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" featuring an image of Marilyn Monroe in place of Christ. Following the April 1996 incident, Hennessy received notice from Salem State College, where he was an education major, that he was suspended from school and relieved of his student teaching assignment.

### Msgr. Murray, San Antonio Chancellor, Dead At 73

SAN ANTONIO (CNS) — Msgr. Patrick J. Murray, chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, died March 28 after a six-week battle with cancer. He was 73. Archbishop Patrick F. Flores of San Antonio was the main celebrant at his April 1 funeral Mass, concelebrated by priests from throughout the archdiocese, at St. Matthew's Church. Burial took place in Ireland.

### Frank Monahan Receives National Education Award

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Frank Monahan, head of the U.S. bishops' Office of Government Liaison, has received the John F. Meyers Award from the National Catholic Educational Association. The annual award was presented April 3 during the NCEA convention in Minneapolis. Monahan, who was recognized for "exceptional service to Catholic education at the national level for more than



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Plenty Loaves — Women prepare shaped dough for baking on a recent Saturday at St. Stephen's Parish in Streator, Ill. They make 250-300 pastries a week to bring in needed funds for school and parish projects.

25 years," has been responsible for the overall direction and coordination of lobbying functions of the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington.

### Father Trainor, Maryknoll Missioner, Dies At Age 74

BROOKLINE, Mass. (CNS) — Maryknoll Father Joseph P. Trainor, a missionary to Africa and a promotional

director for his order, died of cancer March 28 in Brookline, where he was in residence at St. Mary's of Assumption Church. A funeral Mass for Father Trainor, 74, was scheduled for April 4 in the Queen of Apostles Chapel at Maryknoll headquarters in Ossining, N.Y. Burial was to be in the Maryknoll Cemetery. He had been a Maryknoll priest for 46 years.

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# Students Spend Break Working In Mountains

CULLOWHEE — While many college students spent their spring break at the beach or at home with family, groups from Allegheny College, Western Carolina, Lehigh and Duke universities spent their vacation time helping improve the quality of life for many elderly people in the mountains of North Carolina.

Southern Appalachian Building Aid (SABA) was started on WCU's campus in 1991, offering an alternative spring break program to colleges across the country. SABA continues to be supported by the WCU United Campus Ministry Association, an ecumenical group of Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist students and campus ministers.

Sam Hale, the Presbyterian campus minister, arranges the work sites through the Jackson County Department on Aging's Project Care. Work activities vary according to the needs of the people. This year, volunteers built two ramps, replaced flooring, repaired roofs and completed other home improvements.

In addition to their labor during the day, the students are afforded leisure time as well. "We also try to expose them to the mountain culture that our area offers," said Gloria Schweizer, Catholic campus minister. "Each night after a hard day's work, the students are entertained by country fiddlers, Appalachian storytellers; they even learn to clog."

Duke University student Leslie Smith spoke highly of her spring break with SABA. "It is a great way to see the mountains, reflect on our gifts from God, meet other college students, and help others in need of safe housing," she said.



Duke University students Cheryl Bisset, Phuong Doan, Leslie Smith, Mark Michael and Kerri Mock (l.-r.) take a break after completing a ramp for a western North Carolina resident.

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# Spring Fling Attracts Diocesan Youth

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

HIGH POINT — With students and faculty at home, weekends are usually



A "sumo wrestler" prepares to enter the ring at the 1997 Spring Fling.

and their youth leaders in the school parking lot for "Spring Fling," an annual di-

ocesan event for youth. peaceful at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. A recent Saturday was an exception when cars, buses and vans emptied more than 300 Catholic middle school students

ocesan event for youth.

The theme was "Journeying in Relationships: Exploring Relationships with Self, God, Parents and Peers." Participation doubled from last year's celebration in Gastonia and included youth from 22 parishes.

"The day was meant (for youth and youth leaders) to gather and celebrate who we are as a Church and people, to build the self-esteem ... their sense of belonging and importance," said Paul Kotlowski, diocesan director of youth ministry, who coordinated the event with area youth leaders Robin Connolly, Kathleen Lewis and Kathy Bombell.

Blending active and interactive sessions, "Spring Fling" consisted of youth workshops on relationship building, games to become acquainted with one

another, and youth leader workshops. A youth session led by Kotlowski focused on the importance of peer relationships. For adults, a workshop was available on how to start and expand a middle school youth ministry program.

During the outdoor "extreme games," which provided a break from the indoor workshops, the youth were challenged physically with activities such as walking on stilts, Sumo-styling wrestling and running a Velcro obstacle course.

Missy Taylor, a youth from Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury, said the experience was a positive one. "It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed meeting people my age from different places," she said.

"It is wonderful for students to share Christian values," added Peg Ruble, central region faith formation coordinator.

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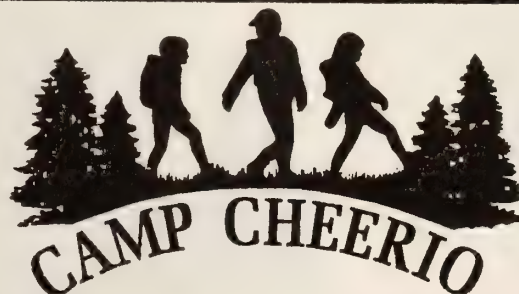
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# Students Extend Their Hearts To Haiti

WINSTON-SALEM — Echoing the old proverb "charity begins at home," Bishop McGuinness High School sophomores in Mike Streich's World History classes collected almost \$200 within five days to cover postage costs in conjunction with the Hearts for Haiti program. The program, sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy parish, involves sending needed goods to a Haitian orphanage.

Sophomores Liz Snow and Mac McCarthy spearheaded the students' participation in the project. Many students gave up lunches, adding the money that they would have spent to the collection drive. Classes began with prayers for the children of Haiti.

Snow and McCarthy recently presented BMHS Principal George Repass with a handmade plaque sent by the Haitian children in thanks. The plaque, portraying two hands clasped in friendship, now adorns the World History classroom as a reminder of what Streich calls the true definition of Catholic-Christian education.



BMHS sophomores Mac McCarthy and Liz Snow with Principal George Repass, center, and project coordinators Kathren O'Connell and Louise Sechler

"We have fun learning about Rousseau and Milton," the teacher said. "But our goal is to apply the lessons of history within the framework of a Christian world view — a universal absolute which governs our values and guides our morals. It is nothing less than following

the example of Christ."

"What the kids did for the orphans in Haiti reflects something Bishop Curlin challenged us to do a year ago: 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel; use words if you have to!'" Streich added.

## Padre Pio Presentation

HENDERSONVILLE — Capuchin Father John Aurilia presents "Getting to Know Padre Pio" sponsored by St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity of the secular Franciscan Order. April 27 at 5 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Father Aurilia, a fellow priest and friend of Padre Pio at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, will share his insight and knowledge.

## Recruiting Underway For National Evangelization Team

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The recruiting season for the National Evangelization Teams (NET) is in full swing. The Catholic youth outreach, based in St. Paul, Minn., challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the

Church. This year NET is recruiting 108 adults to serve nine months as NET team members.

Team members begin their year in late August with a five-week training program that includes daily prayer and participation in the sacraments, formation in Christian virtue, and instruction in retreat ministry skills. After training, team members are sent out in teams of 10-12 to facilitate evangelistic retreats for junior and high school students. "We're looking for single, Catholic men and women between 18-30 who demonstrate an active faith in Christ and a desire to bring the loving knowledge of Christ to youth," said Charlotte Patros, recruiting director for NET.

During the year each NET team will travel 25,000 miles, serve in seven to eight dioceses and reach out to 9,000 young people with the Good News of Christ. In NET's 15-year history, team members have conducted approximately 15,000 retreats for more than one million youth and hailed from almost every state and province in the United States and Canada, plus 16 foreign countries.

According to Patros, with more than 30 dioceses on the waiting list for an NET team, the challenge is recruiting enough team members to meet the demand. "We would field more teams if we could be assured of team members to fill the positions," Patros said.

For more information about the National Evangelization Teams, contact Charlotte Patros, (612) 450-6833 (phone); (612) 450-9984 (fax); or write to 110 Crusader Ave. W., W. St. Paul, MN 55118-4427.



Local students seeking a master's degree or certificate through Loyola Institute of Ministry (LIMEX) from Loyola University of New Orleans are shown at the conclusion of their first course. The group meets weekly for three hours at Charlotte Catholic High School with facilitators Connie Milligan and Joanna Case. This is the fourth group locally to undertake the arduous three-and-a-half year course of study required for a graduate degree in Religious Education or Pastoral Studies. Those who do not have an undergraduate degree receive a Certificate of Ministry Preparation. The program is sponsored by the Oratory of Rock Hill and promoted by the Charlotte Diocesan Office of Faith Formation. For information about future groups, Connie Milligan, (704) 364-3344 or Case, (704) 362-0013. Pictured, front row: Connie Golisano (St. Peter); Julie Platte ((St. John Neumann); Jan Blodgett (St. Alben, Davidson); Doris Nicholson (Our Lady of Consolation); Peg Ruble (St. John Neumann). Middle row: Judie Radovanic (St. Vincent de Paul); Elena Ziegler (St. Ann, Rock Hill); Stephanie Neely (St. Gabriel); Ann Rowe (St. Vincent de Paul); Gretchen Gantzer (St. Ann, Rock Hill). Back row: Clarence Fox (St. Alben, Davidson); Don Allen (St. Peter); Dick O'Donoghue (St. Vincent de Paul); Monica Friedman (St. Matthew); Carl Ross (St. James, Concord).

## Dietzen's Q-And-A Book On Catholicism Out In New Edition

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — Father John J. Dietzen has collected more of his popular question-and-answer newspaper columns about the Catholic faith in a new edition of his book, "The New Question Box."

Subtitled "Catholic Life in a New Century," the 574-page paperback is the 11th printing and updating of the book since it first appeared in 1981.

An earlier edition won first place as best popular presentation of the Catholic faith in the 1992 Catholic Press Association book awards.

The latest revision was published recently by Guildhall Publishers in Peoria, which also put out the earlier versions.

Albina L. Aspell, founder and head of Guildhall, told Catholic News Service there has been a great deal of interest in the book.

The column, titled "Question Box," first appeared in *The Catholic Post*, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, when Father Dietzen was the paper's editor. Syndicated by CNS since 1975, the column is one of its most popular and is carried today by more than 50 Catholic papers.

In his preface to the new edition, Father Dietzen wrote, "Twenty-five years ago, the heaviest single topic in my mail concerned marriage, divorce and remarriage. Today the predominant subject is Holy Scripture."

The book, which answers more than 600 questions, is divided into 14 chapters.

General topics include: the Bible; the Church; Mass; Holy Communion; baptism and confirmation; marriage and family life; divorce, annulment, remarriage; right and wrong; penance and anointing of the sick; ecumenism; prayer and devotions; saints; and death and burial.

The final chapter, "Etcetera," contains questions on purgatory, the Gregorian calendar, Abraham Lincoln, devil worship, chain letters, and healing on television.

Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Bloomington, Ill., since 1983, Father Dietzen also has served the Peoria Diocese as director of the Office of Family Life and chairman of the Respect Life Board.

In addition to his column and pastoral duties, he has been a retreat master, teacher and lecturer.

The book is available at Catholic religious and bookstores. Readers also may order it prepaid for \$15.95 plus \$2.50 for handling from: Guildhall Publishers, P.O. Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Orders may be sent by fax to (309) 688-5985.

Father Dietzen's column appears in each issue of the *Catholic News & Herald*.



## Seminarians Installed In Ministry Of Reader



Seventeen seminarians preparing for the priesthood at Saint Vincent Seminary were installed March 17 in the Ministry of the Reader by the Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L. (third from right), Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, who presided in the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Assisting him were the Rt. Rev. Douglas Nowicki, O.S.B. (second from right), Saint Vincent archabbot and chancellor; and the Very Rev. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B. (far right), rector of Saint Vincent Seminary. Receiving the ministry from the Diocese of Charlotte were, from left, David T. Brzoska and Luis Salvador Osorio. The primary function of the Reader is to read the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and assist the faithful to prepare for the worthy reception of the sacraments.

## Case Helps Plan National Symposium On Christian Initiation

Joanna Case of St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte and Father Michael Clay of St. Thomas More Church in Chapel Hill recently planned a national symposium on Christian Initiation in a Rural Context entitled "Graced is the Land." The conference, held March 19-22 in Richmond, Va., gathered rural and initiation ministers, theologians and sociologists to explore key issues for initiation ministry in a rural context.

Presentations were made by Bishop John McGraith of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.; Dr. Gary Burkart, chair, Department of Sociology, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan.; Brother David Andrews, CSC, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Des Moines, Iowa; Sister Eleanor Suther, OSB, author of *Seasons of Faith*, and scholar on rural catechetics; and Father Clay. Participants included residents of the U.S. and Canada. John Butler, president of John Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., served as facilitator of the symposium sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

Case is a member of the board of di-



Joanna Case and Father Michael Clay

rectors and a national team presenter for the North American Forum. She has directed the Catechumenate at St. Patrick Cathedral since 1980, and teaches at Charlotte Catholic High School where she chairs the Religious Studies Department. Father Clay recently completed doctoral studies in Initiation in a Rural Context and is also a national team presenter for the North American Forum.

Case and Father Clay have presented several workshops on Rural and Christian Initiation as well as co-authoring articles for *Catechumenate* magazine. Case has an article on Rural Initiation in the current issue of *Today's Parish* magazine.

Their next collaboration will be a workshop at the Third International Convocation of the North American Forum in November.

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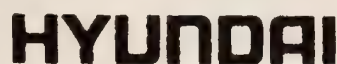


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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Little Italy Night

WINSTON-SALEM — St. Leo the Great parish choir hosts Little Italy Night April 19 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The event includes strolling singers, dinner and prizes. Advance tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children; at the door, tickets are \$6 adults, \$4 children. For more information, call (910) 724-0561.

## CCHS Presents "Guys & Dolls"

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School presents the musical "Guys & Dolls" on May 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4 at 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$6 and seating is first come, first served. For more information, call (704) 534-9118.

## Woodwind Quartet Concert

BELMONT — The Belmont Abbey Woodwind Quartet, composed of players from the Charlotte Repertory Orchestra, presents a free concert April 15 at 7:45 p.m. in the Belmont Abbey Church. Call (704) 825-6890 for more information.

## Sisters Of Mercy Spring Gala

CRAMERTON — The Sisters of Mercy of N.C. sponsor the Spring Gala benefit April 19 from 7:30 p.m.-midnight at Cramerton Mountain Country Club. Included in the event are a buffet, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds will benefit a host of outreach facilities. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased by calling (704) 829-5103. Corporate underwriting/sponsorship is being sought, and individual program ads are available by calling Trudy Dixon, (704) 824-3551, ext. 578.

## Family Rosary Day

CHARLOTTE — The 42nd Semi-Annual Family Rosary Day is May 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church starting at 3 p.m. Father Gordon Pillon of the Charlotte Catholic High School religion department is speaker. The event includes rosary, hymns, homily, procession and Benediction.

## Permanent Diaconate Wives' Retreat

MORGANTON — The wives of the permanent deacons and candidates of the Charlotte Diocese will hold a retreat day on April 26 at St. Charles Borromeo Church from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sister Mary Thomas Burke is leader for the retreat, which focuses on personal spirituality and camaraderie. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Virginia Schumacher, (910) 723-9768.

## Forum on Abuse Continues

BREVARD — The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart parish's forum on abuse in the family and work place continues April 20 from 2-4 p.m. with "Family Structure," presented by Jack Culbreth, licensed psychologist and supervisor of the Drug Alcohol Recovery Program at the Marion Correctional Institution. For more information, call (704) 883-9572.

## CRISM Spring Fling

HICKORY — The CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) Spring Fling is April 23 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Catholic Conference Center. Come early for continental breakfast from 9-10 a.m. Activities include sing-a-longs, games, walking tours, bingo, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, lunch and Mass. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 377-6871, ext. 314.

## Diocesan Media Resource Library

CHARLOTTE — The diocesan Office of Telecommunications' Media Lending Library comprises 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio cassettes and a small book collection. No fee is charged for previewing or using materials for personal enrichment. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. Items can be shipped upon request.

This month's video profile:

"The Goosehill Gang and the Mystery of the Treehaus Ghost" teaches the importance of forgiveness. For grades 3-6.

"Catholic Values and Sexuality" helps teens and parents understand their identity. For junior high schoolers-adults.

"Mass for Children" features kids asking questions and a review of the Mass. For middle grades.

For more information on these and other materials, call (704) 331-1717.

## Weigh Down Workshop

CHARLOTTE — A 12-week, Bible-based weight-loss program at St. John Neumann Church begins April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the library with a free orientation session. The seminar costs \$103 (additional family members are half-price). For more information or to register, call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916.

## AIDS Walk '97

CHARLOTTE — The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) hosts the first annual AIDS Walk on May 3, starting and ending at St. Patrick Cathedral. Registration is at 8 a.m., and the one and one-half mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit RAIN in its continuing effort to serve the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. For more information on gathering donations and to register, call Mary Crowley, (704) 372-7844, or the RAIN office, (704) 372-7246.

## Landings Follow-Up Program

BREVARD — "Living Your Catholic Faith, 101," an outreach of the Landings program, continues at Sacred Heart Church on April 20 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "Imaginative Prayer with Scripture," presented by Annette Dukes. For details, call (704) 883-9572.

## Potato Famine Remembered

CHARLOTTE — The Very Rev. Edward Sheridan celebrates a Mass of Remembrance on April 13 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the potato fam-

ine in Ireland. For details, call (704) 537-4782.

## BMHS Hosts Auction

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Home School Association presents the Puttin' on the Glitz spring auction April 26 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the school. Fine dining, live music and auctions highlight the event, whose proceeds will support the needs of BMHS. Cost is \$50 per person, and reservations can be made by calling Gary LeBlanc, (910) 723-2030, or by sending the fee to BMHS's office, 1730 Link Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.

## Charlotte Catholic/Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

CHARLOTTE — Be one of the first to play Birkdale, the latest Arnold Palmer design, in the 16th Annual Charlotte Catholic/Holy Trinity Golf Tournament, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. The format is four-person, Captain's Choice. Entry fee is \$150, which includes green fee, cart, soft-spike changeover, refreshments, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and more. Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor holes for \$125 and to donate prizes. All proceeds benefit athletic programs at the schools. For reservations and information, call C.B. Williams, (704) 847-6652, or Jack Thomas, (704) 679-9415.

## Wine Festival And Art Auction

CHARLOTTE — Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School hosts the Wine Festival & Art Auction on April 19 to benefit the school's academic and enrichment programs. The evening will include a sampling of fine wines and hors d'oeuvres, and a selection of art will be available at the silent auction. A specialty live auction will feature trip packages and more. For ticket information, call (704) 527-7822.

## Bereavement Support Groups

CHARLOTTE — The Grief Group meets Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Parish Family Room. Anyone who has lost a spouse, child, sibling, parent, friend or loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets every Thursday from 12:130 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Parish Family Room.

The Men's Bereavement Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Call for location.

For more information, contact B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5049.

## Marriage Encounter Weekends

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Jesuit House of Prayer Retreat

HOT SPRINGS — "Growing into a Fuller Life: The Spirituality of Aging" is an Apr. 18-20 retreat for men and women interested in the spiritual, psy-

chological and physical process of aging.

For information and to register, contact the Jesuit House of Prayer, P.O. Box 7, Hot Springs, NC 28743, (704) 622-7366.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5271, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Basilica of St. Lawrence daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For information, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

"The Hills are Alive" is a May 2-8 retreat alive with the excitement of springtime and the gentle touch of God's creative love directed by Franciscan Father Tom Vigliotta and Sisters of the Atonement Sister Eileen Waldron. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

"The Beatitudes and Discipleship" is a May 17-23 retreat based on Jesus' vision of the life of the believer directed by Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

## IHM Church Senior Prom Helps Celebrate 50 Years

HIGH POINT — In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, senior citizens of the parish and the community are invited to the Senior Prom at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School gymnasium, 605 Barbee Ave., on April 18 from 5-9 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (910) 869-8483.

## Charismatic Mass Celebrated

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs



CNS photo from Reuters

Mother Teresa reaches out to one of her sisters at the Missionaries of Charity house in Calcutta on Good Friday, March 28. An ailing Mother Teresa handed over operations of the order to a new superior two weeks earlier.

## Speaker Urges Lay Catholics To Recover Stronger Self-Image

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Lay Catholics must recover a stronger self-image if they are to reclaim their role as leaders in the church, said a leader in pastoral ministry. The church is at a turning point that will dramatically alter the current church model, in which a hierarchy of religious leads and the laity follow, Gene Scapanski said during a workshop at the National Catholic Educational Association convention in Minneapolis. The change, that began with the Second Vatican Council, has been slow to progress because lay Catholics are just

emerging from centuries of passivity within the church, said Scapanski, associate professor for systematic theology and pastoral ministry at St. Paul Seminary.

## Catholic Schools Should Lead Students To Christ, Says Principal

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Catholic high schools should lead students to Jesus Christ or shut their doors, said a principal from a Pennsylvania high school who intends to keep his doors wide open. The school must be committed to the vision of Christ, said Father David Tressler. He

surmised that his staff at Bishop Hafey High School in Hazleton probably tires of his oft-repeated questions about the school's identity: "Are we being Christ? What would Jesus do?" Father Tressler told participants in a workshop at the National Catholic Educational Association April 1-4 in Minneapolis that he wrote a letter to the school staff saying, "If we are not being Christ, close it. Public schools do OK educationally."

## Up To One-Third Of U.S. Children Sometimes Uninsured

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As many as one-third of the country's children were without health insurance for at least a month in 1995 and 1996, according to a new study by the Families USA Foundation. The Washington-based foundation specializing in health care issues said in a report released March 27 that the number of children who were uninsured and therefore at greater risk of having serious ailments go untreated is higher than usually reported. The report also found that most uninsured children are in two-parent households, with at least one working adult, and the parents also are likely to have no health care coverage for themselves. More than half the uninsured children were white, although Hispanic and black children were, percentage wise, more likely to lack insurance than whites.

## Pastoral Planners Asked To Seek Better Preaching

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (CNS) — Improved preaching should be a significant goal of pastoral planning and development, Father James H. Provost told a national gathering of church planners in Las Vegas. "If we do not feed the faith, we will find it difficult to feed the rest of the ecclesial operation," said Father Provost, a professor of canon law at The Catholic University of America in Wash-

ington. About 140 diocesan planners and council development leaders attended the 24th annual convention of the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development, held March 18-21 in Las Vegas.

## Bishop Brunett Sends Greetings To Buddhists

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Alexander J. Brunett of Helena, Mont., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, has sent greetings to U.S. Buddhists for the feast of Vesakh. "With these heartfelt greetings and good wishes, I encourage Catholics and Buddhists," he said, "to maintain contact in various ways possible for the mutual understanding and respect, growth in our faiths and spiritual practices for the sake of all in need of justice and compassion." Vesakh is a feast honoring the life of Buddha, the name given to Gautama Siddhartha by his followers. Mahayana Buddhists observe it on April 8 and Theravada Buddhists on May 21 this year.

## Court Asked To Reverse Stand On Programs In Religious Schools

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a case to be heard April 16, the Supreme Court is reconsidering its 1985 ruling requiring that federally funded remedial education programs be held away from religious school campuses. The plaintiffs in *Agostini vs. Felton* and their supporters hope the justices will use the case to reverse their 1985 *Aguilar vs. Felton* ruling. In "amicus" or friend-of-the-court briefs, several religious groups including the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the Knights of Columbus and the U.S. Catholic Conference argue that the cost of implementing the 1985 decision actually deprives children of needed remedial programs.



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FOREST CITY — A Catholic presence had been established in Rutherford County as early as the 1840s, but the faithful had no church in which to worship together until more than a century later, when Immaculate Conception Church was dedicated in 1950.

Starting in the 1880s, churchgoers could travel to Shelby in Cleveland County to attend Mass in a mission church established by the Benedictines of Mary, Help of Christians Abbey (today commonly known

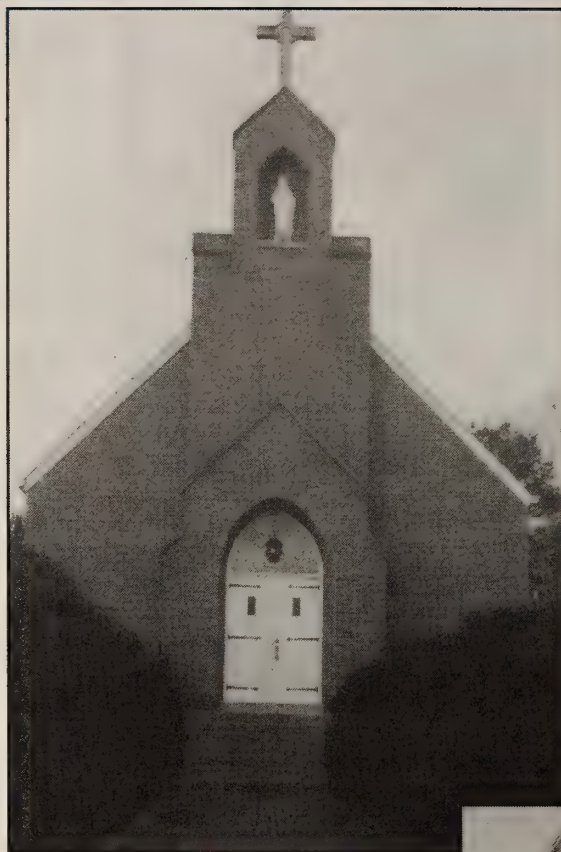
as Belmont Abbey). About six Catholic families made the journey in those early years.

During the 1940s, Belmont Abbey's multi-county "nullius" was reduced to Gaston County itself, and the remaining parishes were placed under diocesan jurisdiction. Consequently, Msgr. Lawrence Newman, pastor of St. Mary Church in Shelby, led an effort to establish a mission in Rutherford County.

Local Catholics, with assistance from the Catholic Extension Society, began construction of a new church and named it in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh dedicated the structure in September 1950.

The church would remain a mission for the next 22 years, although the Immaculate Conception community welcomed its first resident priest, Father Kenneth Parker, in 1969. The congregation comprised 25 families at the time. Also, a mission community in Marion — later to establish Our Lady of the Angels Church — was placed under Father Parker's pastoral care.

In January 1972, the Diocese of Charlotte was formed. As such, Immaculate Conception Church became a parish. With continuing growth came the need for enhancements to the church facility. A rectory and parish hall complex



was constructed, and Bishop Michael J. Begley dedicated the new building in December 1978. Our Lady of the Angels Church became a mission of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Morganton in 1981.

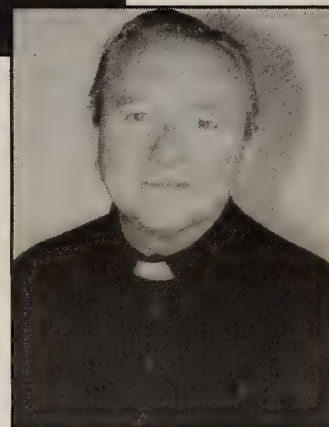
Immaculate Conception parish has continued to nurture and grow as a community of faith, through the 1980s and 90s. Father

Gabriel Meehan, present pastor, has served in Forest City for much of that time, having been appointed pastor there in 1986.

During Father Meehan's pastorate, a special outreach to the Hispanic community has been developed. A parish goal of offering a Spanish Mass to parishioners was realized in May 1995, and later a CCD program in Spanish was begun as well. Immaculate Conception also serves as the host parish for the Hot Meals ecumenical kitchen ministry, and parishioners and clergy participate in such ministry work and activities as prison ministry, live productions of the Nativity and the Passion at Christmas and Easter, and, most recently, the Clositered Heart Franciscan Fraternity, directed by order member Brother Rufino of the parish.

A building committee has been established, and future plans for the parish include the eventual building of new facilities to accommodate the growing congregation.

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Former Charlotte Catholic High school students David Bradin, Matt Bloch and Sean Kelly, l. to r., meet with Pope John Paul II during a private audience at the Vatican. The trio, who attend Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, were part of an 11-member group who spent spring break in Italy.

# Former CCHS Students Meet Pope

**By JIMMY ROSTAR**  
*Staff Writer*

**HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, Va.** — When three former students of Charlotte Catholic High School left their Hampden-Sydney College dorm rooms for spring break, little did they know that a private meeting with Pope John Paul II awaited them.

Thanks in part to Father Joe Metzger, pastor of St. Theresa Church in nearby Farmville, Va., Matt Bloch, Sean Kelly and David Bradin — along with seven other Hampden-Sydney students — met with the pontiff during their seven-day visit to Italy in March. The group was guided by Father Metzger, who attended seminary in Rome and whose friends include several clergy members who work at the Vatican.

The priest visits Rome regularly, and this time invited interested Hampden-Sydney students to join him. In addition to their Vatican visit, the students also toured Assisi and Florence.

Father Metzger arranged with Hampden-Sydney's political science department to grant the travelers one credit hour for presenting a project, "The Vatican as a Nation-State," designed specifically for this trip. Participants interviewed cardinals, archbishops and other Vatican representatives whose focal points — justice and peace, the laity,

Christian unity, and education among them — compose the ministerial heart of the Catholic Church. The students will present their observations in late April.

"These cardinals and archbishops gave us quality time," said Father Metzger. "They explained the role of the Church throughout the entire world. It was brilliant. I fully give credit to the Holy Spirit."

Led by Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, secretary of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, Father Metzger and the students met privately with Pope John Paul II for about 15 minutes in the apostolic palace. The pope conversed with the group about their studies at Hampden-Sydney, asked whether their visit to Rome was a pleasurable one and offered rosaries to each member as gifts.

The 1995 graduates of CCHS expressed wonder and respect when describing their meeting with the head of the Roman Catholic Church. "I think he is the most powerful man in the world," said Bloch. "His opinion means something to people, even if they're not Catholic or Christian. They listen to what he says."

"It was an unbelievable experience," Kelly added. "I believe we were all a little anxious, waiting for the pope to come out. But once he appeared, the

anxiety was gone."

During their journey, the group stood upon the pope's balcony on the facade of the Basilica of St. Peter as well. They also viewed Pope Paul III's chapel, which houses Michelangelo's last two paintings, in addition to other stops not ordinarily seen by visitors. "We were lucky to do what we did," chuckled Kelly. "That's some stuff that you won't see on a tour."

Still, being introduced to the pope in an intimate setting was a central highlight for the students. "It was an extraordinarily small crowd for an audience," said Bradin. "We were in awe, basically. It was just incredible, and the pope seemed really interested to meet with us."

The students have returned to their studies with an awareness that the events of this year's spring break were quite unique. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing, what happened there," said Bloch.

Father Metzger conveyed optimism that a lesson of faith was indeed learned by the students. "I hope they realized that from the catholic — little 'c' — perspective, everything we do has global consequences," he said. "Through meeting with these various people, (the students) could see just what the Catholic Church does for all people everywhere. What it showed was just how connected we really are."

# Pope Pleads For Forgiveness Among Sarajevo's Ethnic Groups

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (CNS)** — In an intense, historic visit to war-shattered Sarajevo, Pope John Paul II beseeched rival ethnic groups to find forgiveness in their hearts and a peace that goes deeper than political accords.

"The time has come to resume a sincere dialogue of brotherhood, accepting and offering forgiveness: The time has come to overcome the hatred and vengeance which still hinder the re-establishment of genuine peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina," the pope said April 13 at a meeting with Muslim representatives.

It was a message he emphasized over and over in talks to civil and religious leaders and to his own flock. He began the visit April 12 with the cry, "Never again war! Never again hatred and intolerance!" and repeated it before departing the city's shell-pocked airport 25 hours later.

Unprecedented security by Bosnian and international forces may have prevented a disaster. A few hours before the pope arrived, police discovered and deactivated 23 mines and a radio-commanded detonator under a bridge along the papal motorcade route.

That prompted security officials to board the papal plane after it touched down and advise the pope to enter the city by helicopter. But the pontiff decided to ride down "Sniper's Alley" in his popemobile, as planned, so people could see him.

In the end, the visit went off without incident, and Sarajevo residents and thousands who had come from across the country greeted the pope warmly. Many said they would not forget his frequent appeals for Sarajevo during the three-year siege of the Bosnian capital.

A 20-year-old Muslim woman who waited outside the cathedral to catch a glimpse of the pontiff, a short distance from where her grandparents were killed by a grenade during the war, said: "I'm here because the pope is a great guy. He is generous and a great humanist."

The highlight of the visit was an outdoor Mass in Sarajevo's sports stadium, celebrated amid snow squalls and a bitter wind that at one point threatened to blow away the papal altar cloth. The pope finished the Mass as an aide held an umbrella against the driving snow.

Few, if any, of the 50,000 in attendance left early, however. They heard the pope deliver an impassioned appeal that linked national reconciliation with the very roots of Christianity.

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## Pope Calls For Commitment To Peace And Reconciliation During Visit To Sarajevo, from page 1

"The peace that Jesus gives to his disciples is not the peace imposed by conquerors on the conquered, by the stronger on the weaker. It does not receive its legitimacy by force of arms but, on the contrary, is born of love," he said in a sermon.

"Let us forgive and ask for forgiveness," he said. "We cannot fail to take the difficult but necessary pilgrimage of forgiveness, which leads to a profound reconciliation."

The pontiff recalled the many dead of Sarajevo and Bosnia, mourned by mothers, widows and orphaned children. The Mass site was bordered on three sides by cemeteries, where thousands of new, white crosses marked the war's toll.

The pope never explicitly mentioned the Dayton peace accords, which in the view of many Bosnians stopped the fighting but effectively sanctioned the results of ethnic cleansing policies. Instead he urged a careful rebuilding of peace through "the patience of small steps" and the rejection of "unbridled nationalism, the cause of so much sorrow."

Many in the Mass crowd waved Croatian flags, reflecting the fact that most of Bosnia's Catholics are ethnic Croats.

In meetings with representatives of Bosnia's Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish communities, the pope aimed to encourage a spirit of interreligious cooperation that seemed to flicker on and off during recent years. Even for the pontiff, however, the religious leaders did not get together at the same event: Serbian Orthodox Metropolitan Nikolaj of Dabar, Bosnia, citing travel plans, notified the Vatican two days beforehand that he would have to encounter the pontiff separately.

When they did meet, the two embraced warmly and the pope asked about losses to the Orthodox community during the fighting. The metropolitan said his community was shrinking, and he spoke sadly of an increase in suicides among the elderly.

In a prepared speech the pope urged Catholics and Orthodox to "join forces" and offer an example of reconciliation to the international community. Both churches, he said, are well aware that real peace starts with faith and "cannot be given by the world."

To Muslim leaders later in the day, the pope stressed that a true peace is an "active peace which enables people to live and work together."

The point is an important one in Sarajevo, where Catholic leaders have increasingly complained of "Muslimization" of the local culture and their own marginalization in jobs, housing and education.

In an encounter with the three members of Bosnia's ruling council, the pope said that all Bosnian refugees must be guaranteed their right to recover their homes. With several hundred thousand still displaced, that is a crucial issue in postwar Bosnia.

In his pastoral events, the pope en-



Pope John Paul II waves from his popemobile as he arrives for an outdoor Mass at Sarajevo's Kosevo stadium April 13. The pope, brushing aside an apparent threat to his life in Sarajevo, called for forgiveness among Bosnia's wartime religious foes.

couraged the minority Catholic community to stand up for its rights and its historic place in Bosnia's multiethnic society.

To bishops, he cited their duty to preach respect for everyone and mutual forgiveness of faults. But they must also denounce violence, unmask injustice and "defend with every legitimate means" their communities from anti-Catholic intimidation or attacks, he said. His words were an apparent reference to the bombing of several Catholic church buildings in recent weeks.

At a prayer service at the Sarajevo cathedral, the pope brought a votive lamp of peace that had burned in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican since early 1994, when Bosnian fighting raged. A crowd of priests, nuns and seminarians, some

with tears in their eyes, cheered the pope and interrupted his talk with frequent applause, especially when he mentioned church martyrs of the war.

"May the blood they shed give renewed vigor to the church, which seeks only to be able freely to preach in Bosnia-Herzegovina the Gospel of eternal salvation, with respect for every human being, every culture and every religion," he said.

He listened as Sarajevo Cardinal Vinko Puljic described the shrinking dimensions of the church in central Bosnia, where some two-thirds of the Catholic population has been displaced by the war. The pope gently encouraged those who have remained to stay and rebuild their religious community.

But he said Catholics should primarily be involved in rebuilding the larger society and must be willing to reflect morally on their own past actions.

"Dear friends, the time has come for a profound examination of conscience. The time has come for a decisive commitment to reconciliation and peace," he said.

Outside the cathedral, the pope plunged into a crowd that had awaited his arrival. Among those who got a handshake was Lynne Robustelli, a San Francisco Catholic who has worked with an Italian relief agency in Sarajevo for several years.

"People here of all religions have an intense interest in the pope's presence, because they believe he can renew the interest of the international community in a multiethnic Bosnia," she said.

Before leaving Bosnia, the pope presented the John XXIII International Peace Prize and gave checks of \$50,000 each to four humanitarian organizations run by Catholics, Jews, Muslims and Orthodox in Bosnia.

### Eastern N.C. Choir To Sing in Rome

GREENVILLE, N.C. — A choir representing the Catholic community of Greenville, N.C., will present concerts for the city of Rome and Pope John Paul II's papal audience in June.

On June 15, the choir will sing at the Chair Altar in the Basilica of St. Peter during the 10:30 a.m. principal liturgy. At 9 p.m., the group will present a concert of sacred music at St. Ignatius Church.

The choir will also sing for Pope John Paul II's June 18 papal audience at the Vatican. A concert reflecting the pieces to be sung in Rome will be presented at 5 p.m. on May 4 at St. Peter Church in Greenville. The concert is free and open to the public.

While in Italy, the choir will also partake in a pilgrimage for peace. Non-choir individuals are invited to join in the journey, which departs from Raleigh-Durham International Airport on June 12 for an 11-day tour of Rome, Vatican City, Naples, Capri, Assisi, Florence, Milan and Lake Maggiore. Highlights will include celebrating Masses at the Passionists' general motherhouse in Rome, the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, and the Church of the Holy Trinity in Florence. The group will return to Raleigh on June 22.

The choir is composed of parishioners from the East Carolina University Catholic Student Center and St. Gabriel, St. Peter and St. Elizabeth churches. Mary Muzzarelli of St. Peter parish is director.

For more information on the Greenville Catholic Community's tour to Italy, call Mary Muzzarelli, (919) 758-5621.

### Good Shepherd



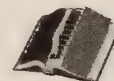
"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." (John 10:11-18)



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### Scripture

Readings for the week of  
April 20-26



Sunday:	Acts 4: 8-12 John 3: 1-2 John 10: 11-18
Monday:	Acts 11: 1-18 John 10: 1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11: 19-26 John 10: 22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12: 24-13: 5 John 12: 44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13: 13-25 John 13: 16-20
Friday:	1 Peter 5: 5-14 Mark 16: 15-20
Saturday:	Acts 13: 44-52 John 14: 7-14



# Immaculate Conception Breaks Ground For New Church

HENDERSONVILLE — Ground was broken April 12 for a new church home for Immaculate Conception parishioners.

The \$3-million plus facility will seat more than 750 people and help accommodate the church's growing family into the next century, according to Capuchin Father John Aurilia, pastor.

"We want to house all our parish activities under one roof," said Father Aurilia, who officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony with the Very Reverend Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor of the Diocese of Charlotte. "A family gathering center and additional administrative space will help us better serve our Catholic Church family here in Hendersonville."

The new church, which will be built on the current church's gravel parking lot, will be constructed over the next 18-21 months. Estimated completion date is late 1998.

Parishioners Marsh Caserio and Charlie Mackin are co-chairing the church's Capital Fund Development Committee. Neale Orrok is serving as chairman of the Building Committee.

"The building program began over four years ago, with the initiation of a Capital Funds Campaign of Immaculate Conception parishioners," said Father Aurilia. "We are blessed with the response to date which made the groundbreaking possible."

Details of the design evolved from parishioners' input at a series of meetings in November 1995 and December 1996 which guided the Building Committee to make this new structure a design inspired by church members.

"The new church will have two levels — a worship sanctuary for more than 750 parishioners on the upper level, and our administrative offices and a family center on the lower level," explained Father Aurilia. "We have also planned a much-needed chapel for 100 worshipers on the lower level."

The main sanctuary's exterior roof line will resemble the current soaring roof lines of the 1974 church. A brick

exterior will combine with large gracefully arched windows along each side of the church.

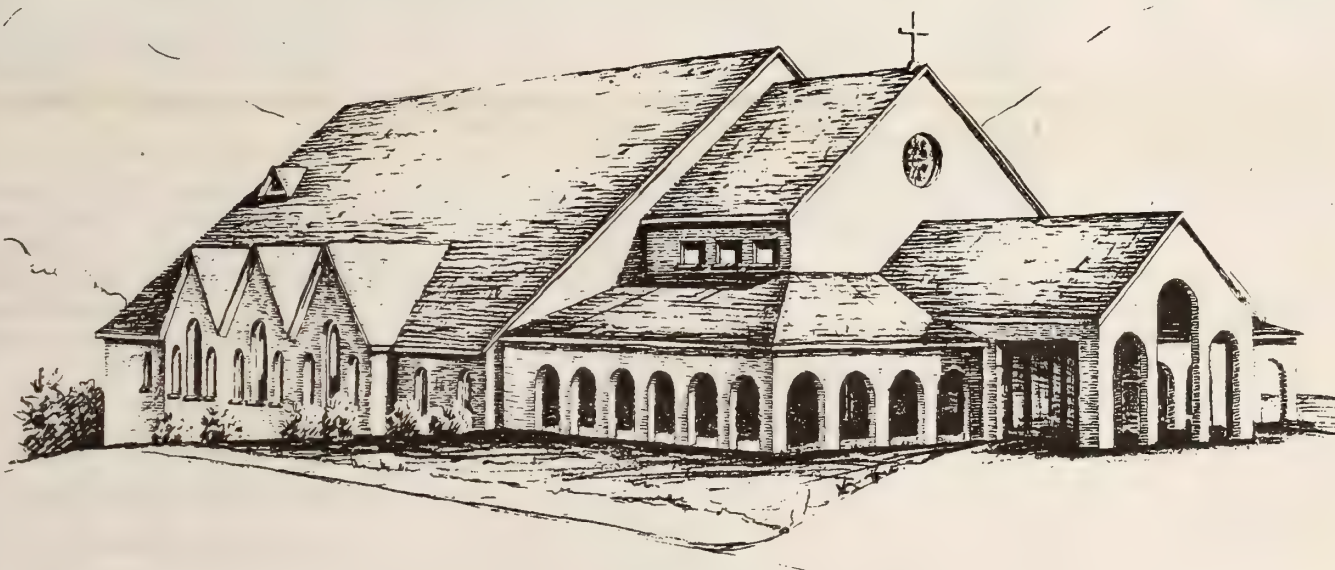
The design features of the sanctuary were selected to provide some visual continuity with the present church, features that inspired many parishioner comments during the design program for the new facility.

All church administration functions will be combined in the office suite on the lower level. A family center — the St. Francis Gathering Center — will occupy the center portion of the lower level flanked by a number of meeting rooms and a full-service kitchen. The new facility will also have a second worship space — the St. Mary of the Angel Chapel — designed to accommodate up to 100 worshipers for Mass.

During construction, parishioners and the church's staff will continue to use the existing church on the corner of Church St. and Seventh Avenue and the church's administrative building on Sixth Avenue. When construction is complete and the new building dedicated, the existing 1954 church and its 1974 expansion — as well as the office building — will be razed, and space converted to landscaped parking areas for parishioners.



Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor of the Diocese of Charlotte, officiated as ground was broken for a new church home for Immaculate Conception parishioners April 12. The new facility will house more than 750 worshipers in the sanctuary and will also include offices, a family center, meeting rooms, a kitchen and a 100-seat chapel.



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## Pro-Life Corner



**SOUTH CAROLINA** — The State Department of Health and Environmental Control board voted Feb. 13 to "continue to distribute birth control to unmarried teens without parental consent (or in spite of parental opposition)," according to a press release from Columbia Sidewalk Counseling.

(Reading "S.C. DHEC Continues Federal- and State-Funded Birth Control Program," press release from Columbia Sidewalk Counseling 2/14/97)

## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

**April 22**  
10 a.m.  
*Diocesan Silver Jubilee Storytelling Event*  
St. Joseph Church  
Mt. Holly

7 p.m.  
*Confirmation*  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
Greensboro

**April 23**  
7 p.m.  
*Confirmation*  
Holy Cross Church  
Kernersville

**April 24**  
7:30 p.m.  
*Confirmation*  
St. Luke Church  
Mint Hill

**April 26**  
9:30 a.m.  
*Diaconate Ordination of Dean Cesa and Peter Pham*  
St. Vincent Seminary  
Latrobe, PA

**April 27**  
3 p.m.  
*Dedication of Sisters of Mercy Administrative Center*  
Belmont

**April 29**  
7:30 p.m.  
*Confirmation*  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
High Point

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Mary's Cooperation With Christ Unique In Forming Events Leading To Salvation, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience April 9.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are considering her cooperation in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ. All Christians are called to cooperate with God as his fellow workers (cf. 1 Cor 3:9) in spreading the fruits of the redemption accomplished on Calvary. But the Second Vatican Council reminds us that Mary's cooperation with Christ, unlike that of other Christians, remains "completely unique" ("Lumen Gentium," 61), since it forms a part of the very events by which her son achieved our salvation.

The basis of this unique cooperation is Mary's divine motherhood and her sharing in Jesus' life, culminating in her presence at the foot of the cross. In God's plan, Mary is the "woman" (cf. Jn 2:4, 19:26), the New Eve, united to the New Adam in restoring humanity to its original dignity. Her cooperation with her son continues for all time in the universal motherhood which she enjoys in the order of grace. Trusting in this maternal cooperation, let us turn to Mary, imploring her help

in all our needs.

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking visitors, especially those from England, Scotland, Australia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, Canada and the United States. My special greeting goes to the international group of novice masters of the Society of the Divine Word. Upon all of you I cordially invoke the joy and peace of the risen Christ.

### To Know Christ, Know Jewish Scriptures, Pope Tell Commission

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The full significance of Christ's incarnation can be grasped only with a knowledge of and respect for the Jewish Scriptures, Pope John Paul II said. Ignoring Jesus' Jewish roots and the whole history of God's relationship with the Israelites, "Christ would appear like a meteor which accidentally plunged to earth and lacks a connection with human history," the pope said April 11. Pope John Paul spoke of the importance of the Old Testament for Christians during an audience with members of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.



## Guest Column

Amy Welborn

### Dating Isn't Marriage

Over the past four years, four young, unmarried women of my acquaintance became pregnant and had babies.

All four began their pregnancies upset, yet firm in their decisions not to abort.

All four also had unswerving support from their families. All four now are struggling, tired, yet proud and doting mothers.

These young women have one other thing in common. All began their pregnancies on good terms with the fathers of their children, confident about the future of the guys' support and their relationships.

All four are now sorely disappointed. None of the relationships survived. Visitation to the children is rare.

How things change.

This isn't a male-bashing piece. There are many young men who take responsibility for the children they father, although not nearly enough, as every study of teen pregnancy shows.

No, I'm sharing these stories as one more caution against idealism, romanticism and unrealistic expectations in the area of sexual intimacy and romantic relationships.

Being in love is pleasant, to be sure, but it also distorts a person's ability to see reality as it is. Relationships that last may begin as romantic whirlwinds, but they endure beyond that beginning when people decide to love each other as they really are, not as projections of a daydream.

Sexual intimacy just adds to the distortion. The physical pleasure of such intimacy has the uncanny power to trick people into thinking they are also intimate emotionally, spiritually and intellectually with the person they're sleeping with.

This set of feelings is often nothing more than an attractive, addictive cover over an empty shell of a relationship.

These feelings heighten the risk of romantic self-delusion. People think: "We're perfectly suited, our relationship has sprung from eternity and nothing can tear us apart. Nothing bad can happen to us. Breaking up, for example. It can't happen to us."

*Relationships that last may begin as romantic whirlwinds, but they endure beyond that beginning when people decide to love each other as they really are, not as projections of a daydream.*

physical side of their relationship take over. It becomes the focus of their time together. It might even keep them dating, even though they confide to their friends that they don't like their boyfriend or girlfriend that much.

"Oh, but that can't happen to us," a couple may say. "We really love each other. We can handle anything we do just fine. We're really mature about it."

But are they mature about it? Would they continue seeing the person they're dating if they had a chaste relationship? Think about it.

And then there is pregnancy. One more thing that "will never happen to us."

This brings us full circle. Teen romantic relationships are susceptible to fantasies of effortless bliss. "We won't break up; we'll keep sex under control; we won't get pregnant; he'll always be there for me and the baby." It's amazing how one thing seems to lead to another.

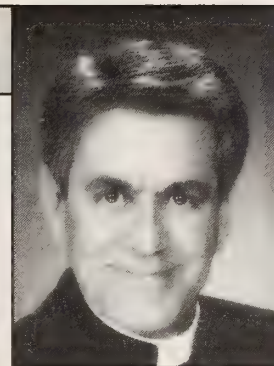
Fantasy can be nice but reality will intrude. It's a lesson the four girls I mentioned had to learn the hard way.





## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### A View From Hallowed Ground

It's been said many times that you never really understand people until you have walked in their shoes.

Sometimes just standing in the same spot, looking at the same scene that someone else has known, can give you a new perspective. I thought about that when I read recently that Robben Island off the coast of Cape Town, South Africa has been opened to visitors. Only gazelles, ostriches and penguins live there now. But over the centuries it served as a leper colony, an insane asylum, an army base. Most notoriously the island held non-white political prisoners during that country's rule of apartheid until it was closed in 1991.

Nelson Mandela described it as "the harshest, most iron-fisted outpost in the South African penal system." He should know. He was one of those prisoners and spent 18 years there.

Now he is the nation's president and people come to see the bleak island and the gray cell that was barely large enough to hold him. They first board one of the

small, crowded boats that was used to transport prisoners. Then they transfer to equally dilapidated buses for the hour-long ride to the deserted compound.

There are no prisoners now to break rocks endlessly, mindlessly in the limestone quarries. No men forced to clean up their own blood after being beaten. No more Africans or "coloreds" of mixed races to subsist on bad food. There are no inmates to spend the coldest winter nights with a single blanket. Or wait six months at a time to receive a single letter from home.

Neither are there souvenir or snack stands. Most visitors come as pilgrims rather than tourists. One remarked, "It sure isn't a comfortable or fancy tour. And there isn't a lot to see, either. But that's not really what it's about, is it? It's something you do because you need to."

Because you need to. We need to.

We all have things in life we need to do and places we need to go. Most of them arise from the simple realities of day to day living. But now and then urgency comes from a spiritual compul-

sion. We seek a connection with something beyond us so that we can make sense of another point in time.

I live and work on an island half a world away from Robben Island, the island of Manhattan. If you travel to the southern tip of Manhattan you can board a boat to a far tinier plot of land in the harbor — Ellis Island. Millions of Americans have ancestors who first set foot, probably a badly shod foot at that, on U.S. soil there. Their papers were processed, their bodies checked for disease and they waited. They waited, these poor immigrants from dozens of nations to find out if their dreams would turn into reality. If they could live their lives with an opportunity for justice and a future with possibilities. The worry of scraping together passage money, leaving the familiar behind and facing the dangers of an ocean-crossing was surpassed only by the fear that they would be rejected.

It is natural to want a better life. God

wants it for us. Again and again people put themselves on the line to take the risk. They suffer, they fight, some die. Many live to keep fighting for a chance, for hope.

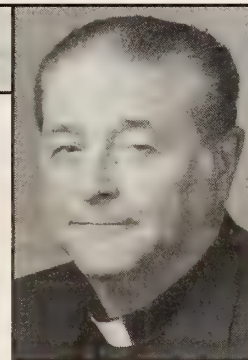
Stand on Robben Island or on Ellis Island and your viewpoint, however briefly, changes. "No man is an island, entire of itself" wrote John Donne almost four hundred years ago. And no one of us stands on whatever speck of ground without standing in the place of those who went before.

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Father McSweeney is director of *The Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Standing and Kneeling at Mass

Q. Would you explain where the practice of standing during the consecration originated?

Some churches in our area follow this practice, but is it done anywhere else?

I have attended churches in Chicago, Colorado, Indiana and Florida, and the congregation kneels reverently from the "Holy, Holy" until after receiving Communion.

A. The response to your question may not be, at least in part, the one you expect.

If you have traveled in other parts of the world (Europe, for example), and seen churches built in past Christian centuries, you must have noticed that many of these older churches do not even have kneelers.

As I have explained previously, during many centuries Christians never knelt at Mass.

For one long period of the church's history, it was forbidden to kneel at Mass on Sundays and during the Easter season. Standing was obligatory.

Congregations in many countries and dioceses basically continue that tradition, which reflects of course a different vision of the participation and presence of the assembled faithful for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Some ancient prayers of Mass, which we still use, reflect this tradition, speaking of the "circumstantes," the ones standing around the altar, sharing in the offering of the eucharistic sacrifice.

General church law is that people stand from the prayer over the gifts (said by the priest just before the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer) until the end of

Mass.

Exceptions are that they sit after Communion if there is time for meditation and should "kneel at the consecration unless prevented by lack of space, large numbers or other reasonable cause" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 21).

In 1969, the American bishops adapted this rule for the United States, providing that people should kneel from after the Sanctus until after the Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer (Appendix to the General Instruction, 21).

Unless bishops of other countries adapt the missal in a similar way, the regulations for the universal church which I indicated above would apply to them.

Q. My son's godparents were married to each other at the time of his baptism. The next year she left her husband for another man and moved to another state.

Is there any formal way my son could have a new godparent? My sister-in-law just entered the Catholic faith and is interested in being his godmother.

A. It is understandable that you wish someone for your son who is more likely to care for his spiritual welfare and be a support through the years.

The Vatican has acknowledged that very situation, allowing the bishop of a diocese to designate a substitute spon-

See Dietzen, page 7

## Letters

### Pope Embodies Spirit Of Council

In a recent issue, Father John Catoir asks whether Pope John Paul II has implemented Vatican II as fully as the Council fathers expected. Just asking this question represents a serious distortion of the situation.

The second Vatican Council is perhaps the first council to be followed by a crisis in which its teachings have been distorted into meanings contrary to their original intention. When the Holy Father defines himself as a "restorative" pope, he refers to going back to the original mind of the Council fathers.

If anyone knows this "mind" it is the former archbishop of Krakow, Poland, who disagreed with the non-reformist attitudes of other Polish bishops while attending the Council. He was a positive-

minded activist who was nonetheless convinced of the impact of sin on human history and society.

The Church needs to be liberated from the distortion that has often been confused with the Council, and the best way to accomplish this is a return to the real Council and its real spirit.

Pope John Paul sums up this spirit: "The Church is the guardian of the fullness of God's truth, and although the dignity of the human being ... should be exalted, each person must follow the teachings of the Church to reach the truth." We can follow our holy and learned Holy Father to Jesus with confidence, certain that he is, indeed, implementing the spirit of Vatican II.

Mary D. Dore  
Charlotte

### Faithful Must Be Discerning

To the Editor:

This is in response to Father Edgar Holden's letter in which he wondered if, since Scott Hahn was referred to as a "communicator of ... orthodox Catholicism," there might be a "brand of Catholicism that is not orthodox."

A 1994 *Time* magazine poll showed that 73 percent of American Catholics feel they can make up their own minds on issues such as birth control, and 89 percent believe it is possible to disagree with the pope and still be a "good Catholic." The number of Catholics who do not agree with the Church's position on abortion, pre-marital sex, divorce and remarriage, clerical celibacy and the ban on women in the priesthood is, sadly, equally high.

It is a tragic sign of our times that faithful Catholics (those who love the Church as their spiritual mother and find joy and peace in being obedient to her teachings) must discern who or what is "orthodox" in order to know which lectures or conferences to attend, which books or magazines to read, or which TV programs to watch that are in accord with the mind of the Church.


Even as early as the 2nd century, St. Ignatius of Antioch found it necessary to warn Christians to be wary of those who were "wolves plausible enough to ensnare the pilgrims of God" and used the word "catholic" to identify those who were remaining faithful to the Church founded by Christ.

Estelle Wisneski  
Charlotte





Eighth-grade students from St. Leo School in Winston-Salem gathered for Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. Celebrating Mass was Father John Putnam of the Charlotte Diocese, who is studying Canon Law at the Catholic University of America.



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**Director of Youth Faith Formation:** Sought for dynamic, 2800-family parish in North Raleigh beginning July 1997. The program, directed to youth in grades 6-12 and their families, emphasizes total youth ministry, peer ministry, youth leadership and evangelization. Candidate should hold degree in theology/religious studies and have experience working with youth in a parish setting. Contact Rev. William Kelly, S.J., **St. Raphael Church, 5801 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 876-1667.**

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**Principal: Divine Redeemer School** in suburban Charleston, S.C. is a parochial school of 285 students from preschool through 8th grade. The principal is responsible for all areas of instruction, staff development and budget supervision. A master's degree in education is required and extensive experience in Catholic school is preferred. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Please send resume and references to: **Father Jay Scott Newman, Divine Redeemer Church, 1106 Fort Dr., Hanahan, SC 29406.**

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**CARITAS DE CUBA** — Un trabajador de Caridades Católicas ofrece refrescos a hombres y mujeres cubanos en un programa para personas de edad avanzada en Cienfuegos, Cuba. La agencia de socorro planea las comidas, un programa de ejercicios y atención médica para los ancianos. (Foto CNS)

## Domingo De Pascua: Mensaje y Bendición "Urbi Et Orbi"

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).**—Juan Pablo II presidió la concelebración eucarística solemne en la mañana del 30 de marzo en la Plaza de San Pedro, y después leyó su Mensaje de Pascua e impartió la Bendición "Urbi et Orbi" que da dos veces al año. Esta Bendición, "a la ciudad y al mundo", la da también en Navidad.

Debido a un pequeño retraso al comienzo de la Misa, el Santo Padre dio el Mensaje y la Bendición desde la zona del altar en la Plaza de San Pedro en vez de la logia central de la Basílica, como es su costumbre.

Damos a continuación algunos extractos de ese Mensaje, que se publicó en inglés, castellano, francés, alemán y portugués:

"Me dirijo a vosotros, cristianos! Me dirijo a vosotros, católicos, ortodoxos, anglicanos, protestantes! Me dirijo a vosotros con la estupenda noticia: Cristo ha resucitado! (...) Cristo, víctima inocente de la Cruz, nos ha reconciliado a nosotros, pecadores, con el Padre".

"El hombre que lucha contra el mal, que se enfrenta de continuo a la muerte, que trata de defender y salvar la vida de toda amenaza, este hombre se detenga, se quede hoy atónito. Pues hoy la muerte ha sido derrotada".

"Proclamad con nosotros que Cristo es la esperanza también de quienes ven la existencia y el futuro amenazados por la guerra o el odio, especialmente en el corazón del continente africano. (...) La fuerza del Resucitado sostenga a quienes trabajan por consolidar la paz y la

democracia, logradas con frecuencia a costa de tantos sacrificios, como en la región de los Balcanes y, especialmente, en la querida Albania.

"El amor de Cristo, vencedor del pecado y la muerte, otorgue a todos la audacia del perdón y la reconciliación, sin los cuales no existen soluciones dignas del hombre: pensamiento que nos lleva especialmente a las personas que en Lima, Perú, están retenidas como rehenes desde hace largos meses. Que les sea finalmente concedida la tan suspirada libertad!

"Que puedan participar de la alegría pascual todos nuestros hermanos en la fe que, en diversas partes del mundo, son víctimas de ataduras o persecuciones. Lamentablemente, ellos no pueden celebrar esta fiesta de la Redención como hubieran deseado. (...) Cristo está con ellos, la Iglesia está con ellos! (...) En El nosotros podemos vencer hoy las fuerzas del mal. El ofrece a todos una vida nueva; gracias a El cada uno puede, desde ahora, abrirse con amor a los hermanos en la acogida, en el servicio, en el perdón".

Al final de su Mensaje, el Papa deseó a los fieles una Feliz Pascua en 47 idiomas.

## Nuevo horario de Misa en español

**REIDSVILLE** — El Padre José Valentine ha informado que el nuevo horario de la Misa en español en la Iglesia de "Holy Infant" es todos los domingos a la 1:00 PM

## Informe dice que espías cubanos se infiltran en grupos de Iglesia

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** — Un informe del Vaticano dijo que, con la Iglesia de Cuba ganando en popularidad y el gobierno perdiéndola, las autoridades de allá han empezado a infiltrarse en los grupos eclesiales con espías.

El informe decía que los propios obispos cubanos se sintieron sorprendidos y complacidos por el aumento de la simpatía hacia la Iglesia, pero también preocupados de que la misión de la Iglesia pudiera tomar un sesgo abiertamente político.

El informe fue publicado a mediados de marzo por Fides, una agencia de información de la Congregación para la Evangelización de los Pueblos. El mismo delineaba el entusiasmo cada vez mayor entre los católicos y no católicos, a medida que el Papa Juan Pablo II se prepara para visitar a la nación isleña a principios del año próximo.

Especialmente los jóvenes están congestionando las iglesias los domingos, motivados en parte por la curiosidad y en parte por el respeto y el interés hacia el Pontífice, a quien los cubanos ven como un defensor sólido de los derechos humanos, decía el informe.

"La simpatía cada vez mayor hacia la Iglesia y la crítica abierta en aumento (contra el gobierno) preocupan a la policía, que ha decidido re-establecer los controles y la infiltración de espías y soplones en los grupos eclesiales",

decía el informe.

El informe citaba a un estudiante universitario cubano no identificado como que había dicho que el gobierno había quedado asombrado por la desconfianza general entre la población, pero que estaba haciendo todo lo posible para retener su antiguo poder. El informe del Vaticano agregó una crítica del Presidente Fidel Castro, que se reunió con el Papa en noviembre último.

"El propio Castro, que durante su visita a Italia sonaba abierto hacia la posibilidad de instalar la democracia y poner en libertad a los presos políticos, a su regreso a La Habana ha reiterado su lealtad a los principios marxistas-leninistas", decía el informe.

El informe continuaba diciendo que había un debate franco cada vez mayor entre los cubanos sobre los problemas del país, y una crítica más áspera del gobierno, que «a nombre de la dictadura ha producido sólo fracasos económicos y humanos».

El informe mencionó la situación de los alimentos y la atención médica que empeoran en la isla. Según los trabajadores de hospitales, hay aumentos de la ceguera relacionados con la deficiencia de vitaminas, y de una forma de parálisis ocasionada por la desnutrición. Aún las medicinas corrientes, tales como la aspirina, han llegado a ser raras, terminaba diciendo el informe.



**REUNION EN CUBA** — Católicos cubanos participan en una reunión oficial de la organización católica de socorro "Caritas", a principios de este año, en Cienfuegos. Un informe reciente del Vaticano dijo que las autoridades cubanas han empezado a infiltrarse en dichos grupos con espías. (Foto de CNS)



## Mensaje del Padre

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

“Alégrense, les traigo la obra de salvación”

Hermanos y hermanas:

En este tiempo pascual, reflexionamos muchas cosas. Tratamos de darnos cuenta que Jesús ha conquistado el poder de la muerte y del pecado en nuestras vidas. Compartimos su victoria. Buscamos que la presencia resucitada de Jesús esté constantemente en nosotros, dándonos su espíritu diariamente para fortalecernos en la tarea de la Resurrección: anunciar, ser testigos de la Buena Nueva.

En el relato de San Mateo sobre la Resurrección, vemos una experiencia muy tierna entre Jesús y las mujeres que van al sepulcro. Dice el Evangelio que Jesús salió a su encuentro y las saludó. Las saludó.

Esto quiere decir hermanos y hermanas que Jesús llegó con este saludo: «Alégrense, les traigo la obra de la salvación». Y las mujeres, dice Mateo, «se acercaron, se agarraron a sus pies y lo adoraron». Este acto de agarrar los pies de Jesús representa una expresión de una fe afectuosa. Es, a la vez, la expresión de una fe temerosa, temerosa de perder a Jesús. ¡Cuántas veces en nuestras vidas, experimentamos algo parecido! Sentimos la necesidad de agarrarnos de él y no dejarlo ir. Quiero decir que, como estas mujeres, todavía no hemos dicho completamente nuestro «Sí» a la resurrección de Jesús; reconocer que El está siempre a nuestro lado a pesar de nuestra poca fe, esperanza y amor.

En esta época de la Pascua, yo pido a Dios una sola cosa para toda la Comunidad Hispana: esa misma fe afectuosa de las mujeres que van al sepulcro. Una fe llena de amor que busca agarrarse de Jesús, no de sus pies, sino de su corazón lleno de amor, de ternura, de cariño para con todos los seres humanos, especialmente los menos afortunados que nosotros. Que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de estar siempre a los pies de Cristo, contemplando su corazón misericordioso que nos fortalece para anunciar, ser testigos de la Resurrección en la Comunidad y en todos los ambientes de nuestras vidas. ¡Felices Pascuas!

## Lunes de Pascua: Regina Coeli desde Castelgandolfo

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO, 31 MAR 1997 (VIS).—Antes de rezar el 31 de marzo el Regina Coeli desde Castelgandolfo, el Papa recordó que ese lunes “tradicionalmente se llama lunes del Ángel, porque en el acontecimiento extraordinario de la Resurrección, los ángeles aparecen, junto a las mujeres y a los Apóstoles, como protagonistas significativos”.

“Los ángeles, además de en la Resurrección, están presentes con discreción en los momentos más importantes de la vida de Jesús. (...) Están al servicio de los designios de Dios en los momentos fundamentales de la historia de la salvación”.

Juan Pablo II indicó que «el Señor, al poner junto a nosotros a su ángel, quiere acompañar todos los momentos de nuestra existencia con su amor y con su protección, para que podamos combatir la buena batalla de la fe, y testimoniar sin temor y sin dudar nuestra adhesión a El, muerto y

resucitado por nuestra redención”.

Después de rezar el Regina Coeli, el Santo Padre dijo: «La alegría pascual se ha enturbiado por las noticias sobre la tragedia del canal de Otranto (Italia), donde se ha hundido un barco lleno de prófugos albaneses. Os invito a rezar por los que han encontrado la muerte en el mar Adriático y os exhorto a la participación solidaria en el dolor desgarrador por los que sufren la pérdida de sus seres queridos».

“Aliento cordialmente la labor de rescate que llevan a cabo en la región de la Apulia la Caritas y varias instituciones y personas a favor de los prófugos. Y deseo también que se multipliquen los esfuerzos para llevar a Albania ayuda de primera necesidad, pero también orden social y paz, así como colaboración para un relance de las actividades productivas, para que la querida nación albanesa pueda recuperarse y construir su propio futuro en la concordia y en la serenidad”.

## Fortalecimiento y cooperación

Por Héctor Andrade

GREENSBORO — Se continúa promoviendo el fortalecimiento y comunicación entre las comunidades de Greensboro, Asheboro, Thomasville, High Point y Reidsville, gracias a la actividad que está desarrollando Jesús Guadarrama, bajo la coordinación del Padre Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

Nuevamente, los representantes de las comunidades mencionadas expresaron sus inquietudes por mejorar

los intereses propios de su comunidad, y ayudar a otras, para continuar con un acercamiento mediante los espacios de convivencia, como lo fue el retiro juvenil que se llevó a efecto durante la semana santa en la Iglesia del Santo Niño de la ciudad de Reidsville, retiro que permitió contribuir a la igualdad de oportunidades de desarrollo cultural y religioso. (Reimpreso del periódico “Que Pasa Carolina”)

## Segundo Mandamiento

“No pronunciarás el nombre de Dios en vano”

El *segundo Mandamiento* se refiere al deber que atañe a todas las personas de respetar el santo nombre de Dios. Nos manda, pues, glorificarlo, alabar, bendecirlo, proclamarlo con fe y amor. Nos manda evitar de pronunciar su nombre de manera indecorosa y de usarlo con fines inconvenientes. Respetar el nombre de Dios es respetar el insondable misterio de Dios mismo y todas las realidades sagradas que con este misterio se relacionan.

**Actitudes equivocadas.** Además de que se insulta a Dios con todo falso juramento y con todo voluntario incumplimiento de un voto o promesa hecho a El, se le insulta también con la blasfemia, que consiste en expresiones de odio, de desprecio, de reproche, de desafío a Dios, a Jesucristo, a los santos, a la Iglesia. Se le insulta con el pésimo abuso del nombre de Dios en ritos satánicos y prácticas supersticiosas. La falta de respeto al nombre de Dios constituye una de las señales más claras de la presencia del mal en el mundo.

**Actitud cristiana.** Por la fe y por la gracia, los cristianos profesamos y experimentamos que el nombre de Dios es santo y santificante. Por ello, lo invocamos con frecuencia y con devoción. Hablamos de él con suma reverencia y procuramos testimoniarlo

con una adecuada conducta diaria, interna y externa, sobre todo en la iglesia, cuando participamos en las celebraciones sagradas y cuando oramos. Por eso, de alguna forma buscamos reparar las innumerables ofensas a Dios que hoy difunden ampliamente, aun en el mundo católico, los medios de comunicación.

Por eso, imploramos a diario al Padre celestial para que su nombre sea glorificado. Que sea santificado por nosotros, para que caminemos siempre en su divina presencia, alabándolo por su gloria, agradeciéndole las maravillas que ha hecho por nosotros y testimoniando su amor con el amor y santidad de nuestra vida. Que sea santificado por la Iglesia, para que persevere en la Alianza con El y confiese sin temor de pertenecer a El como pueblo elegido; se purifique para no ofenderlo y se santifique para agradarle más. Que sea santificado por el mundo entero, para que millones de personas que viven sin conocerlo, se abran a la salvación en Jesucristo y, así, el nombre santo del único y verdadero Dios sea respetado, reverenciado e invocado.

(Comentario al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica—Edición Española—con permiso de los Padres de la Sociedad de San Pablo)

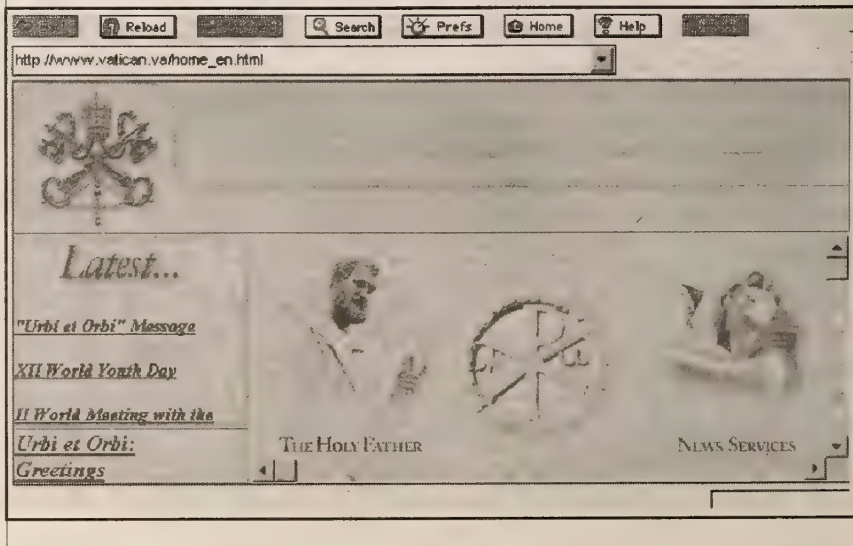
## El Vatican Information Service y El Internet

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).— El Vatican Information Service (VIS), que comenzó sus transmisiones cotidianas a los clientes abonados vía fax y correo electrónico el 2 de enero de 1991, se unió al mundo de Internet en febrero de 1996.

Durante sus primeros meses en Internet el sitio del VIS registró un medio de 9.000 accesos cotidianos. A finales de marzo de 1997 esa cifra era 44.000, que equivale a un medio mensual de 1.365.000. Desde la inauguración el domingo de Pascua, 30 de marzo de 1997, del nuevo sitio de la Oficina de Prensa de la Santa Sede, que incluye al VIS, hay 5.000 lectores más del VIS cada día. Las estadísticas disponibles indican que la gente que busca el sitio del VIS provienen de más de 106 países (“domains”).

Entrando en el sitio VIS ([http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/vis](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/vis)), el servicio se puede leer en tres idiomas: inglés, castellano y francés. Actualmente, el 49% de los accesos han buscado el inglés, 34% el español y 17% el francés. Cuando los lectores llegan a este sitio, pueden crear un “atajo” para llegar al VIS añadiendo una “bookmark” (señal).

El 4 de abril salió la edición 1.400 del Vatican Information Service. Ha presentado 8.638 artículos desde su comienzo.





## Taller para líderes en Charlotte



Algunos de los asistentes al taller para líderes que se llevó a cabo en la ciudad de Charlotte el pasado mes de marzo.

**Por Héctor Andrade**  
**CHARLOTTE** En el Centro Católico de la ciudad de Charlotte se llevó a cabo los días 8 y 9 de marzo un taller para líderes hispanos dirigido por el Reverendo Mario Vizcaíno, Sch., director de la Oficina Regional del Sudeste para Asuntos Hispanos y del Instituto Pastoral del Sudeste.

Más de 80 personas hispanas asistieron a este taller representando las ciudades de High Point, Tylorsville, Hendersonville, Monroe, Winston-Salem, Lincolnton, Asheboro, Asheville, Reidsville, Newton, Salisbury, Gastonia y Charlotte.

"Nosotros lo que hacemos es enseñarle a la gente como ayudar y servir a sus hermanos", así lo señaló el Rev. Mario Vizcaíno y añadió que "nuestros invitados también vienen para aprender las estrategias de

## Papa dice que Nicaragua debe mejorar los empleos y la enseñanza

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)**—El Papa Juan Pablo II felicitó al pueblo de Nicaragua por fortalecer a la democracia en su país, pero dijo que el adelanto está amenazado allí por la desigualdad económica y social.

Como en otras partes de la América Central, dijo el Papa el 24 de marzo, las gestiones de Nicaragua «para garantizar una democracia estable» han sido retardadas «por las rupturas económicas y las crisis sociales».

Al reunirse con el nuevo Embajador de Nicaragua ante el Vaticano, José Cuadra Chamorro, el Papa dijo que las dificultades económicas del país van acompañadas por «un gran desempleo», la corrupción y toda clase de violencia.

"No debe olvidarse que las desigualdades económicas contribuyen, del mismo modo, al deterioro progresivo y a la pérdida de los valores morales", incluyendo a las familias sólidas y al respeto por la vida humana, dijo el Papa.

El Papa Juan Pablo dijo también al embajador que él apoyaba a las gestiones de los gobiernos centro-americanos para trabajar juntos por la paz y el desarrollo económico de su región.

*liderazgo, cómo funcionan los grupos y cómo se trabaja con los grupos que es lo más fundamental*".

Por otro lado, el Padre Vizcaíno continuó diciendo que "para nosotros el concepto de liderazgo es que el líder es una persona conocedora de las necesidades de la comunidad cristiana y que se dedica a servir a esa comunidad para llevarla a una actividad coherente en la construcción del reino de Dios, haciendo que la sociedad sea mejor. Hay que enseñarles a las personas que sean agentes de su propio destino. No le damos pescado, sino que les enseñamos a pescar". (Reimpreso del periódico "Que Pasa Carolina")

## La Santa Sede se dirige a la Comisión de Derechos Humanos

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS)**—El Arzobispo Giuseppe Bertello, Nuncio Apostólico y Jefe de la Delegación de la Santa Sede ante la LIII sesión de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos en Ginebra (Suiza) habló el 21 de marzo sobre el punto 19, "Aplicación de la Declaración sobre la eliminación de todas las formas de intolerancia y de discriminación fundadas en la religión o en las convicciones". El discurso en francés, se publicó el 26 de marzo.

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En esta reciente declaración de los obispos de los Estados Unidos conmemorando el décimo aniversario de su Carta Pastoral "Justicia Económica para Todos", ellos nos ofrecen diez principios que se derivan directamente de la doctrina católica sobre la actividad económica.

"Como seguidores de Jesucristo y participantes en una economía poderosa, los católicos en los Estados Unidos están llamados a luchar por una mayor justicia económica frente a la pobreza persistente, la brecha creciente en los salarios y el aumento en el debate de los asuntos económicos en Estados Unidos y en todo el mundo. Exhortamos a los católicos que usen estos fundamentos éticos para la actividad económica como principios para su reflexión, como criterios para sus juicios y como guías para su acción".

Entre los fundamentos éticos que nos ofrecen los obispos tenemos, por ejemplo, que la economía existe para servir a la persona, no la persona a la economía; que toda actividad económica deberá estar regida por principios morales; que una medida moral fundamental de toda economía es el trato que reciben los pobres y los desamparados; que todos tienen derecho a la vida y a satisfacer las necesidades básicas (Tales como alimento, ropa, techo, educación, cuidados médicos, ambiente saludable,

seguridad económica); que todos tienen derecho a tomar iniciativas económicas, al trabajo productivo, a salarios justos y beneficios, a condiciones decentes de trabajo, así como a organizarse en sindicatos u otras asociaciones.

Los obispos nos dicen, asimismo, que todos, según su capacidad, tienen el deber de trabajar, la responsabilidad de satisfacer las necesidades de su familia y la obligación de contribuir a la sociedad en general; que dentro de la actividad económica, los mercados tienen ventajas y límites claros, el gobierno tiene responsabilidades y limitaciones esenciales; que la sociedad tiene la obligación moral de asegurar que haya oportunidad de satisfacer las necesidades básicas y de buscar justicia en la vida económica; que los trabajadores, propietarios, administradores, inversionistas y consumidores son agentes morales de la actividad económica; y que la economía global tiene dimensiones morales y consecuencias humanas.

Esto es un resumen de la declaración, si desea conseguir el texto completo y materiales sobre este tema tales como carteles y tarjetas llamar al USCC Office for Promotion and Publication al 1-800-235-8722. (Artículo tomado de "En Marcha", boletín informativo del Secretariado para Asuntos Hispanos, 3211 4th St., NE, Washington, DC 20017)

## San José y el mundo del trabajo

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS)**—En la Audiencia General del 19 de marzo, Solemnidad de San José, el Papa se refirió al Santo como el "creyente plenamente disponible a la voluntad divina, como el hombre capaz de un amor casto y sublime hacia su esposa María y como el educador dispuesto a servir al misterioso proyecto de Dios sobre el Niño Jesús".

Recordó a los 8.500 fieles reunidos en el Aula Pablo VI que, "en concreto, la tradición ha visto en él (San José) al trabajador". Más adelante añadió que la Iglesia "quiere promover la dignidad del hombre frente a los interrogantes y a los problemas, a los temores y a las esperanzas relacionadas con la actividad laboral, dimensión fundamental de la existencia humana".

"Frente a las insidias presentes en ciertas manifestaciones de la cultura y de la economía de nuestro tiempo, la Iglesia no cesa de anunciar la grandeza del hombre, imagen de Dios, y su primado en la creación".

El Santo Padre señaló que "la

Iglesia recuerda a quienes intentan afirmar el predominio de la técnica, reduciendo al hombre a 'mercancía' o instrumento de producción, que 'el sujeto propio del trabajo sigue siendo el hombre', porque en el plan divino, 'el trabajo es para el hombre y no el hombre para el trabajo'. Por el mismo motivo, la Iglesia se opone además a las pretensiones del capitalismo, proclamando 'el principio de la prioridad del trabajo frente al capital'".

"Estos principios -continuó-, mientras reiteran la condena de cualquier forma de alienación en la actividad humana, son especialmente actuales frente al grave problema del desempleo, que hoy afecta a millones de personas".

El Papa subrayó además que «el derecho al trabajo debe conjugarse (...) con el de la libertad de elegir la propia actividad». Y concluyó diciendo que "el trabajo es un derecho antes que nada porque es un deber, que nace de las relaciones sociales del hombre".



## La película "Selena"

NUEVA YORK (CNS) — La película "Selena", de Warner Bros., celebra la corta vida y los vínculos familiares próximos de la cantante mexicano-americana de música tejana, Selena, ganadora de un galardón Grammy, que fue asesinada en vísperas de alcanzar el estrellato en la corriente principal del país a la edad de 23 años.

El productor ejecutivo de la cinta es el padre de Selena, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., personificado por Edward James Olmos, que fue músico una vez y decide formar una orquesta familiar con Abraham Jr. como guitarrista y su hija Suzette en la batería, respaldando a su hermana cantante de 9 años, Selena (personificada por Becky Lee Meza).

Bajo la orientación estricta del padre y el aliento gentil de la madre (personificada por Constance Marie), la banda, especializándose en la mezcla de rock, polka, R&B, música popular e influencias latinas tradicionales a la que se llama «música tejana», hace una aparición regional en su estado natal de Texas.

Con el talento natural de Selena y su amor a la ejecución, las multitudes crecen con tanta rapidez como los tres hermanos. Hacia la edad de 17 años, Selena (personificada ahora por Jennifer López), es una cantante y bailarina vivaz y curvilínea que da la bienvenida al nuevo guitarrista Chris Pérez (personificado por Jon Seda) y los dos se hacen amigos rápidamente antes de enamorarse.

Esta es la fuente principal del conflicto: Cómo convencerá Selena a su padre, tres años después, de que ellos quieren casarse y de que Chris no es un buscador de oro que le romperá su corazón? Los vínculos familiares predominan cuando la pareja se casa y el padre se da cuenta de que su yerno es un joven decente y amoroso después de todo.

La media hora final comprende su ascenso continuo al reinado latino de la música tejana con dos álbumes de oro y uno de platino a su crédito, una cadena de "boutiques" de ropa y un álbum de "cruce", antes de que la presidenta de su club de fanáticos, Yolanda Saldívar, la matara después de haber sido acusada de apropiarse de los fondos de las "boutiques".

Ni siquiera las representaciones hábiles de Olmos y la dinámica Jennifer López pueden superar el tratamiento de rutina del logro del sueño estadounidense, sólo para ser derribada en un momento de demencia. Aunque la película evita cuidadosamente el melodrama sensacionalista (el asesinato ocurre fuera de la pantalla), puede haber ido demasiado lejos hacia el otro extremo, llegando a ser intensa hasta el punto de ser aburrida.

La representación de una familia latina que trabaja asiduamente junta y que también trabaja para resolver los conflictos familiares, es muy positiva en verdad, pero uno sospecha que hubo más acerca de la vida complicada de Selena como hija, esposa, artista y diseñadora de ropas que lo que sugiere

este tributo de reverencia.

Sorprendentemente, a pesar de la unidad de la familia, no se tiene idea de sus convencimientos espirituales; ni siquiera queda aclarado si Selena se casó en una iglesia o sólo ante un juez de paz.

Con su vibrante banda de sonido de las canciones de Selena, primordialmente en español, la película puede terminar siendo en mayor medida un instrumento para sus álbumes que un vistazo memorable a una bella joven cuya vida fue cortada trágicamente en 1995.

Debido al lenguaje suave momentáneo y a la tensión doméstica breve, la clasificación de la Conferencia Católica de los Estados Unidos para la película es A-II — adecuada para adultos y adolescentes. La clasificación de la Asociación Cinematográfica Estadounidense es PG — se aconseja orientación por los padres.

## La Pascua: Esperanza y Realidad

Aun estamos saboreando la alegría pascual y es tarea de todos los cristianos mantener esa llama encendida de amor y esperanza en Cristo resucitado.

Los hechos sucedidos en la Semana Santa que causaron dolor y tristeza a sus discípulos, se disiparon al saber que Cristo había resucitado. Su gozo fue completo al verlo de nuevo entre ellos en forma visible.

¿Qué señal más visible y concreta para comprobar la resurrección de Cristo que la que exigió santo Tomás de meter su mano en su costado y su dedo en las llagas de sus manos?

¿Cuántos Tomases hay que le exigen a Jesús prueba de su existencia, de su poder y de su amor, sin darse cuenta que ellos mismos son prueba de su existencia, de su amor y su poder?

El camino luminoso para conocer y amar al resucitado es el camino de la fe.

Nuestra fe, entre más honda y fiel sea, más nos acercará al resucitado y nuestra vida cristiana será una perenne Pascua.

Abramos totalmente nuestro corazón a la experiencia pascual, que responde a toda la dimensión de nuestra vida humana. No ofusquemos con el pecado este mundo, lleno de esperanza y amor.

Vivamos conscientes de nuestra nueva condición de hijos de Dios, nacidos en el bautismo, cuya dimensión total será cuando entremos a la morada eterna por medio de Cristo resucitado. No cambiemos la autentica libertad de los hijos de Dios, que Cristo nos ha dado, por la esclavitud de nuestros pecado.

Que la vida divina, que Cristo nos ha comunicado, sea nuestro mayor anhelo y, apoyados en su Evangelio y en la práctica de los sacramentos, especialmente la Reconciliación, la Eucaristía y el Acontecimiento Pascual, lleguemos jubilosos al Reino eterno del Padre.

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## Msgr. Kovacic Celebrates Jubilee



Msgr. Anthony Kovacic receives congratulations from Betsy Vandermeer at the 50th anniversary celebration of his ordination to the priesthood. During a special Mass held April 6 at Queen of the Apostles Church in Belmont, Bishop William G. Curlin thanked Msgr. Kovacic, currently diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith, for his years of service to the Church. "God bless you for what you have done in your priestly ministry, and may God continue to bless you in the years to come," the bishop said.

## NCEA Among Groups Backing TV-Turnoff Week April 24-30

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The National Catholic Educational Association is one of 45 organizations endorsing the 1997 National TV-Turnoff Week, set for April 24-30.

TV Free America, the Washington-based sponsor of the event, estimates that more than 4 million people will turn off their sets. Spokesman Monte Burke said it is "not a scientific number, but we think it's a very fair number."

The estimate is derived from the number of information kits about the week distributed around the nation and from the response by 25,000 to 35,000 U.S. schools indicating they would encourage students to turn off the TV set that week, or at least cut back on TV viewing.

The issue, organizers say, is not what Americans watch but how much they watch. Television sets are turned on for

an average of four hours a day in American households.

"We should really reconsider what the excessive TV time takes away — what you're not doing when you're sitting there," Burke said.

The TV-turnoff week comes at the start of the spring "sweeps" period, which helps set advertising rates for networks and local stations for the summer and fall.

Other endorsers of the TV-turnoff week include the American Federation of Teachers, the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Congress of National Black Churches, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, Literacy Volunteers of America, and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Dietzen, from page 5

sor, whose name may be inscribed on the official baptism register (reply of Nov. 13, 1984, to the bishops of the United States and Canada; quoted in 1985 "Roman Replies" of the Canon Law Society of America).

There could be on occasion a good reason for this kind of official change. However, a loving, concerned friend or relative can usually do just as much good for the child without going through all this formality.

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*Questions should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

## House Approves Ban On Federal Funds For Assisted Suicide

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a move that could blunt the impact of a possible Supreme Court decision legalizing assisted suicide, the House of Representatives voted 398-16 to ban the use of federal tax dollars to pay for or promote assisted suicide or euthanasia.

The Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, approved by the House April 10, had been strongly endorsed by both the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities and the National Right to Life Committee.

The Senate version of the legislation, with 32 co-sponsors, has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

In a statement after the House vote, the National Right to Life Committee called the legislation "a crucial preemptive strike to prevent tax dollars of American citizens from being used to fund legalized killing."

"This bill would help to protect

America's most vulnerable citizens from euthanasia — people with disabilities, older Americans and those who have critical and chronic illnesses," said Burke Balch, medical ethics director for the committee.

Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director for policy development in the bishops' pro-life secretariat, said in a letter to Congress before the House vote that the bill's "central goal is both modest and urgently necessary: ensuring that the federal government will play no part in legitimizing and institutionalizing assisted suicide as a response to health problems."

The House legislation urges the Department of Health and Human Services to fund demonstration projects for improved care for persons with disabilities and terminal illness, to emphasize palliative care in its programs, and to study the adequacy of current medical school curricula on pain management.

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## CCHS Named Semifinalist in Presidential Scholars Program

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School senior Kristen Grauman has been named one of approximately 500 semifinalists in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from more than 2,600 candidates on the basis of superior achievements, leadership qualities, personal character and involvement in community and school activities.

Final selection of the scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the president, and will be announced by the White House in May. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad; up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts; and 15 students at-large.

Scholars will be invited to Washing-

ton, D.C., for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars medalion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in various activities and events in their honor.

"While we tend to lavish praise on athletes and actors, we often fail to applaud the diligence and discipline of good scholarship and creative accomplishment," said U.S. Education Secretary Richard W. Riley. "Now in its 34th year, the scholars program remains one of the few opportunities for national recognition of academic or artistic excellence."

The 500 semifinalists were selected for their exceptional performance on either the SAT of the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. For the arts component of the program, semifinalists were nominated by the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, which annually conducts a competitive national talent search.

Semifinalists were selected by a panel of distinguished educators after a review of students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts.

Kristen Grauman is the daughter of Robert and Karen Grauman.



Kristen Grauman

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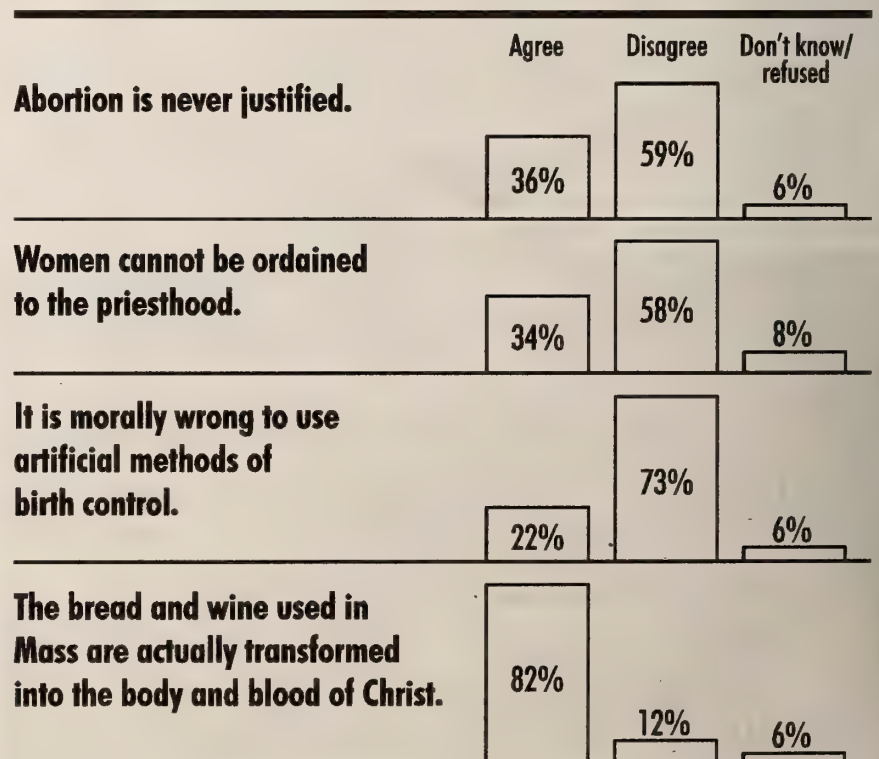
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47% Once a week	4% Don't know/refused

From a random survey of 1,000 adult Catholics in America.  
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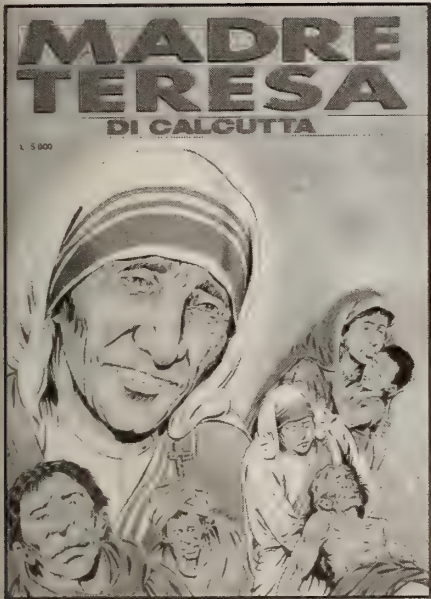
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# People In The News

## Holy Comic Books!

# Mother Teresa Joins Ranks Of Superheroes



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Mother Teresa is the featured heroine of this comic book being sold throughout Italy. Citing editorial independence, the author of the magazine says he did not consult Mother Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity, or the Vatican on the project.

ROME (CNS) — Look, on the newsstand! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Mother Teresa!

The globally renowned nun, champion of the poor, winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace and founder of a flourishing charitable religious order, has joined the ranks of Superman, Donald Duck and the Incredible Hulk: She has become a comic book superstar.

The full-color publication with a glossy cover is available for about \$3 at bookstores and kiosks throughout Italy. It tells the story of the youth, spiritual development and humanitarian achievements of the Yugoslav-born child of Albanian parents who became the world's most famous nun. Its title: "Mother Teresa, Missionary of the Impossible."

But holy commercialization, Batman! It's being done without the knowledge of the subject or her order, the Missionaries of Charity. Leaders of the order's provincial house in Rome said they had never heard of the project.

"I don't think she has read it, but I hope that she will," the magazine's author, Paolo Gherlardini, said in an inter-

view. Gherlardini, who holds the publishing rights along with the illustrator, explained that they did not get in touch with the Missionaries of Charity or the Vatican, nor did they accept donations of any kind toward production of the comic book because "we wanted to maintain editorial independence."

"We took this initiative because we thought it would be interesting to comic book readers of all ages to know more about (prominent figures) of the church," he said. The Italian publishing industry estimates that comic book readers range in age from pre-school to 33.

Having already published a comic book at the end of last year on the life of Padre Pio, an Italian priest nationally famed for his holiness, Gherlardini said it was time to turn his attention to Mother Teresa "because she is so recognizable, but not everyone knows her story."

That being said, Gherlardini admitted that even Mother Teresa would not recognize some parts of her illustrated biography, enhanced as it has been by the author's fantasy. For instance, there's the visit to a jungle village where the nun in the famous blue-striped, white habit — armed only with a flaming stick from a campfire — scares off a ferocious wild tiger that has the villagers prostrate with fear.

"Probably that did not happen," confided Gherlardini, whose skills in the past have been used to translate tales of the Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtles into Italian. "But this is the sort of thing the readers really like. And Mother Teresa might

consider it a compliment."

The Milan-based publisher Gruppo Editoriale Sirio, producer of the two comic books, has commissioned Gherlardini to write his next book, due on the shelves in June, about Pope John Paul II. Gruppo Editoriale Sirio publishes about 45 periodicals, including one of Italy's leading television guides and a food magazine called *Creativity in Cooking*.

But so far, the results of the comic book series are not entirely promising. The company reports that it sold only 8,000 copies of the Padre Pio issue, which had a print run of 43,000. Figures for the Mother Teresa comic book were not available.

But to judge from its sales in what should be a prime location, the Mother Teresa bio has also been a disappointment. The manager of a newsstand directly across from the main entrance to St. Peter's Square reports that he can only get rid of a copy every two days, though he has the cover prominently displayed among the magazines and maps.

Gherlardini said continued slow turnover will hit him hard in the budget, as the contract he shares with the illustrator promises a cut of the profits only after the first 15,000 copies are sold.

"Until then, we don't get one lira," he explained. And since he also owns the publication rights abroad, there's no telling at the moment whether the comics will be translated and sold overseas.

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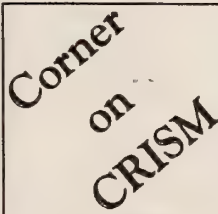
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## Newly Ordained Pittsburgh Auxiliary Promises Love, Loyalty

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — Pittsburgh's new auxiliary bishop, David A. Zubik, promised "unqualified love and uncompromised loyalty" to God and the pope at his ordination April 6 at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh. In his remarks, Bishop Zubik, who will continue as vicar general and general secretary of the diocese, several times repeated his episcopal motto, "Nothing is impossible with God." Pittsburgh Bishop Donald W. Wuerl was principal celebrant at the ordination Mass, a ceremony rich in tradition.

## Former Editor Of Hawaii Catholic Herald Dead At 75

HONOLULU (CNS) — A funeral Mass was celebrated April 2 at St. Anthony Church in Kailua for Cornelius D. Downes, a former editor of the *Hawaii Catholic Herald* newspaper and father of the current editor. Downes, editor of Hawaii's Catholic newspaper from 1946 to 1950, died March 25 at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Honolulu. He was 75.



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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Students Assist Special Olympians

WINSTON-SALEM — Eighty-one members of Bishop McGuinness High School's French, Latin and Spanish clubs assisted athletes at the Special Olympic Games held on the Wake Forest University track in Winston-Salem on April 15. Many students served as "buddies" to the athletes, while others timed events. The students' service marked the sixth year of BMHS participation in the Games. Their involvement was coordinated by faculty moderator Shirley Shaw.

BMHS students are required to complete 15 hours of community service each year in order to graduate. Eight of those hours are to be performed in the students' parishes or church communities, and seven are to be completed in the community at large. In 1996, students performed more than 6,000 service hours through the Youth Eager to Serve service program.

## Catholic Singles Charity Auction

CHARLOTTE — The Catholic Singles of Charlotte host their annual date auction on April 23 at Nug's Tavern, 1933 South Blvd., from 7-9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services. For more information, call Karen, (704) 531-9320.

## Inner Healing Retreat

BELMONT — "Inner Healing (Healing the Child Within)" is a May 23-25 retreat directed by Father Peter Jugis, Mrs. Bobbie May and Rev. Mr. Hugo May and is designed to illustrate the processes that lead to inner healing through teaching, reflections, meditations, sharing, a healing service, music, prayer and Mass. The sacrament of reconciliation and individual spiritual direction will also be available. Cost is \$115 per person, and registration deadline is May 19. For more information or to register, call (704) 327-8692.

## Forty Hours Devotion

CHARLOTTE — A Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Ann Church from a 7 p.m. prayer service April 27 to April 29 following a 7:30 p.m. Mass. In addition to the usual daily Masses, Mass will be celebrated on April 28 by Capuchin Father Edmund Walker, pastor of St. Matthew Church, Charlotte. For details, call (704) 344-2110.

## Community Life Workshop

GREENSBORO — Vicariate Community Life Network sponsors a parish social ministry workshop May 17 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Topics will include the faith dimension of parish social ministry, welfare reform and community life commissions. For more information, call Sister Anne Joseph Edelen, DC, (910) 274-5577.

## Rosary Society Chicken Dinner

CHARLOTTE — The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Consolation parish sponsors its annual chicken dinner (baked or fried) on April 27 from 9:30

a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per plate. Dessert and beverage are included. Call (704) 375-4339 for tickets or more information.

## Padre Pio Presentation

HENDERSONVILLE — Capuchin Father John Aurilia, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, presents "Getting to Know Padre Pio" on April 27 at 5 p.m. The event is sponsored by St. Francis of the Hill Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Father Aurilia, a friend of Padre Pio at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, will share his insights and knowledge.

## Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head, S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

## Church Open House and Reception

HIGH POINT — In celebration of its 50th anniversary, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will host an open house and reception for the High Point community April 27 from 1-3 p.m. Highlights include a question-and-answer session with parishioners about the Catholic faith and the church building, self-guided tours of the school, and exhibits illustrating parish history. For information, call Rita Stefani, (910) 841-7249.

## National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., on June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

## Diaconate Wives' Retreat

MORGANTON — The wives of the permanent deacons and candidates of the Charlotte Diocese will hold a retreat day on April 26 at St. Charles Borromeo Church from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sister Mary Thomas Burke is leader for the retreat, which focuses on personal spirituality and camaraderie. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Virginia Schumacher, (910) 723-9768.

## Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month to discuss *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and sacred Scripture 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

## Schola Cantorum Performs

CHARLOTTE — Schola Cantorum

Carolinanae Borealis (Latin for "North Carolina School for Plain Songs or Chants") will provide music for the vigil liturgy at St. Gabriel Church April 26 at 5:30 p.m. Schola, a gathering of Winston-Salem-area singers performing traditional Catholic music, travels throughout the Diocese of Charlotte. The school is directed by Dr. Marc Innes, minister of sacred music and liturgy at Holy Family Church in Clemmons. For information, call (910) 766-8133.

## Forum on Abuse

BREVARD — The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart parish's forum on abuse in the family and work place continues May 4 from 2-4 p.m. with "Family Recovery," presented by Bessy Long, who has worked in the field of family treatment for 18 years. For more information, call (704) 883-9572.

## Wine And Cheese Tasting Party

ASHEVILLE — The Men's Club of St. Eugene parish hosts a Wine & Cheese Tasting Party at 7 p.m. on April 27. Highlights include an auction and musical entertainment. Noted gourmet chef and wine expert Bob Werth will preside. Cost is \$15 for couples, \$7.50 for singles. For tickets and more information, call (704) 254-5193.

## Family Rosary Day

CHARLOTTE — The 42nd Semi-Annual Family Rosary Day is May 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church starting at 3 p.m. Father Gordon Pillon of the Charlotte Catholic High School religion department is speaker. The event includes rosary, hymns, homily, procession and Benediction.

## BMHS Auction

WINSTON-SALEM — The Bishop McGuinness High School Home School Association presents the Puttin' on the Glitz spring auction April 26 from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at the school. Fine dining, live music and auctions highlight the event, whose proceeds will support the needs of BMHS. Cost is \$50 per person, and reservations can be made by calling Gary LeBlanc, (910) 723-2030, or by sending the fee to BMHS's office, 1730 Link Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.

## Weigh Down Workshop

CHARLOTTE — A 12-week, Bible-based weight-loss program at St. John Neumann Church begins April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the library with a free orientation session. The seminar costs \$103 (additional family members are half-price). For more information or to register, call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916.

## AIDS Walk '97

CHARLOTTE — The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) hosts the first annual AIDS Walk on May 3, starting and ending at St. Patrick Cathedral. Registration is at 8 a.m., and the one and one-half mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit RAIN in its continuing effort to serve the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. For more

information on gathering donations and to register, call Mary Crowley, (704) 372-7844, or the RAIN office, (704) 372-7246.

## Landings Follow-Up Program

BREVARD — "Living Your Catholic Faith, 101," an outreach of the Landings program, continues at Sacred Heart Church on April 27 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "The Roots of My Prayer Style," presented by Richard Wolf. For details, call (704) 883-9572.

## Marriage Encounter Weekends

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Basilica of St. Lawrence daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every first Saturday at St. Joan of Arc Church from 2-4 p.m. in the chapel area. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For information, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Understanding Yourself and Others" is an April 25-27 retreat that combines the ancient theories of Gurdjeff and the Enneagram with modern psychology directed by Wayne Scott, Ph.D. Cost is \$90; couples \$160.

"The Hills are Alive" is a May 2-8 retreat alive with the excitement of springtime and the gentle touch of God's creative love directed by Franciscan Father Tom Vigliotta and Sisters of the Atonement Sister Eileen Waldron. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

"The Beatitudes and Discipleship" is a May 17-23 retreat based on Jesus' vision of the life of the believer directed by Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

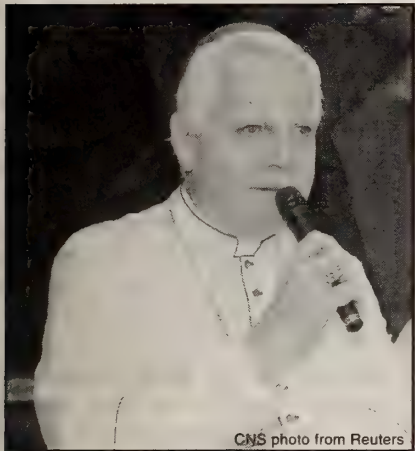
To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

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# World And National News Briefs

## Cardinal Law Urges End To Economic Strictures Against Cuba



Cardinal Bernard Law speaks to Cuban Catholics at a church in Havana April 5. Law made a two-day trip to Cuba to hand over a shipment of medical supplies.

BOSTON (CNS) — Cardinal Bernard F. Law of Boston, returning from a visit to Cuba, expressed concern over the hardships of Cubans and urged the United States to consider dropping economic barriers against the island nation. Writing in his column in the April 11 issue of *The Pilot*, Boston's archdiocesan newspaper, Cardinal Law said his mission was to bring sorely needed medicines to the Cuban people and to help Cuba's bishops prepare for Pope John Paul II's planned visit in January. The cardinal said "it is hard to weigh" the U.S. government's stringent economic policies against Cuba compared to the favorable treatment it gives the communist countries of China and Vietnam.

## New Document Urges Dialogue With Bishops On Health Care

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishops must collaborate with local health care leaders and among themselves in order to ensure that Catholic health care keeps its Catholic identity, according to a new document approved by the U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee. The 14-page document on "The Pastoral Role of the Diocesan Bishop in Catholic Health Care Ministry" was prepared by the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Issues and the Church and approved by the Administrative Committee in March. It was made public in early April.

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## Youngstown Bishop Lowers Confirmation Age

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (CNS) — Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Youngstown has announced that starting next year, the usual age for receiving confirmation in the diocese will be lowered from 11th grade to eighth grade. In a March 31 letter explaining the new policy, he told Catholics the decision was "the most difficult and important I have had to make since becoming bishop here, because it affects all of our young people and all of their families in their sacramental life."



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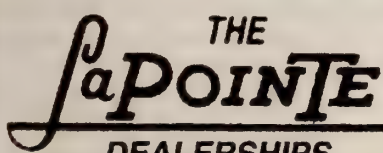
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Households: **180**  
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### MAGGIE VALLEY —

"It took me six years to build the church — three years to clear the land and three years to build the church."

With those words by the late Father Michael Murphy, founder of St. Margaret Church, comes a history filled with an evangelical fervor that built up the Catholic Church in west-

ern North Carolina.

Michael Murphy arrived in North Carolina from Detroit in September 1950. Right away, he turned his attention to helping build churches in the mountain region of the state. He traveled to the town bearing his surname, where Father Lawrence Newman was trying to build a church with financial help from Murphy families throughout the country. After visiting there, Michael Murphy went on to Sylva and assisted in building St. Mary Church in memory of his late parents. The church was dedicated in August 1955. Soon thereafter, he also aided in constructing a Newman Center for Catholic students at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

The lay missionary later bought 33 acres of land in Maggie Valley. A two-story building was converted for use as a chapel, where a Waynesville pastor celebrated Mass during tourist season. Murphy furnished the chapel with statues that had belonged to his mother in Detroit.

The owner of a local restaurant suggested that Murphy purchase another property for sale in the area, owned by a retired Methodist minister. Murphy built a 25-unit motel on the site, naming it Falling Waters. Later,

Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh gave him permission to build a church on the land, and in August 1969, the new St. Margaret Church was dedicated.

Bishop Waters urged the zealous Murphy to ponder becoming a priest. Murphy did, and studied at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. In May 1972, he was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Michael J. Begley of Charlotte. Father Murphy was 80 years of age at the time of his ordination.



After serving for a year at a North Carolina coastal parish, he returned to the church he had built in Maggie Valley. As pastor of St. Margaret, he built a house which would later serve as a convent, and a retreat house. In February 1977, the retreat building burned to ruins, but the flame of evangelism that burned in Father Murphy's heart raged on as well.

Father Murphy continued to own and operate Falling Waters Motel. Under Bishop Begley's direction, the motel was renovated for use as the Living Waters Reflection Center, which today remains a popular retreat spot year-round. In 1981, the pastor also donated a building on the land to the diocese for use as a parish hall.

Father Murphy's presence remained a constant in the parish community until the priest's death in April 1990. A parish hall, built and dedicated in the early 1990s, was named Murphy-Garland Parish Hall in honor of the priest who gave so much to the community. (Father Murphy's maternal grandfather, Michael Kelley Garland, was a friend of a builder of stoves. Liking the sound of the Garland name, the craftsman — who had just designed a stove for commercial purposes — used the name on his product. The Garland stove is now widely used in restaurants throughout the country.)

The succeeding resident pastor at St. Margaret, Father William Evans, continued the apostolic outreach to western North Carolina Catholics that Michael Murphy — as a layperson and priest — had begun.

That devoted enthusiasm still thrives in Maggie Valley thanks to the work of Father Eric Houseknecht, administrator, and Father Jim Byer, parochial vicar. Father Houseknecht arrived in Maggie Valley in August 1996 and has led a renovation crusade, yielding improvements to the church building, inner sanctuary, grounds, parish center, offices, rectory and elsewhere. Parishioners made the project a family undertaking, offering voluntary labor and donating a variety of items to their spiritual home. In early April, parishioners and visitors gathered for an open house to celebrate the enhancements.

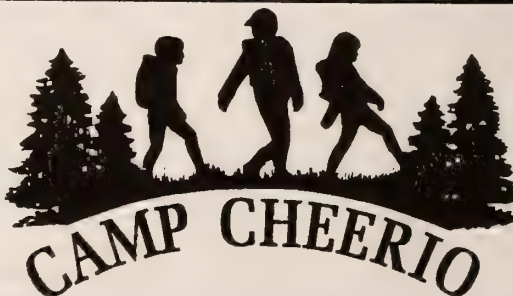
Ministerial work exists at all ages; the youth group, for instance, regularly serves their neighbors at a local soup kitchen. Parish events and fund-raisers like coobook sales, flea markets, craft sales and bake sales bring the parish family together to share in camaraderie and the common cause of helping residents of the region in need.

With some 180 families who worship year-round in Maggie Valley — plus droves of seasonal visitors and retreatants at the Living Waters center — St. Margaret stands in memory of Father Murphy's dedication to the Church while also testifying to the vitality of the faith in western North Carolina today.

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flourish like a wild  
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Photo by JOANN KEANE

## Charlotte Diocese Hosts 20th Annual Youth Conference

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CLOVER, S.C. — "Do you want a job?" Father Carl Del Guidice asked the record 451 teen-agers in attendance during the closing liturgy at the 20th annual Diocesan Youth Conference. "I've got one for you. Be a shepherd. Tend a flock — yourself, your family and the people around you."

The pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Brevard also spent part of the conference discussing devotion to the Virgin Mary and her special calling as the Mother of God. In the process, he encouraged youth to follow the Blessed Mother's example and answer God's call to serve their church and community.

"The Lord calls each and every one

of us by name," he said. "We are all commissioned to be stewards of the world and carry out the mission of Jesus: to carry the kernels of God's truth, the Gospel of Jesus within, and share the message of our heavenly God."

The April 18-20 conference, held each spring at Camp Thunderbird, allows young Catholics to celebrate their faith, their love, and their lives. This year's theme was *Theotokos*, Greek for God bearer, and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"The members of the Diocesan Youth Council chose it (the theme)," explained Paul Kotlowski, diocesan director of youth ministry. "This year, they decided to center it on the Blessed Vir-

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## Two Cities Unite In Prayer Over Oklahoma City Bombing

On April 19 Archbishops Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City and Charles J. Chaput of Denver celebrated Mass in their respective cities for the victims, their families and survivors of the bombing.

By JOHN MALLON

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — Oklahoma City and Denver became sister cities united in grief, prayer and hope in ceremonies marking the second anniversary of the blast that destroyed Oklahoma City's federal building.

On April 19 Archbishops Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City and Charles J. Chaput of Denver celebrated Mass in their respective cities for the victims, their families and survivors of the bombing.

The Oklahoma City Mass took place following a civil ceremony during which 168 seconds of silence were observed at 9:02 a.m., the time of the bombing, for the 168 people who lost their lives when a bomb brought down the Alfred P. Murrah building.

The Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph Old Cathedral, which stands immediately adjacent to the bomb site and which sustained heavy damage in the bombing and was restored in December 1996. After a period of silence, church bells tolled and the names of the 168 victims were read as family members placed flowers and other mementos at the grassy site where the federal building once stood. The area has been fenced off since the bombing.

The Mass was simple and dignified with families of victims proclaiming readings and bringing the mementos forward.

In Denver at 9:02 a.m., the bells at Holy Ghost Church tolled 168 times in remembrance of the lives lost in the blast.

As the bells tolled, the name of each victim was spoken aloud and lifted up in prayer. That afternoon, more than 500 people gathered in the church for a memorial Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chaput for the victims and their families.

Holy Ghost Church is one block away from Denver's federal building, the site of the courtroom where the bombing trial will take place. Media attention has focused on Denver since that city was chosen as the venue for the trial.

Archbishop Chaput read a letter sent by Archbishop Beltran, who wrote: "In Oklahoma City we personally experienced the tragic bombing that occurred here two years ago. Now (with the trial in Denver) you share our grief and sorrow in a particular way, I trust that you will also share our hope and consola-

tion."

In the celebration of Mass in both cities, the archbishop added, "we are reminded that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly."

"May God bless all of you for your support, prayers and solidarity with us in faith," he wrote. "May the peace and joy of the risen Lord be in our hearts, our hopes and our lives of prayer."

After both Masses, Archbishops Beltran and Chaput led their congregations in the recitation of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

The prayer appears on a card that the Vincentian Fathers who staff Holy Ghost in Denver are making available as a sign of healing and reconciliation and as part of an effort to start a "prayer chain" that would continue for the duration of the bombing trial.

"We certainly know the names of those who have died, but we can scarcely imagine the many thousands who are living the loss of their friends and loved ones," said Vincentian Father Gary Mueller, parochial vicar at Holy Ghost. "There is a wound in the heartland that can only be healed by prayer."

With a coalition of Colorado and Oklahoma businesses, organizations and agencies, the Archdiocese of Denver and Holy Ghost Church have been active over the past year making preparations to meet the needs of family members of bomb victims who want to be in town for the trial.

Catholic Charities USA has given a \$10,000 grant to the coalition, which has established a safe haven where families can receive hospitality, mental health services and support from local clergy.

A safe haven facility has also been established in Oklahoma City at the Federal Aviation Administration building. A closed-circuit television link has been established at the facility for family members wishing to view the trial proceedings.

Contributing to this story was Peter Droege in Denver.

Anyone interested in supporting the continuing efforts to assist the more than 500 people injured in the blast and the families of victims can contact Holy Ghost Church's parochial vicar, Father Gary Mueller, in Denver at (303) 292-1556.



## Diocesan Youth Meet For Conference, from page 1



Youth sing a hymn during the conference's closing liturgy. The Holy Family Youth Choir were the featured singers at the Mass.

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Workshop presenters focused on various subjects, including the Trinity, Evolution of the Modern Church, Creative Prayer, and the Rosary.

Megan Moses, a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Church in Boone and outgoing chairperson of the Diocesan Youth Council, was presented with the Bishop Begley Award. The honor recognizes a youth in the diocese who has exemplified the qualities of leadership and compassion of Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley, the first shepherd of the Diocese of Charlotte.

"I just felt serving on the council was one way I could give back to the Catholic community in the diocese," explained Moses, who has been involved in youth ministry for five years, the last three as a member of the council.

Another high school senior, Jason Patrick Clark, was also recognized for his dedication in youth ministry. The parishioner at St. Dorothy Church in Lincolnton received the Eagle and Cross Award, an honor presented by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers. The award is given for outstanding service to church, school and community.

"I just do what I can," said Clark, who has been involved in youth ministry at St. Dorothy since 7th grade. He is also a member of the Colombian Squires, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus.

During the liturgy, the youth also presented a check for \$1,476 to Catherine's House, a transitional living facility for displaced women on the grounds of the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Belmont. The

money was raised through special youth collections in parishes.

Afterward, Kotlowski said he hoped participants continue to grow in their faith lives.

"I hope our youth leave here with a renewed sense of fellowship, a deeper pride in their Catholic identity, and most importantly, with a renewed commitment to the Lord Jesus and His mother, our Blessed Lady," Kotlowski said.

Jennifer Cram-Edwards, 15, was among those who took the youth minister's words to heart. "I'm glad they focused the conference on the Virgin Mary. She is a second mother to me," said the parishioner at St. Margaret Mary Church in Swannanoa.

*Mary bore Jesus into the world. Can you bear Him in your heart?* Those words adorned shirts worn by conference participants the final day, and Father Del Guidice encouraged the youth to always center their lives on Jesus.

"You want a job? I've got it," the pastor said. "Be a shepherd and turn to Christ, who is the shepherd of all shepherds."

Photos by MIKE KROKOS



Megan Moses, winner of the Bishop Begley Award, and Jason Patrick Clark, recipient of the Eagle and Cross Award, are shown with Bill Martin, youth minister at St. Matthew Church.



Participants enjoy a game of volleyball during a break at the Diocesan Youth Conference.

## Charles Kuralt And Loonis McGlohon To Be Honored At May 10 Commencement

BELMONT — Charles Kuralt, "the laureate of the common man" (*Time Magazine*) will be the speaker at Belmont Abbey College's 119th commencement exercises to be held May 10 on the Abbey Church piazza and lawn. A total of 214 undergraduates and graduates will receive degrees in the 11 a.m. ceremony.

Kuralt will be joined in his presentation by the renowned composer Loonis McGlohon, a frequent collaborator of Kuralt's. The two have joined forces to write television themes, a musical video, a documentary score and a book. Both men will receive honorary doctor of law degrees during the ceremony.

Honorary doctor of humane letters degrees will be awarded to Benedictine Father Terrence Kardong, a Catholic theologian and author, and the Most Reverend David B. Thompson, bishop of the Diocese of Charleston. Thompson will also deliver the homily at the baccalaureate service, preceding commencement at 9 a.m.

A native North Carolinian, Kuralt enjoyed a 37-year career at CBS News and is best known for his "On the Road" series and his "Sunday Morning" program. He has won 13 Emmy awards and such prestigious broadcasting honors as the George Foster Peabody Award and the DuPont-Columbia Silver Baton.

A successful author, Kuralt has published seven books, most recently *Charles Kuralt's America*, a volume of reflections on the country which became a best-seller in 1995-96. His 1990 memoir, *A Life On The Road*, was the number one non-fiction book of the year.

Loonis McGlohon, pianist and composer, is recognized around the world and his songs have been performed and recorded by a long list of international stars including Frank Sinatra, George Shearing, Dudley Moore, Eileen Farrell and the London Philharmonic. He has received two Peabody Awards, two Gabriels, the Freedom Foundation Medal and the North Carolina Award. In 1996,

he was named to the National Academy of Television Hall of Fame.

Father Kardong, a Benedictine monk of Assumption Abbey (North Dakota), is a teacher and the author of 10 books and more than 50 articles. In 1996, he wrote *Benedict's Rule: A Translation and Commentary*. The editor of *The American Benedictine Review*, he has lectured around the country and in Australia, Rome, the Philippines, England and Nigeria.

Thompson became the 11th bishop of the Charleston diocese in 1990. He had previously served as parish priest; high school professor, counselor and principal; and chancellor and vicar general of the Diocese of Allentown (Pennsylvania). During his tenure in the Charleston diocese, he has spearheaded a community effort to erase racism through friendship. He has been awarded the Tree of Life, the Jewish National Fund's highest honor, for his efforts on behalf of interfaith harmony.

## Relay For Life Calls On Church Help

NEWTON — The Catawba County unit of the American Cancer Society hosts its annual Relay for Life on May 16-17 at Southside Park, Highway 321, Newton. Proceeds will go towards cancer research, education and support. All churches in Catawba County are asked to be represented by a team of 10-15 persons. The fee is \$10 per team member to cover refreshment and t-shirt costs. Sponsors and participants are needed. For further details, call Meg Smith, (704) 465-1076.

## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
April 27-May 3



Sunday:	Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8
Monday:	Acts 14: 5-18 John 14: 21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14: 19-28 John 14: 27-31
Wednesday:	Acts 15: 1-6 John 15: 1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15: 7-21 John 15: 9-11
Friday:	Acts 15: 22-31 John 15: 12-17
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 John 14: 6-14

## Louis de Montfort



Louis was born in 1673 to a modest family. He studied in seminaries and later was named chaplain at a hospital in Poitiers, where he founded the Daughters of Divine Wisdom. He fostered devotion to Mary and the rosary. He preached missions and wrote several treatises, including "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." St. Louis began the Missionaries of the Company of Mary. He died in 1716. His feast is April 28.





# Justice Says Church Had Hand In His Getting High Court Post



CNS photo by Jonas N. Jordan, Southern Cross

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas shares a laugh with Savannah Bishop J. Kevin Boland during Thomas' recent visit to Savannah, Ga. Thomas credited his Catholic education for his post on the nation's highest court.

By BARBARA KING

SAVANNAH, Ga. (CNS) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas returned to his hometown of Savannah April 3 to thank the Catholic Church for helping him gain a place on the high court.

Thomas also thanked the priests and nuns who educated him for their "affirmative action of the heart" toward African-American students.

"But for this diocese, I certainly would not be on the Supreme Court of the United States — but for St. Benedict's, St. Pius, St. John Vianney Seminary," Thomas said at a luncheon given in his honor by Bishop J. Kevin Boland of Savannah.

Last June the justice announced he was returning to his Catholic faith after more than 28 years of estrangement from

it. Born a Baptist, he was raised a Catholic by his grandparents and was in the seminary for a while.

Also attending the luncheon at the Catholic Pastoral Center was the justice's mother, Leola Williams, along with other guests and diocesan staff members.

Thomas, 49, spoke at length about the Catholic education he received in Savannah at St. Benedict the Moor Parochial School, St. Pius X High School (1963-64) and St. John Vianney Minor Seminary (1964-67). All the schools have since closed.

He continued in the seminary for a year at Immaculate Conception Abbey, Missouri (1967-68), and then transferred to Jesuit-run Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., where he graduated in 1971. He went on to earn his law degree from Yale.

"At Holy Cross it was a very, very tumultuous time," the justice recalled. "And this converged with my own development at the time, which was also very tumultuous. I was 18...."

"I was very upset with the Catholic Church some years ago," he added. "I was young and very emotional and passionate about some things. It's more important to me now to correct the record."

Thomas, who joined the Supreme Court in 1991, returned to the Catholic Church in 1996.

"I've regained something that I left at Holy Cross in 1968," he told the Savannah group. "I have returned to my own faith. Once a Catholic, always a Catholic."

Thomas thanked the priests and nuns who educated him and said, "A lot of people take so much credit (for the accomplishments of others) but the people who really deserve it never take it."

"We had 'affirmative action' in the '50s and '60s — it was affirmative action of the heart," he said. "The nuns and priests committed time and energy to us," the black children of Savannah, he added.

"I would not be honest if I said there weren't problems, but despite those problems something positive happened," Thomas said. "We learned at St. Benedict's and St. Pius."

He said he said he was heartbroken that the schools he attended closed. He criticized the closing of "black Catholic schools for the sake of the 'pipe dream' of integration."

"The poor education for blacks that resulted from some of these decisions deeply saddens me," Thomas said. "It was very harmful."

"Some people think that the solution to all the problems of black people is integration," he added. "I never worshiped at the altar (of integration)."

Thomas said his experiences at St. John Vianney "helped me to learn to live with white people.... I understood that it was not easy to walk into a dorm room and feel the antagonism of the other seminarians. And it instilled confidence in me."

"There is no question in my mind that the idea of the inferiority of blacks has no basis in fact," he added. "Yet we're being told today that black kids can't do as well as whites on the SAT tests."

However, Thomas said, "some things at St. John's shattered me. I was a stray dog. I was lonely."

He said he learned how just lonely he was when, halfway through his time there, the only other black seminarian left.

"The loneliest walk I ever took was from the basketball court to the entrance to the main building at St. John's," he recalled.

After dinner the students who didn't have kitchen duty usually played basketball, and whoever made the first shot could choose his teammates, he explained. One spring evening he was on the court and made the first shot, he said, but instead of letting him choose his team, the six other students on the court walked to the opposite end and played their own game, three on three, excluding him.

"I vowed then and there never to let those kids, their slights disturb me," Thomas said. "I think I went into the chapel to pray. Never again would I let rejection hurt me."

Although some credit affirmative action for his success, Thomas said it did not begin until 1973, the year before he graduated from Yale Law School.

"Affirmative action started out really well," he said. "It expressed the idea that you could take poor kids and give them a chance...."

"But if the basis of advancement is purely racial ('no way could he make it on his own'), then we're accepting the inferiority of black people," he said. "Look at the numbers." He noted that in particular, "the rate of black males entering the labor force has plummeted," rather than risen under affirmative action programs based on quotas.

Having been well taught in Catholic

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## Remember His Will In Yours.

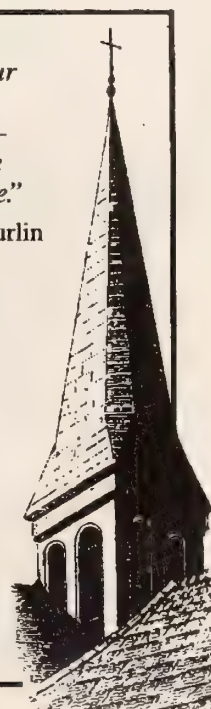
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## Pro-Life Corner



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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**April 26**

9:30 a.m.

Diaconate Ordination of Dean Cesa and Peter Pham  
St. Vincent Seminary  
Latrobe, PA

**April 27**

3 p.m.

Dedication of Sisters of Mercy Administrative Center  
Belmont

**April 29**

7:30 p.m.

Confirmation  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
High Point

**April 30-May 7**

Knights of Malta Pilgrimage  
Lourdes, France

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says Sarejevo's Hope Lies In Forgiveness, Reconciliation And Dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience April 16.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

The purpose of my long-awaited pastoral visit to Sarajevo was to pray for peace and to encourage hope. I thank the civil and ecclesiastical authorities for their assistance during my visit. Sarajevo has become a symbolic reminder to Europe and the world that the senseless violence of war must end. During the Balkan conflict, when it was impossible for me to visit Sarajevo, I sought to assure our brothers and sisters in Bosnia-Herzegovina that they were not alone. In Sarajevo, I expressed gratitude to all who stood by those who suffered during those years and to all who provided relief. Now, after the painful experience of the war, the future must be one of hope, a hope concretely expressed in forgiveness, reconciliation and dialogue. This was my message to the Catholic faithful, to the Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish communities, and to the government leaders. Let us pray that the risen Christ, our advocate before the Father, will grant lasting peace to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and to all the peoples of the Balkans.

I extend a warm welcome to the pilgrimage group from the Diocese of Portsmouth. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially those from Australia, Japan, Canada and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Pope Sends Greetings For Rome's 2,750th Anniversary

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II sent birthday greetings to the city of Rome as it celebrated the 2,750th anniversary of its founding.

"It is the feast of Rome," the pope said in his April 21 message to Mayor Francesco Rutelli.

The city celebrates its millennia-long history as well as its modern identity, "its Latin as well as its Christian civilization, reaching toward the future and determined to remain faithful to its heritage of high civil and spiritual traditions," Pope John Paul said.

The anniversary, "according to tradition," as the pope noted, commemorates the date when the legendary figure Romulus marked out the city's boundaries. Archeological evidence points to the existence of a settlement on the site at least from the eighth century before Christ.

As the year 2000 approaches, the pope said, "Rome is committed to preparing itself to offer the world the concrete image of a 'caput mundi' (head of the world) which characterizes it."

Rome's city government still has its headquarters on the Capitoline Hill, which took its name from its designation as the "caput mundi." The English word "capitol" to describe the seat of any government derives from the Roman usage.

Pope John Paul said the upcoming Jubilee Year celebrations in 2000 are "a providential occasion to renew Rome's mission of peace and solidarity in the awareness of its vocation as a crossroads of culture and faith."

"Throughout the millennia," he said, "the city always has been open and welcoming to all."

The attitude of openness must increase, especially toward those who are without work, without a suitable home or without adequate assistance, the pope said.

Pope John Paul also promised he would "personally go up the historic (Capitoline) hill to render homage to the city," although he did not say when that would be.



## Guest Column

By Antoinette Bosco

### When Pranks Aren't Funny

I read recently that a man was filing a lawsuit against a golf club and a maintenance worker. The reason? The man was offered a hot dog by the maintenance worker. However, when he took a bite, what he got instead was a mouthful of dead mouse.

It seems the disgusting incident was explained by the club manager as being just a prank between two friends.

But the man didn't see it that way. According to the story, this was a "highly offensive contact" for him. Since then, he alleges he has suffered emotional pain "from knowing dead rodents carry potentially fatal diseases."

Could trying to feed someone dead mouse be just a prank? Who would think that was funny?

My daughter, her husband and I recently experienced a so-called prank that dismayed us.

My daughter had had surgery, and I had gone to help out so that my son-in-law wouldn't have to lose so much time at work. I took my young granddaughter to school and back, made meals and saw to it that my daughter rested.

On the day I was leaving to return home, the parents of one of my granddaughter's schoolmates offered to care for her the next day after school. My granddaughter was to ride the school bus to their home with their child when classes were over, and they would drive her back home that evening.

The teacher and the school bus driver were notified because never is a change in routine for a child made in that school system without all kinds of assurances that the parent approves.

I was unprepared for the call I got from my daughter Saturday morning. She told me that at 8 p.m. the night before, the mother of my granddaughter's friend called her saying she didn't know how to tell her the awful news that my granddaughter had never gotten off the school bus and the police had been working on this for the past five hours.

My heart was pounding as my daughter told me how she began screaming. Her husband came to the phone. At that point my daughter said the woman admitted it was just a joke. She thought it would be "a funny prank" to pull on my daughter. She never imagined that it would upset her.

What?

I asked my daughter what she was doing to get over this scare. I think she answered, "praying." She said she knew now something of the pain she would feel if anything ever happened to her daughter.

I began thinking of all the times I've seen someone play a trick on another person under the guise of teasing. I never thought this to be good humor. I always saw it as a form of hostility, or downright cruelty, or sometimes a way of gaining temporary power over another.

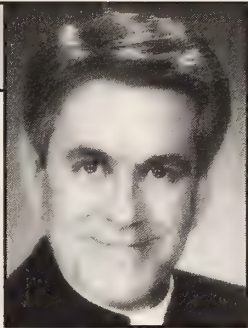
I am sure that Christ, who taught love, compassion and mercy for others, would never condone this way of having fun at the expense of another.

Antoinette Bosco is a CNS columnist.



Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



The Jewish Passover: Celebrating Our Roots

This week the Jewish faithful begin celebrating the principal feast in their liturgical calendar — the Passover. For all of us who have always honored our Judeo-Christian tradition, the Jewish Passover gives us the quintessential opportunity to understand and celebrate the roots of that tradition.

For centuries, the grounding of Easter in the Jewish Passover had been forgotten by many Christians. To right that, Church leaders urge us to understand the importance of the Jewish Passover for Jesus and His earliest followers. In fact, the American Catholic bishops in 1975 stated that “most essential concepts in the Christian creed grew at first in Judaic soil. Uprooted from that soil, these basic concepts cannot be understood. The renewal of Christian faith is the issue here, for renewal always entails a return to one’s origins.”

One instance of Christian renewal is to observe Jesus’ Last Supper in the light of Passover as it is celebrated by Jews throughout the world. From the moment

Jesus picked up, blessed, broke, and then distributed the unleavened bread to His disciples while proclaiming “This is My Body,” the Lord’s Supper has been irrevocably joined to the observance of the Jewish Passover.

Combined with the Feast of the Unleavened Bread (matzah), the Jewish Passover commemorates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt. The word Passover comes from the Hebrew verb (*pesah*) meaning to pass over — referring to Yahweh’s “passing over” and sparing the houses of the Israelites while He struck down the first born of the Egyptians. The first night of the week-long celebration is organized around a meal (Seder) that has as its essential element the eating of matzah.

The Passover matzah has always been a symbol of Yahweh’s eternal covenant because unleavened bread does not mold or spoil as does leavened bread. And the specific use of this unleavened bread makes this first night of Passover “different from all other nights.”

The theological message of matzah is that God is with us in the present mo-

ment and promises to be with us into the future. The Babylonian scholar Samuel called this bread of *oni* the bread through which many questions are answered. During the seder liturgy, the leader holds up the matzah and says:

This is the bread of *oni*  
The bread which our ancestors ate  
in the land of Egypt.

Let all who are hungry come and eat.  
Let all who are in need come and  
share the Passover.

This year we are here.  
Next year may we be in the Land of  
Israel.

This year we are slaves.  
Next year may we be free.

Here is a specific instance of the origins of the Christian liturgy of the Eucharist. Jesus, Himself a faithful observer of the Torah, acknowledged in His use of the unleavened bread the eternal validity of God’s covenant with the Jewish people. Here the life and liturgy of

the Jews provided the language and thought forms through which the revelation of Jesus was first received and expressed.

So together with our Jewish friends, not in competition with them, we Christians proclaim the

name of the one God, the God of Israel, and await with them the fulfillment of God’s saving design for all humanity.

During this solemn and festive holiday of Passover, when our Jewish brothers and sisters say: “If it please God, may next year find us all in Jerusalem!” — Christian voices, resonating with respect, yearning for the New Jerusalem, can cry “Amen.”

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Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



Those Who Die Without Baptism

Q. Although it is 13 years since my child died, I am still haunted by what the hospital chaplain told me.

Our child died before birth, so he or she could not have been baptized. As you have explained in your column, the sacraments are for the living. I can understand that.

What I didn’t expect was his answer to my question, What happens to these children? He said unbaptized people, including children, spend forever in purgatory, with no hope of entering heaven.

I love the Church and am convinced the priest was wrong. But what he said still hurts. I hope you can give me some peace of mind.

A. It’s difficult to believe any priest could say that, especially the part about purgatory. Sometimes we don’t hear things well, particularly in moments of great stress.

If what you said is accurate, however, I apologize to you and others who have written with similar stories.

The fact is, we know very little about such matters except the one overriding certainty that people who die without baptism are in the hands of a loving, merciful and saving Creator.

Not many are aware, for example, that the Catechism of the Catholic Church says baptism is necessary for salvation “for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have

had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.”

Obviously, little children have not had that possibility. And we know God’s purposes frequently are accomplished in ways we cannot imagine.

As the catechism teaches, “God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments” (1257).

Pope John Paul II, in his book “Crossing the Threshold of Hope,” speaks of God’s intense desire that all people be saved. God has told us much about his plan for salvation, and expects

us to believe and follow what he says.

But there is also much God has not told us. God is unendingly at work in the sacraments, says the Holy Father, “as well as in other ways that are known to him alone” (p. 134).

As we learn in many other matters of faith as well, it is often possible to be fairly certain about what God has done, is doing or can do.

It is when we pretend to be certain about what God cannot do that we quickly find ourselves way out of our

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Family Matters

Eileen Marx



Turning Tragedies Into Triumphs

It’s 4:00 a.m. and my 7-year-old son, Bobby, is playing in the bath to be more specific, an oatmeal bath. He has come down with the chicken pox and the bath seems to bring him relief. As the oatmeal bath works its magic, and once again Bobby is itch-free and happy, he begins playing with his Star Wars spaceships, imagining that the clumps of oatmeal surrounding him are exploding asteroids.

I, on the other hand, am not as easily amused at this hour. I look and feel as if I’ve just stepped out of *The Night of the Living Dead*, and I can only assume it will be months before I make a batch of oatmeal cookies again. This peculiar virus of spots and scabs also brings contrasting responses from neighbors and friends. Since Bobby first came down with the chicken pox, friends are either heading for the hills or are urging

us to invite them over during peak exposure time.

As I dab calamine lotion on Bobby and calculate the number of days until his sister, Teresa, breaks out, I realize how weary I’ve become with sickness these past few months. Because Bobby has had chronic ear infections and Teresa has asthma, sometimes even the common cold can make the kids miserable. Since last fall, new and more persistent flu’s and viruses are reported just as we’ve recovered from the previous illness. There have been days when I’ll go to great lengths to avoid these illnesses. My family could single-handedly keep the antibacterial soap companies in business. I’m not alone. A few weeks ago, I heard a collective sigh of relief when our associate pastor announced to his congregation of coughers that we would refrain from offering each other a sign of

Christ’s peace.

As humidifiers hum and fevers flare, I realize how impatient I am with illness. Being sick or taking care of someone who’s ill can be draining and frustrating. We are in a weakened state, homebound, and taken away from our daily routine. The most difficult part is watching a loved one suffer, no matter how minor the illness.

We live in a society obsessed with fitness and good health, one that often perceives sickness as a sign of weakness. We may become uncomfortable when we’re around people who are chronically ill or recovering from a serious illness or accident. They’re a reminder that we too could be sick and suffering in ways far worse than a virus or flu. We feel compassion for them and their families,

but after our dutiful visit we can close the door and walk away, relieved that we’re not the one battling depression, suffering with cancer or waiting for our child’s medical test results.

What I’ve discovered in recent years is that we have much to learn from those who are sick and suffering. Rather than closing the door we should be opening our hearts. It’s a privilege to sit and talk with people who are sick or suffering. When we reach out and really listen to someone who is experiencing a tragedy or a serious illness, it deepens our faith to see how they’re meeting their crisis with faith, courage and peace. It also invites us to reflect on our lives and to make changes

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## Sacred Heart Wins Bible Quiz Bowl

SALISBURY — The 1997 Inter-parish Bible Quiz Bowl went into overtime at Sacred Heart Church in mid-April, and after 17 rounds of tough questions, the host parish team was declared the winner.

For the ninth consecutive year, the Inter-parish Quiz Bowl brought upper-elementary school children together to illustrate their knowledge of the people, places and events that compose the heritage of the Catholic faith. Questions for this year's event were developed from the four Gospels and the first Book of Samuel.

The Sacred Heart team competed against teams from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mocksville; Our Lady of the

Highways, Thomasville; and St. Joseph of Kannapolis. David McCanless of Sacred Heart Church and Nicole Walsh of Our Lady of the Highways were recognized for three years of participation in the project.

With the bowl tied between Sacred Heart and St. Francis of Assisi after nine scheduled rounds, the event continued through 17 rounds before Sacred Heart went on to victory.

The annual quiz bowl project is a spiritual activity beginning the first Sunday of Lent. Participants receive a list of Bible passages to read and study. After four weeks' preparation, students contend in classroom-level Bible Bees, followed by parish Bible Quiz Bowls. Team members for the inter-parish event are drafted from the two preliminary competitions.

This year's Inter-Parish Quiz Bowl was coordinated by Janice Wellman of St. Joseph Church and Michael Thompson of Sacred Heart Church.

For more information about participating in next year's project, contact Michael Thompson at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 128 North Fulton St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144.



Shown are Sacred Heart parish team members Kate McCanless, Daniel Goodman, David McCanless, and Melissa Hicks (standing).

## Students Prepare For Academic Games



CHARLOTTE — Lia Comerford of St. Gabriel School and Stephen Lareau of All Saints School are shown with Cathy Ta of Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School at the MACS Equations Tournament held recently at All Saints for students in grades 3-8. Students from Our Lady of Assumption School also participated. Equations is an interactive, cube game requiring advanced math skills and strategy. It is one of six games that makes up the MACS Academic Games Enrichment program. A group of MACS students will travel to Kissimmee, Fla., in late April to take part in the Academic Games National Tournament.

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# Entertainment

## Murder At 1600

### Cynical Plot Defies Logic

NEW YORK (CNS) — When a young woman is found stabbed to death in the White House, a homicide detective and a Secret Service agent risk their own lives investigating the "Murder at 1600" (Warner Bros.).

This latest action thriller, following soon after Clint Eastwood's "Absolute Power," also presents a highly cynical portrait of corruption, sexual venality and blatant cover-up at the highest level of the executive branch of the government. It will probably do just fine at the box office — and even better overseas.

Directed in swift, glossy style by Dwight Little, we meet veteran Washington homicide cop Harlan Regis (Wesley Snipes), who is called to the White House when a secretary is found stabbed to death there late at night.

Several policing agencies immediately clash over jurisdiction and the Secret Service boss (Daniel Benzali) makes it clear Regis is not welcome in "his" house — and must get all information through his assigned Secret Service liaison agent, Nina Chance (Diane Lane). The cop chafes at this, especially when he realizes he's not getting access to all the evidence. In quick order, a janitor is accused of the crime in what only appears to be an open- and-shut case.

Unconvinced, Regis keeps digging and surmises the president's womanizing son (Tate Donovan) had sex with the victim just before her demise and that she was planning a tell-all exposé about him and his just-as-randy presidential pop, which would certainly provide a strong motive for murder.

Yet the more Regis studies the inner circle of White House VIPs, the less sure he is of what is really going on and who actually killed the young woman.

Providing reluctant but crucial help in this search for the truth, Agent Chance dives in, knowing full well



Wesley Snipes stars as detective Harlan Regis in the suspense-thriller "Murder At 1600."

their lives as well as their jobs are in jeopardy once she goes behind her boss's back.

In the promising first hour the plot thickens agreeably and red herrings surface to keep viewers guessing. Technically, the movie looks sleek and the pace moves along at a good clip.

However, the narrative starts unraveling through the second half and is capped off by a definitely far-fetched climax in which Alan Alda's character is allowed to go over the top and the press is fed a whole new set of lies by the press secretary about the just-uncovered cover-up.

Sadly, such deeply cynical films about abuse of power in all agencies of the government seem to be hot sellers now, to the extent that good old-fashioned idealism looks nearly idiotic.

The script has the president (Ronny Cox) under pressure to take military action against North Korea for holding 13 soldiers hostage, but this aspect of the plot only wedges itself awkwardly into the action here and there until its significance becomes obvious at the overwrought finale.

Some may find this suspenseful entertainment if they don't think the rules of logic need apply to escapist movies. Snipes and Lane are more than adequate as the crusading snoops, although as her hard-nosed boss Benzali is very much a one-note character.

Because of a shadowy bedroom scene with fleeting nudity, intermittent violence and occasional profanity with rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Big Night" (1996)

Two Italian immigrants in the 1950s — a perfectionist chef (Tony Shalhoub) and his more pragmatic brother (Stanley Tucci) — risk bankruptcy by putting on a lavish banquet for celebrity Louis Prima in hopes the resulting publicity will attract business to their restaurant. As co-directed by Tucci and Campbell Scott, the bittersweet story is a warm-hearted celebration of family, community and the fragile relationships that give life its flavor. Implied sexual affair, sporadic rough language and minimal profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Dear God" (1996)

Feeble comedy in which a con artist working as a postal employee (Greg Kinnear) and his wacky co-workers get in hot water after he opens letters addressed to God and they begin helping the needy letter writers. Despite a talented comedic supporting cast, director Garry Marshall's sentimental tale is clumsily contrived, generating few laughs and mostly bogus emotions. Fleeting violence and mild sexual innuendo. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Madame Butterfly" (1996)

International co-production of Puccini's tragic opera set in turn-of-the-century Nagasaki, where a callow American naval officer (Richard Troxell) marries then abandons his 15-year-old Japanese bride (Ying Huang) only to return to claim their little son for his new American wife to raise. Director Frederic Mitterrand opens up the stage-bound opera format by using outdoor location shooting in a visually lovely film which should be music to opera lovers' ears. Subtitles. Marital desertion and a culturally condoned suicide. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Mother Night" (1996)

Unconvincingly complicated tale from Kurt Vonnegut's novel about an American spy (Nick Nolte) in Nazi Germany who after the war is regarded as a traitor because the government refuses to acknowledge his secret role. Directed by Keith Gordon, the heavy-handed result depicts events in Nazi Germany with little moral perspective and even less psychological credibility, leaving questions of individual responsibility and collective guilt underdeveloped and without much dramatic impact. Complex themes and some bedroom scenes with

nudity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Secrets & Lies" (1996)

Powerful British drama in which an adopted black woman learns she was the illegitimate daughter of a white woman who at first denies being her mother, then comes to like her as a person and eventually invites her to a family gathering where one painful truth leads to a number of others. Director Mike Leigh uses the credibly contrived situation to examine the flawed humanity of each of the characters as well as their family relationships, social aspirations and racial attitudes. Sexual situations and references, much domestic tension and occasional rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" (1996)

Soapy tale of a widower (Peter Gallagher) who can't get over the death of his wife (Michelle Pfeiffer) until he comes to realize his obsession with keeping her memory alive is harming his relationship with his teen-age daughter (Claire Danes). Scripted by David E. Kelley and directed by Michael Pressman, the hokey proceedings are too thin to sustain emotional credibility in the characters and their problems, especially the husband's soppy conversations with his late wife's apparition. Morbid obsession, sexual innuendo, a teen's excessive drinking and some rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "The Visitors" (1996)

Fanciful Gallic farce in which a brave knight (Jean Reno) and his cloddy squire (Christian Clavier) are magically transported from the 12th century to contemporary France where they cope with culture shock, meet some of their descendants and contrive to return to their own time. Directed by Jean-Marie Poire, the comedy is largely slapstick, mixed with mistaken identities and misunderstandings, though the absurd proceedings prompt some thoughtful reflections on past and present. Subtitles. Slapstick violence, sexual references, vulgarities and minimal rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.





# How greed is disguised

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

**C**hinetown! I love Chinetown — in San Francisco, Chicago, everywhere, but especially New York.

To get there I take the No. 6 subway train at 77th Street on the Upper East Side to Canal Street, where I emerge into a whole new world. It is like going from the middle of New York to old Canton while never leaving New York.

In Chinetown everyone is Chinese, except a few foreigners like me. Some of the Chinese are the children or grandchildren of immigrants who came from China in the last century. Some of them came more recently, and some are business people or visitors from Hong Kong, Taiwan and increasingly from mainland China.

Looking at the crowded restaurants, banks, shops and stalls, it is hard to imagine the conditions in which the Chinese first came to America.

The Chinese came as cheap labor — working very hard for long hours, balancing heavy burdens on bony shoulders, sometimes under a hot sun, sometimes in rainy or cold and icy weather, all for meager wages.

The Chinese were brought to the United States by millionaires, often called “robber barons,” to build the railroad grid people now take for granted. As the millionaires became multimillionaires many times over, the Chinese workers lived in squalor. Being a “robber baron” is one thing, but nobody likes to be called one.

Many of the Chinese died on the job with no one to grieve them. Somehow many of them survived. They settled at the railheads in San Francisco, Chicago, New York and thrived.

And that is the origin of our Chinetowns.

Sitting at a restaurant in

Chinetown, eating baby clams with black bean sauce (my favorite Chinese dish), my mind often flips back to the days our Chinese population first came to the United States.

Their story is one of grit and heroic survival. The story of those who hired them is one of greed.

There are many stories of heroic survival in the building of the country. For each one of them, there tends also to be a story of greed.

What is greed? From a distance, greed is fairly easy to recognize although it also can easily be disguised.

future! It is a matter of acting responsibly. Everyone has to have insurance against a rainy day! It is a matter of prudence.

And that is true: Everyone has to provide for the future. But the line between acting responsibly and acting greedily is sometimes very fine. Greed comes in many disguises.

Greed is not a matter of the money you make. Nor is it about your bankbook or the amount of your possessions.

Greed is about how you acquire the wealth, the human price paid for it, the attitude you have toward it and what you do with it.

bigger barns to store more grain, only to have his life taken in the midst of the effort (Luke 12:16-21).

Some people make a lot of money and accumulate many possessions. But someone who is not greedy does not hoard the money, using it instead to create work for others and to pay them a just wage.

Like lust and hate, greed can blind a person. Like a demon, it can possess a person. That is why, like anger, pride, gluttony, lust, envy and sloth, greed — sometimes called covetousness or avarice — is one of the seven deadly sins.

Greed is miserly and parsimonious.

In Chinetown, “looking at the crowded restaurants, banks, shops and stalls, it is hard to imagine the conditions in which the Chinese first came to America,” brought here by millionaires as cheap labor to build our railroads. “The story of those who hired them is one of greed.”



What would the country have become without the “robber barons”? From a distance, they appear heroically enterprising and almost benign. It is easy to forget the countless workers who lived in squalor.

Closer to home, greed is much harder to recognize. When we suspect its presence it is easy to excuse. After all, everybody has to provide for the



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A saying of Jesus is a propos: “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange of his life?” (Mark 8:36-37).

We could extend Jesus’ saying further to include anyone’s life. Acquiring wealth at the expense of someone’s life, whether spiritual life or physical, natural life or supernatural, is a sure sign of greed.

Greed values money and possessions over people. Greed values acquisitions over even life itself. That is why some people can work themselves to death or at least risk their lives, risking the lives of others at the same time.

Jesus has another saying about greed. “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions” (Luke 12:15). He also has a parable about a rich fool who spends his whole life providing for the future, building

Greed also stands in the way of common charity.

In God, the Creator of all, there is no greed. God is love.

If you wonder sometimes if you are greedy, remember this simple rule: Where love abides, there is no greed. Love cuts through every disguise.

Love also forgives and sets its memory aside.

I love Chinetown.

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar, lecturer and writer.)

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## In a Nutshell

- Jesus saw how money and wealth can become all-consuming obsessions.
- Love is greed’s antidote. And greed’s opposite is simplicity.
- The catechism says that “greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit” violate the 10th commandment, as does “avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power” (No. 2536).



# Simplicity: greed's opposite

By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
Catholic News Service

**F**olding up the sleeves of her habit with a wrinkled hand, she slipped the single rose into the vase and set it before the statue of St. Joseph. This daily ritual of Sister Mary of the Incarnation of Christ Jesus (known to her friends as "Inky") had been done at 11 a.m. ever since she returned to her Dublin motherhouse from the missions in Uganda.

"Why just one rose?" I asked her, knowing that the garden outside had many.

"Because one rose is enough," she replied. "You people in your

**"Why just one rose?" I asked her.... 'Because one is enough,' she replied.... 'You always want more of everything. That's greed, my boy, greed.'"**

country! You always think that more is better. Why would two roses be better than one, or four better than two? You always want more of everything. That's greed, my boy, greed."

The twinkle in her eyes did not hide the sincerity in her voice.

Inky's words have hung with me over the years: "You always think that more is better." Do I really think that?

When a little girl told her mother she wanted three Barbie dolls for Christmas, the mother asked the girl if she didn't think that was being a bit greedy. The girl thought for a moment and answered, "No. Eight Barbie Dolls would be greedy; three is just right." The little girl's parents gave her just one.

Greed never being satisfied with what is, always wanting more.

I see greed as wanting more flowers around the altar than the last priest had, more catechumens than the next parish, more money than the neighbor.

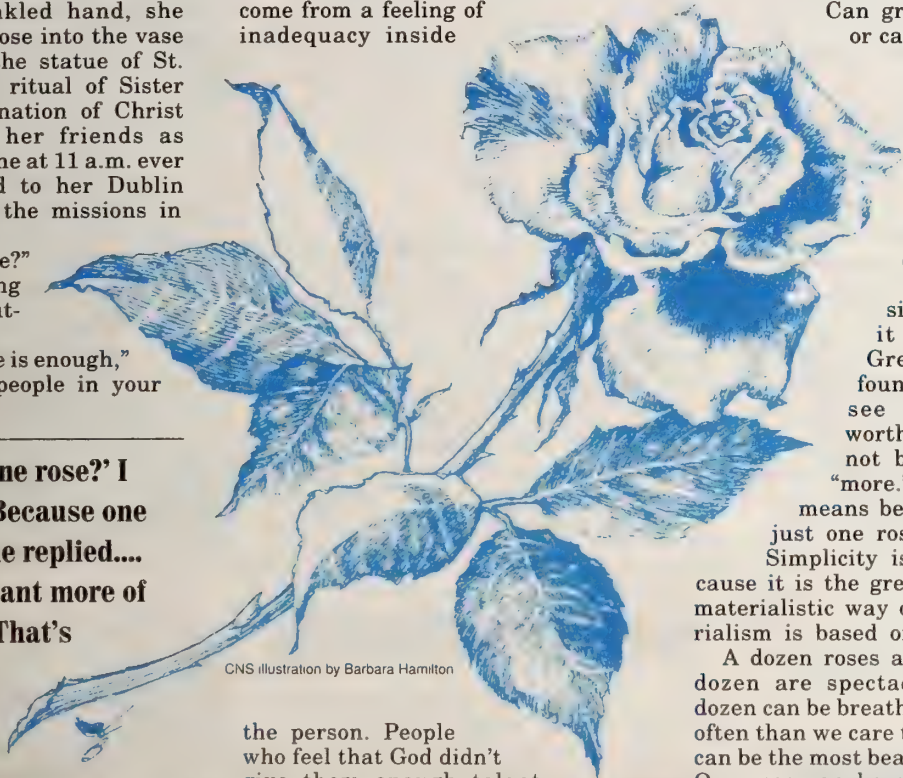
Greed is feeling an ache inside, an ache that senses something is missing, an ache that can only be alleviated by more of that "something."

We begin to judge our worth by satisfying that aching, that longing; by obtaining more of the "something" we need. But no matter how much, it is never enough.

Greed is a vice, much more insidious than some of the others. Anger

comes and goes, as does sloth, while pride can be both a virtue and a vice.

But greed, along with its cousins gluttony and envy, is always there, never satisfied, because they come from a feeling of inadequacy inside



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the person. People who feel that God didn't give them enough talent, money, chances or possibilities cannot trust that God truly loves them.

Greedy people are emotional black

holes, always taking in more than they give away and always having less of what is really important.

St. Francis said that "it is in giving that we receive."

Can greedy people give or can they only take?

How do we know if we are greedy?

The easiest way is to see how simply we live, how often we are satisfied with enough.

Greed's opposite is not poverty, it is simplicity.

Greed's opposite is found in the ability to see the value and worth of "enough" and not be obsessed with "more."

Simplicity means being able to enjoy just one rose.

Simplicity is noteworthy because it is the greatest threat to a materialistic way of life. For materialism is based on greed.

A dozen roses are beautiful, two dozen are spectacular and three dozen can be breathtaking. But more often than we care to admit, one rose can be the most beautiful sight of all. One rose can be enough.

(Father Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)

## A magnificently destructive obsession

By Father John J. Castellet  
Catholic News Service

**I**n all likelihood the man who asked Jesus to take his side in a dispute over the family inheritance had a valid claim against his brother. Jesus, however, saw beyond the legal question to its motivation: greed.

What Jesus did was to answer with a sweeping admonition. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions" (Luke 12:15).

He drove his point home by telling a story. A farmer reaps such a bumper crop that he doesn't know what to do with it all. His solution is to hoard his surplus and use it for his own selfish gratification. God's solution is devastatingly different.

The miser's plan will be thwarted by death, and then what use will his wealth be to him? His fault is found not in having possessions, but in his misuse of them. He should have used them to "grow rich in the sight of God" by sharing with those desperately in need of help.

Greed is self-destructive, dehumanizing. It sets a person's heart on things, and when things consume the heart, the person becomes a hard, insensitive machine. Why? Because, as Luke's Gospel says, "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (12:34).

And, Luke asks, "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" (Luke 9:25)

Jesus saw how money and wealth

can become all-consuming obsessions.

But, of course, people have a legitimate need for money. Parents have a duty in justice to provide for their children. The problem is that needs like these can be turned into irrational obsessions. They function like rival gods.

But there is room for only one absolute in a person's life — one God. "No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)" (Luke 16:13).

When profit becomes the bottom line, a person's values system is turned topsy-turvy. The result is chaos.

Money is not the root of all evils, but "the love of money" is. "Those who want to be rich are falling into tempta-

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Have you ever listened in on a conversation among parents about to send their first child to college? A mild panic has set in; they are preoccupied by a realization that only with careful planning will the family, financially speaking, survive the college years' high costs.*

*Virtually everyone sometimes is preoccupied with money and the ways to maximize its purchasing power.*

*But planning how to use our money isn't the same as allowing money and a passion for it to "plan us" — to enslave us.*

*—Maximizing our money's purchasing power is sometimes necessary.*

*—Making money our life's real power is something else again.*

*No doubt we must pay attention to our money. But, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church suggests, if such a concern swings out of control, we need to take stock (Nos. 2535; 3536).*

*And, the catechism advises, concern about our money and possessions shouldn't lead to injustice toward others (No. 2537).*

*You know, one reason theologians have labeled avarice — a near synonym for greed — a "deadly sin" is because it fosters other sins.*

*Almost everyone is preoccupied by money sometimes. The real question: What kind of preoccupation does it ultimately become?*

**David Gibson**  
Editor, Faith Alive!

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### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

#### In a conversation with teens, how would you discuss the purpose of money and possessions?

"That I think too often we use people and love money instead of the reverse." — Sister Mary Kevan Seibert, SND, Lexington, Ky.

"That even though we have to work for our money and possessions, they are still a gift. Even the talents and education we have to gain them are a gift, and that if we're blessed with wealth we should use it not just for ourselves, but for other people as well." — Sharon Pleiman, Dayton, Ohio

"It's more important how you live your life and what you have spiritually than what you have materially. You need money to live, to put food on the table, but beyond that we have a tendency to get a little carried away." — Elizabeth Listwan, Suffern, N.Y.

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## People In The News

### Soul On Ice Priest-Professor Sticks Up For Hockey

EMMITSBURG, Md. (CNS) — It could be argued that brutal behavior and crude language are part and parcel of being a hockey player. But Father Jim Donohue comes equipped with hockey stick in hand and the spirit of God in his heart. Father Donohue, a theology professor at Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg, is a starting left wing for the Midnight Suns, an amateur team in a county men's hockey league. "Jim's great for the intimidation factor," teammate Steve Brockman joked about Father Donohue.

### Cardinal O'Connor Honored For Support Of Jewish Causes

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Anti-Defamation League gave Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York its "America's Democratic Legacy Award" April 16. The guest of honor at an ADL fund-raising dinner at a New York hotel, Cardinal O'Connor was praised for his efforts on behalf of Vatican recognition of Israel and for support of other Jewish causes.

### Flynn Says Boggs Would Make Fine Ambassador To Vatican

ROME (CNS) — Raymond L.

Flynn, the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, said he thinks former Rep. Lindy Boggs of Louisiana would make a fine ambassador to the Vatican. In fact, he said April 18, she was one of the half dozen names he suggested to President Bill Clinton. The Washington Post reported April 18 that Clinton has chosen the 81-year-old former congresswoman to succeed Flynn. The White House would not confirm or deny the story.

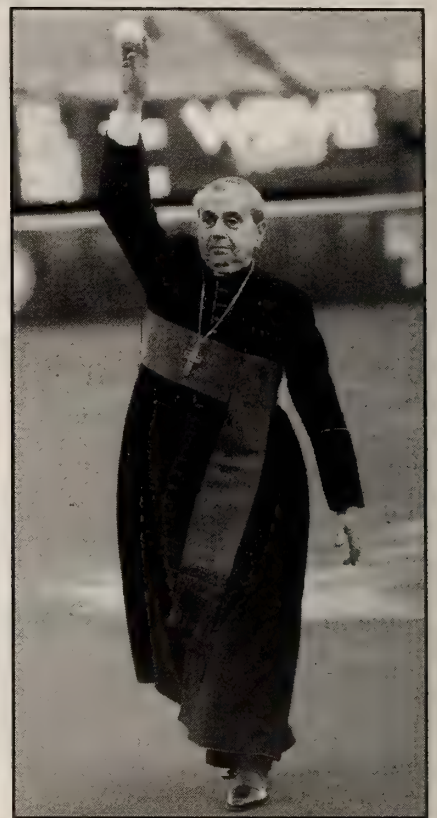
### Much 'Talent, Ethnic Diversity' Seen In '97 Class Of Priests

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Among the almost 500 men who are to be ordained in the United States this spring can be found "an immense amount of talent and ethnic diversity," said the head of the U. S. bishops' Office for Vocations and Priestly Formation. "There are men who entered the seminary after high school or college," said Father Timothy Reker in a statement. "There also are men who enrolled in seminary studies after professional careers in fields such as law and investments. A few have children and grandchildren." The incoming group of priests includes Anglos, Hispanics, Asians and African-Americans, reflecting the racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. Catholic Church in the 1990s.

### Cardinal Pitches Baseball, Honors Rabbi In Pittsburgh Visit

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — An Italian cardinal visiting Pittsburgh in mid-April threw out the first pitch at a Pirates baseball game, honored a U.S. rabbi and spoke on medical ethics. Cardinal Achille Silvestrini, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Eastern-Rite Churches, threw the ceremonial pitch at the Pirates' April 15 game against the San Diego Padres at Three Rivers Stadium.

Italian Cardinal Achille Silvestrini throws out the first pitch of the Pittsburgh Pirates and San Diego Padres game April 15 at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh. The cardinal, who was in town to present an award to U.S. Rabbi A. James Rudin and to speak at a Catholic hospital, was invited to throw the ceremonial pitch. His first attempt didn't quite make the plate, but a second try proved to hit the catcher's glove.



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# Senate Passage Of Assisted Suicide Funding Ban Hailed

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Senate sent "a strong message to courts and legislatures around the country" with its 99-0 vote April 16 to ban federal funding of assisted suicide, according to an official of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

The message is "that the federal government does not see assisted suicide as a legitimate medical procedure," said Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director for policy development in the pro-life office.

The bill also tells people "that there will always be havens even in the secular health care system where patients cannot be killed by their doctors — VA and military hospitals, federal enclaves, Medicare, federal employees' health plans, and so on," he added.

"Congress' action will set a good example for states and for private health insurance companies," Doerflinger said. "No one should imagine that we solve seriously ill patients' problems by eliminating the patient."

White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said President Clinton would sign the Assisted Suicide Fund-

ing Restriction Act of 1997, which earlier passed the House of Representatives by a 398-16 vote.

"We will sign it," she said. "The president has long opposed assisted suicide."

The legislation bans the use of federal tax dollars to pay for or promote assisted suicide or euthanasia. The bill also urges the Department of Health and Human Services to fund demonstration projects for improved care for persons with disabilities and terminal illness; to emphasize palliative care in its programs; and to study the adequacy of current medical school curricula on pain management.

Burke Balch, medical ethics director for the National Right to Life Committee, hailed the Senate vote in an April 16 statement and said the legislation is crucial in preventing the use of taxpayer dollars to fund legalized killing.

"This bill will help to protect the most vulnerable of our citizens," he said. "Euthanasia is a serious threat to people with disabilities, older Americans and those who have critical and chronic illnesses."

## Justice Gives Thanks For Catholic Education, Faith During Visit To Savannah, from page 3

schools, "I analyze and read and think," he said. "Even if someone disagrees with me, that's my thinking on it."

Thomas thanked representatives of the Savannah church for standing by him during his Senate confirmation hearing in 1991, which included accusations that he sexually harassed a female colleague.

"Some people didn't return my phone calls when I needed help," he said. "But you always returned my calls. Even when it was known that I was not a practicing Catholic. People could have said, 'He's not one of us.' You could have ignored me."

But his main message was one of gratitude to teachers who believed in the young Clarence Thomas during his school years.

"I wanted to thank you as a grown-up, as a practicing Catholic with all the benefits of the sacraments, not as a fallen-away Catholic," Thomas said. "I'm a product of what you provided."

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# A Child's Struggle Teaches True Faith

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

*Editor's Note: The following article was not included in its entirety in the April 11 issue of The Catholic News & Herald. We apologize to our readers.*

**HIGH POINT** — It is not just Cain Howard's flawless appearance, disarming blue eyes, hair the color of daffodils or his captivating smile that makes him extraordinary. Cain is special because he is autistic, and in spite of this often devastating neurological disorder, he will not be defeated by the daily challenges he must face. Even the simplest task like making eye contact takes heroic effort on his part. Fighting against the odds, this spunky toddler who will turn three in May inspires anyone who sees his valiant struggle: to be understood and to understand the world around him.

Behind Cain's growing successes in overcoming autism are his two parents, Amy and Patrick Howard, members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point, who from the start would not succumb to despair, self-pity and doubt but instead subscribed to hope, hard work and faith. Through their love and perseverance, Cain, to a casual observer, behaves similarly to his peers, a miracle that would never have been possible without God's loving hand working through them. "If I can't ask God for help and trust His will be done, I won't get through a single day. Because of my faith, I can have peace with whatever happens," said Amy Howard.

When Cain was 18 months old, his parents began to notice that he was not developing properly. "One of the hardest times was not knowing what was wrong with Cain. We thought we were doing something wrong as parents," said Mrs. Howard, viewing the early diagnosis as a kind of blessing. Its timing, however, was unfortunate; the family was preparing for the birth of their second son, Sam. This joyous occasion was overshadowed, at times, by the crushing news of Cain's autism.

Although Patrick initially suffered when he found out, he now sees Cain's autism as a blessing. "In the past I have always taken things for granted in my

life. I didn't have to struggle growing up, so I didn't appreciate all that I had. If Cain had been perfect, I probably wouldn't have appreciated the little things like I do now," said Patrick.

After the diagnosis, the Howards declared war on Cain's autism with "Intensive Early Behavioral Intervention," a program documented as having "recovered" some children.

Because no behavioral specialists were immediately available and time is crucial to recovery, Patrick and Amy implemented the program by themselves, relying on manuals and occasional consultations. They hired and trained college students, and developed a curriculum for Cain.

To understand the courage of the Howard family, one must understand autism and the toll it takes on family life. This life-long neurological disorder has no known cure and only theories as to what causes it. The symptoms and stereotypic behaviors such as rocking, hand-flapping, fixating on objects, hand-biting and head-banging vary with the individual, and efforts must be made to try to eliminate them. Patience becomes the predominate virtue when the Howards and their therapist battle some of these behavior problems. Coupled with lack of sleep, resulting from Cain's erratic sleep patterns, days can be stressful and long. Without this intervention, frustrations can overwhelm a child as well, and cause a total withdrawal. Fortunately, Cain's fighting spirit keeps him holding on to the raft of life as he reaches for the shore of mutual understanding.

A typical day starts at 9 a.m. Toy-play communication skills and social skills like eye contact are taught in the sessions. Later in the evening, Amy or Patrick will work again on those skills in a more natural setting. Although these activities are spontaneous for most children, autistic children struggle because they do not learn in normal ways such as through imitation. Cain, like most other autistic children, has an extremely short attention span and resists change. Help-

ing him achieve normalcy continues to be physically, emotionally and financially draining on the family. As one behavioral problem is eliminated, new ones emerge. Money concerns continue to mount with little outside help. Although these issues can be discouraging, the Howards remain dedicated and hopeful.

"All children deserve a chance.

They are all special," said Amy, concerned that some parents might fear raising disabled children. "Even when your child is disabled, they bring so much joy into your life."

In only nine months with limited resources, Cain has already improved, although other health problems may be slowing down his progress. The Howards anticipate at least three more years of intense therapy before Cain is fully functioning on his own age level.

Patrick is concerned for the many autistic children like Cain who do not have access to this program, either because they do not know about it or simply can't afford it. He is actively pursuing grants and other resources to establish a behavior therapy clinic in North Carolina so that others can have the same chance Cain has to live a normal life.

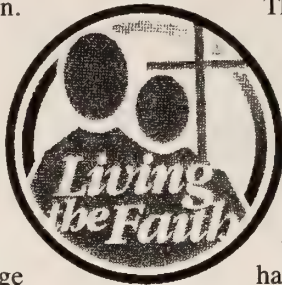
Patrick admits that through it all, he has grown in his faith and has a strong desire to share with Cain a sense of who God is. He learned recently it would take time. "I was looking forward to taking

Cain with me to church on Ash Wednesday. I thought about it all day. I just couldn't wait," he recalled. "Unfortunately, Cain made some noises which caused a humiliating pause in the service. I began to wonder if Cain would ever be able to behave during Mass and I wondered if he would ever know God."

Amy shares this same concern for Cain. Yet seeing Cain in his mother's arms affectionately playing with her hair, or on his father's shoulder smiling as if on top of the world, any doubts vanish. Cain certainly knows God because Cain knows love.

*If you would like more information on Behavioral Therapy or would like to help through volunteer work, please call Patrick or Amy Howard, (910)869-2408.*

*A book on a family who struggled to recover their two autistic children is "Let Me Hear Your Voice" by Katherine Maurice.*



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**Marx, from page 5**

or realize what's truly important. I have friends who talk about their illness as a gift rather than a curse. A cancer survivor will talk about the important insights and perspectives he's gained rather than the days or months he's lost as a result of his illness. A victim of a senseless accident will tell you that she never realized the inner strength she had until the accident. And a parent whose faith was far off track has become close to God during his child's hospital stay. This doesn't happen overnight. But somehow

through all the months of pain and heart-break, we can grow personally and spiritually.

It's not true that everyone is able to use sickness as an opportunity for spiritual and personal growth. An elderly person may be too confused or frightened to understand his illness. Someone living with AIDS may have been ostracized by family members or co-workers and believes she's also been abandoned by God. Those who are mentally ill may be unable to face the reality of their illness.

I'm not convinced that "God never

gives anyone a cross they're unable to bear." I know many good people who have been crushed by the crosses they've had to carry. We've all had our times when we too would be crushed under the weight of our crosses if not for the prayers and loving support of family, friends and parishioners. Mother Teresa often reminds us that we have a responsibility not only to reach out to those who are sick and suffering but to unite in their suffering and bring them the love of Jesus. In countless cases, even one caring person reaching out with this love can help a suffering person pick up his

cross and know that Jesus walks beside him.

We certainly don't need to go looking for sorrow and sickness in order to deepen our relationship with God. And I don't believe that God causes bad things to happen to us. But God knows that just as blessings and joys come into our lives, so do sorrow and pain. When we experience life's tragedies and disappointments, we need to remember that Jesus experienced the tragedy of the cross. When we cry out that our illness isn't fair or that the accident just doesn't make sense, we're reminded that the crucifixion is about as unfair and senseless as it gets. Like most people facing pain and suffering, Jesus pleaded with God to "let this cup pass from me." But by surrendering his will to His Father, his tragedy turned to triumph, bringing salvation to the world.

Two weeks after Bobby's first spot appeared, Teresa announced, "I'm very itchy and I have a hundred headaches." As I go through major and minor illnesses and accidents with my family, I hope I can keep in mind the words of St. Paul: "He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him."

**Dietzen, from page 5**

depth in mystery.

I hope this is of some help for you. God created your child out of love. That love, we trust, has touched your child with the same blood that offers salvation to the rest of us.

Perhaps more than any other event, the death of a child like yours can, if we let it, put us immediately in touch with the mystery and graciousness of God's salvation.

Q. My wife and I have been married more than 50 years. We have four beau-

tiful children, all grown and good people.

My wife has always been a Catholic, and I a Protestant. My question is, when we both die, am I allowed to be buried with her in a Catholic cemetery?

A. From the beginning of Christianity, believers in Jesus Christ have set aside specific areas for their dead, a custom our church has preserved right up to the present.

However, its policies are not so strict as to preclude what you suggest. People who are not Catholic may be, and often

are, buried in a Catholic cemetery.

Since some policies vary from place to place, it will be wise to consult your parish priest about details.

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*Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

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## Schubert Spring Concert

CHARLOTTE — The choir of St. Ann Church and symphony instrumentalists present Franz Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G Major on May 4 at 6 p.m. in the church. Admission is free. For details, call (704) 523-4641.

## Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

## First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30. For information, call Terri or Phil at (704) 888-6050.

## CRISM Listening Session

ARDEN — The CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) office of Catholic Social Services hosts a listening session on May 2 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church to address the needs of Catholics over the age of 60 in the Asheville Vicariate. For more information, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720, ext. 314.

## Young Adults Bible Study

ASHEVILLE — A study of the Gospel of Mark for high school and college-aged young adults is every Sunday evening in May at St. Joan of Arc Church. For time and other details, call (704) 255-0149.

## Ultreya

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point areas is the first Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

BOONE — Ultreya is at St. Elizabeth Church the first Sunday each month at 12:30 p.m. For information, call the church office, (704) 284-8338.

## CCHS Presents "Guys & Dolls"

CHARLOTTE — Charlotte Catholic High School presents the musical "Guys & Dolls" on May 2 at 7:30 p.m.; May 3 at 7:30 p.m.; and May 4 at 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$6, and seating is first-come, first-served.

## Secular Franciscans Order

ASHEVILLE — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets to share in commitment to the apostolic life of the Gospel the second Saturday of each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence's St. Justin Center. For more information, call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

## "A Taste of Italy" Festival

FORT MILL, S.C. — St. Philip Neri Church sponsors "A Taste of Italy" Festival May 10 from 3-9 p.m. on the Fort Mill High School grounds, 118 Munn Rd., Fort Mill. Highlights include celebrity appearances, hot air balloon rides, Italian cuisine, music and raffles. Admis-

sion is free. For more information and directions, call (803) 548-7282.

## Dance of the Decades

ASHEVILLE — Asheville Catholic School presents the second annual Dance of the Decades on May 2 from 8 p.m.-midnight at the Hellenic Community Center, 227 Cumberland Ave. The band North Tower plays hits of the '60s-'90s. Dress in costume from your favorite decade, and enjoy complimentary beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For more information, call Bonnie Scully, (704) 258-8868.

## Schola Cantorum Performance

CHARLOTTE — Schola Cantorum Carolinanae Borealis (Latin for "North Carolina School for Plain Songs or Chants") will provide music for the vigil liturgy at St. Gabriel Church on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. Schola, a gathering of Winston-Salem-area singers performing traditional Catholic music, travels throughout the Diocese of Charlotte. The school is directed by Dr. Marc Innes, minister of sacred music and liturgy at Holy Family Church in Clemmons. For more information, call (910) 766-8133.

## Inner Healing Retreat

BELMONT — "Inner Healing (Healing the Child Within)" is a May 23-25 retreat directed by Father Peter Jugis, Mrs. Bobbie May and Rev. Mr. Hugo May and designed to illustrate the processes that lead to inner healing through teaching, reflections, meditations, sharing, a healing service, music, prayer and Mass. The sacrament of reconciliation and individual spiritual direction will also be available. Cost is \$115 per person, and registration deadline is May 19. For more information or to register, call (704) 327-8692.

## Forty Hours Devotion

CHARLOTTE — A Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is at St. Ann Church from a 7 p.m. prayer service April 27 to April 29 following a 7:30 p.m. Mass. In addition to the usual daily Masses, Mass will also be celebrated on April 28 by Capuchin Father Edmund Walker, pastor of St. Matthew Church, Charlotte. For details, call (704) 344-2110.

## Community Life Workshop

GREENSBORO — Vicariate Community Life Network sponsors a parish social ministry workshop May 17 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Topics will include the faith dimension of parish social ministry, welfare reform and community life commissions. For more information, call Sister Anne Joseph Edelen, DC, (910) 274-5577.

## Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head,

S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

## National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., on June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

## Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the Faith Formation Building. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

## Forum on Abuse

BREVARD — The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart parish's forum on abuse in the family and work place continues May 4 from 2-4 p.m. with "Family Recovery," presented by Bessy Long, who has worked in the field of family treatment for 18 years. For more information, call (704) 883-9572.

## Family Rosary Day

CHARLOTTE — The 42nd Semi-Annual Family Rosary Day is May 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church starting at 3 p.m. Father Gordon Pillon of the Charlotte Catholic High School religion department is speaker. The event includes rosary, hymns, homily, procession and Benediction.

## AIDS Walk '97

CHARLOTTE — The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) hosts the first annual AIDS Walk on May 3, starting and ending at St. Patrick Cathedral. Registration is at 8 a.m., and the one and one-half mile walk begins at 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit RAIN in its continuing effort to serve the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. For more information on gathering donations and to register, call Mary Crowley, (704) 372-7844, or the RAIN office, (704) 372-7246.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Landings Follow-Up Program

BREVARD — "Living Your Catholic Faith, 101," an outreach of the Landings program, continues at Sacred Heart Church on May 3 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "Introduction to Healing Prayer," pre-

sented by Tom Vallie. For details, call (704) 883-9572.

## Eucharistic Adoration

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

NEWTON — St. Joseph Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration the first Friday of every month following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and lasting until 10 p.m.

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for details.

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To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

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# World And National News Briefs

## May Teleconference To Focus On Media Literacy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — To give help on how to fight the negative effects of media, media literacy experts will be using the media themselves with a teleconference planned for May 6. Titled "Family, Community and Media Values," it will be held 7:30-9 p.m. EDT. Sponsored by the National Council of Churches and billed as a "nationwide electronic town meeting," it will focus on how church leaders, parents, teachers, youth ministers and teen-agers can understand media messages and how to use media to spread the message of the Gospel.

## Pope To Honor Firefighters Who Saved Shroud Of Turin



CNS photo from Reuters

A silver box containing the Shroud of Turin is carried from the burning St. John the Baptist Cathedral April 12 in Turin, Italy.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The five firefighters who carried the Shroud of Turin out of the burning cathedral will be honored by Pope John Paul II.

A team of experts April 14 examined the shroud, which many people believe was Christ's burial cloth, and pronounced it completely unharmed.

Cardinal Giovanni Saldarini of Turin and members of the Commission for the Preservation of the Shroud said the two-and-a-half-hour examination showed ab-

solutely no signs of damage or of change in the condition of the cloth since it was last on public display in 1978.

"They have excluded in the most radical way damage of any type, particularly damage which could have resulted from the fire, from the water and from other actions taken to put out the fire," said an April 14 statement signed by the cardinal.

Standing in the square in front of Turin's St. John the Baptist Cathedral with flames shooting from the roof April 11, Cardinal Saldarini waited with thousands of people for news of the shroud kept inside.

Two hours after the fire was discovered, the Shroud of Turin in its silver and zinc, casket-shaped reliquary was carried to safety on the shoulders of five firefighters.

As of April 14, investigators still had not said what started the blaze, which caused several million dollars' damage. The city of Turin and the regional government pledged almost \$6 million for the repair work, and the Italian federal government was to vote on an aid package early in the week.

Cardinal Saldarini, the Vatican-appointed custodian of the shroud, took the cloth to his office for safekeeping. Even before the sun came up, he gathered archdiocesan officials together to break the wax seal on the outside of the box.

"It is intact. Thanks be to God, it is

intact," the cardinal reportedly said. Mario Trematore, the Turin firefighter who used a 9-pound mallet to break through multiple layers of bullet-proof glass and free the shroud, quickly became a national hero.

Trematore, like many of the firefighters who fought the blaze for seven hours, was not on duty Friday night. He saw the flames and ran to the cathedral.

"The first attempt to get near the reliquary failed. The heat was increasing; there was need to act quickly," he said.

Pieces of marble, some weighing as much as 100 pounds, were falling from the ceiling as he picked up the mallet. His fellow firefighters sprayed him and the altar with water as he attempted to break the glass. The first blows did not even crack the glass.

"I hurled myself with fury toward the urn. It was a miracle; I had the strength of a giant," Trematore said. "One blow after another, the various layers of glass began to give way."

Trematore said when he finally broke the glass and saw the reliquary sitting there, "it was extraordinarily beautiful. I took it in my arms like you would do with a baby."

Trematore told Avvenire his one wish after the fire would be to meet Pope John Paul.

Apparently, his wish will come true. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope will honor Trematore and the four other firefighters who worked to save the shroud.

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WINSTON-SALEM — The Benedictine monks of Belmont Abbey were the first Catholic clergy to minister in Winston-Salem. During the 1880s, the monks visited to celebrate Mass in the homes of the few Catholic families in town. Those early visits laid the foundation for the largest Catholic house of worship in Forsyth County today, St. Leo the Great Church.

With the slow addition of more Catholic families to the area came the need for a permanent structure in which to gather for Mass. In 1891, Benedictine Bishop Leo Haid of Belmont Abbey, then vicar apostolic for North Carolina, purchased a small frame church in downtown Winston-Salem. A rectory was added in 1903, and Father Thomas Stapleton became the first resident pastor. The congregation

grew, and by 1916 plans were underway to construct a new, larger church.

The site of the present church was donated by a local Catholic, Zaffaroni Angelo, in 1924. Benedictine Father Michael McInerney of Belmont Abbey, the renowned architect of hundreds of churches throughout the Southeast, was called upon to design the building. The cornerstone was placed by Bishop William Hafey of Raleigh in January 1928, and the church was placed under the patronage of St. Leo the Great. Church construction was completed the following year.

In 1930, a 1,000-pound bronze bell, originally from St. Paul Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, was purchased and placed in the St. Leo bell tower. The addition to the church landscape further enhanced the Catholic community's home; the church already had a large crucifix above the main altar whose corpus was carved by Anton Lang, the famed portrayer of Christ in the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Diocesan priests were appointed to St. Leo Church in 1942, thereby ending decades of the Benedictine pastorate at the parish. Then-Msgr. Michael J. Begley served as the first diocesan priest at the church. During his ministerial time there, he furthered the educational cause in Winston-Salem, welcoming Sisters of St. Joseph from Chesnut Hill in Pennsylvania to Winston-Salem to teach religion classes. Just over 1,000 parishioners composed the congregation by 1953. Thanks to the zeal of the sisters; Msgr. Begley and Msgr. Dennis Lynch, pastors; and Bishop Waters, those first classes led to later developments that included the founding of St. Leo School in 1954 and Bishop McGuinness High School in 1959.

Msgr. Begley returned to St. Leo Church as pastor from 1966 until 1971. He also served as director of Catholic Charities for the Raleigh Diocese during that time, and in 1972 received an even more far-reaching pastoral responsibility: serving as bishop for the newly

created, 46-county Diocese of Charlotte.

A major renovation project ensued at St. Leo Church and School during the mid-1970s. Also, a church nursery and library were added and the rectory was expanded.

The 1970s and '80s — largely aided by industry — marked continual growth in the number of Catholics in the Triad region and throughout North Carolina. In 1978, Holy Family Church was founded in Clemmons, joining Christ the King Church in Kernersville and St. Leo, St. Benedict, Our Lady of Mercy, and Our Lady of Fatima churches in Winston-Salem on a list of sanctuaries opening their doors to Carolina Catholics in Forsyth County alone.

During the pastorate of Msgr. Joseph Showfety, St. Leo Church experienced yet another renovation. A parish center was built over the site of the former rectory and dedicated in honor of Bishop Emeritus Begley. The structure houses the parish office, meeting rooms and an activity area with a kitchen.

Father James Solari, current pastor, arrived at St. Leo Church in July 1993. He has continued to help build up the local community of faith by serving at what he calls "a very active parish." Among the latest forms of outreach to join the variety of ministerial activities

within the parish is the Hispanic Family Ministry. Formed in August 1996 with the intention of providing for an ever-growing regional Hispanic community, the ministry touches people's lives sacramentally, catechetically, financially and in other ways. An ongoing ministry to the area's needy and poor is highlighted with extensive service projects at Christmas and Easter as well.

Sisters of St. Joseph continue to assist in the faith lives of St. Leo parishioners and members of the community through a variety of ministries including education, hospital ministry, and faith formation. St. Leo School enrolls almost 300 children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, thereby advancing the educational mission of the Church in Winston-Salem.

Like that small gathering of Catholics in Forsyth County in the 1880s, the parish of St. Leo Church — as conveyed in its mission statement — continues to strive in its "sense of mission and service to all of God's people through liturgy, prayer and formation of activities that will foster our growth in spiritual and community life in and through Jesus, our Lord and Brother."



## Schutte To Present Concert, Workshop in Rock Hill

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Liturgist, composer and musician Dan Schutte will present a concert of music for liturgy and prayer, as well as a day-long workshop for liturgical ministers, on Sept. 25-26 at St. Ann Church, 1694 Bird St., Rock Hill, S.C. The event is sponsored by St. Anne Church and The Oratory: Center for Spirituality.

Schutte, who has published and recorded for two decades, has titled the workshop "Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist." He will address ritual and music in the major sacramental gathering and provide suggestions for musicians and all those involved in the liturgy. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for the

workshop, and the program begins at 9 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunches.

Registration for the concert is \$10, and the workshop fee is \$20. Send fees to The Oratory: Center for Spirituality, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731-1586, attn.: Sarah Morgan.

Schutte's music and recordings will be available at both events. His most recent publications are "Lover of Us All" and "Drawn by a Dream."

For more information on Dan Schutte's visit, call (803) 327-2097.



Dan Schutte

## Vatican Official Sends Condolences After Fire Outside Mecca

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican official sent his condolences to relatives of Muslim pilgrims killed in a fire outside of Mecca, the Islamic holy city.

"We pray to almighty God that the pilgrims who died may find compassion and mercy of the Lord, and that the wounded may receive the comfort and solidarity which they need so much," Cardinal Francis Arinze, head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, said in an April 17 message to the Islamo-Catholic Committee in Italy.

The cardinal expressed his "deep sadness" at the tragic fire and offered his condolences to Muslim leaders and to families and friends of the victims.

More than 300 people were killed when fires fanned by high winds ripped through an overcrowded tent city on a plain near Mecca April 15. The flames destroyed 70,000 tents and left more than 1,200 pilgrims injured.

The fire was blamed on gas canisters, used by pilgrims for cooking, that exploded.

More than 2 million people were gathering in the area for Islamic rituals that mark the end of pilgrimage to holy sites. Every Muslim who can afford it is expected to make the pilgrimage once in a lifetime.

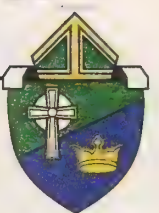
Previous years have also seen tragedy at the annual gathering, when hundreds have died in stampedes.



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**Connecting with the past...** Eighth-graders from Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School in Charlotte recently visited St. Joseph Church in Mount Holly, one of the two oldest standing Catholic churches in the state. The students' visit included hearing narratives of the history of Catholicism in western North Carolina by Bishop William G. Curlin and professional storyteller Paul Homoly. Above, Holy Trinity students Patrick Bruce, Gregory Knudsen, Chip Kincaid, Kenny Zoeller and Stephen Welt (l. to r.) examine the gravestone of one of the church's founding parishioners.

## Singer-Songwriter Sees Music as God's Gift

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

**BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.** — It's a springtime afternoon in a cozy mountain town, and the sky hints of blue before yielding to grey clouds and rain showers. A man runs across the street to roll up a neighbor's car window, while a twenty-something couple sharing an ice-cream cone dashes under a storefront canopy. Another day in paradise? For local resident and singer-songwriter Jimmy Landry, it is.

Landry, whose first music gig was playing guitar and singing at a folk Mass almost 30 years ago, believes the most simple experiences can become celebrations of life — even a humble acknowledgment of the gift of music.

"When I'm at my best," he says, "music doesn't come from me, it comes through me. Creativity is God's work."

That awareness, he adds, has helped him cherish the countless number of graces in everyday life. "My first conscious thought every morning is 'thank you,'" the artist says. "Many times, I'll say it to God. But I'll also say it to a neighbor, to a waitress, to anybody. For me, there's a direct correlation between the number of times I say 'thank you' in any given day and the quality of that day."

Landry has been saying "thank you" a lot lately. Since moving to the Asheville area, he says his artistic creativity, faith, and appreciation for life and love have blossomed like never before. "There's a collective spiritual consciousness here," he remarks of the Buncombe County region. "This place nourishes, embraces and nurtures the creative spirit."

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## Cardinal Says Misguided Love Often Promotes Abortion

In his homily during a Mass for the annual Fall River diocesan pro-life convention, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York said that ignorance, misunderstanding and fear lead many women to have abortions.

By DAVE JOLIVET

**FALL RIVER, Mass. (CNS)** — Those who advocate abortion are often guided by a "misplaced love" that is clouded by ignorance, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York told a gathering of 800 pro-life supporters.

"When I talk of ignorance, I'm not talking about malice," Cardinal O'Connor said during his homily April 26 at a Mass for the annual Fall River diocesan pro-life convention.

"I'm not talking about propaganda. I'm not talking about big money-making machines that perpetuate the abortion machine," he said.

By "ignorance," he said he meant a lack of understanding whereby well-intentioned people who advocate abortion are guided by a love for the woman or girl contemplating having an abortion.

That love may be felt by the parents of a teen-age daughter who they feel is not mature enough to have a baby, and consequently they convince her to have an abortion, the cardinal said.

A pregnant wife may decide to have an abortion because the husband she loves threatens to leave her if she has the baby, he added.

He also used the examples of a woman who becomes pregnant in an extramarital affair and both parties see abortion as the only way out, or of a couple who learn through prenatal testing their unborn baby is brain damaged and fear drives them to choose an abortion.

"We must never condemn a woman who has had an abortion," he said. "We must reach out and help her pick up the pieces of a broken life."

Cardinal O'Connor said the pro-life movement must have compassion for those who do not agree with the pro-life message. He also spoke of a culture of death and cited abortion and physician-assisted suicide as illustrations of that culture.

Regarding the terminally ill who contemplate death through assisted sui-

cide, the cardinal said it is fear that leads them to make such a drastic decision.

"These people are afraid of something," he said, "whether it be fear of pain, fear of loneliness, fear of being a burden to family members who come to visit them time after time after time, fear of being an economic burden to their family."

He said the terminally ill patients may be unaware of what he said have been great strides made in pain management that allow a patient to be lucid, to talk with relatives and to return home for short periods.

In encouraging his pro-life audience, Cardinal O'Connor said, "Christ wants us to help people pick up the pieces." He gave as an example the miracle of the loaves and the fishes when Christ fed the multitude.

"In their human way, (the people) ate what they wanted and threw the rest away, and it was Christ who said to the disciples, 'Go and pick up the pieces lest they be lost,'" the New York prelate said. "Our Lord can't stand to see anything lost."


He pointed out recent victories in the pro-life movement, such as some states banning partial-birth abortions, and others requiring parental consent for a minor girl to have an abortion.

"I'm very optimistic and very encouraged," he said of those victories, noting that slavery was abolished in the United States through a string of small victories. He said he sees the same thing happening in the pro-life movement.

Bishop Sean O'Malley of Fall River thanked Cardinal O'Connor for participating in the conference, citing him as "a real champion for the cause of life in our country."

Bishop O'Malley recalled the days he spent with Cardinal O'Connor in Central America during the height of civil wars in the region. "There, I got to see close up the courage, the compassion, the wisdom of this priest of God," Bishop O'Malley said.

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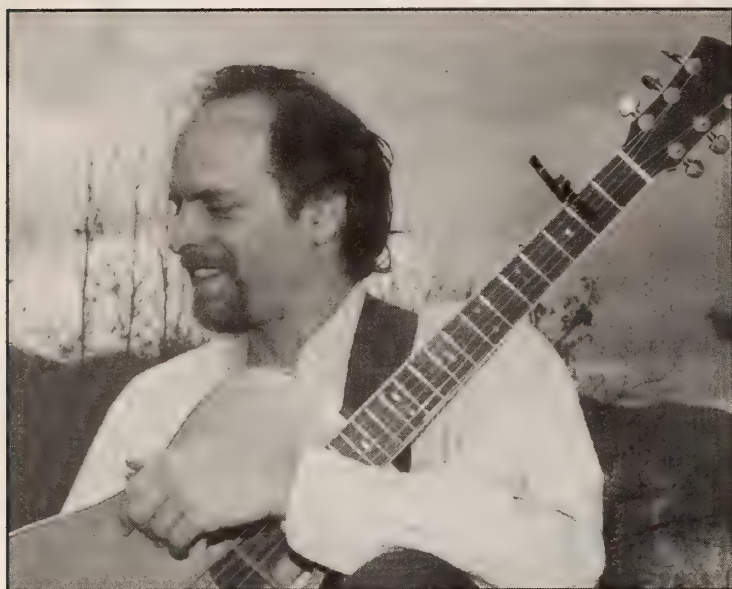
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## Artist Appreciates Gifts of Music, Faith, from page 1



Singer-songwriter Jimmy Landry says playing in a church folk group as a youngster opened many worlds for him, among them music, faith and friendship.

Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

For Landry, developing a spiritual consciousness — along with his musical skills — goes back to playing in that folk group when he was a youngster. He found his inspiration to play guitar while attending the folk Mass at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington, Va. After receiving his first six-string at age 12, he joined the folk group of St. Stephen the Martyr Church in Washington.

It was the late 1960s, Landry was in the seventh grade and a war was raging — not only in Vietnam, but on the homefront. "My parents weren't getting along," he says. "They separated when I was 12, got together, then separated again. I was in this unstable home environment, and there was this stability from the folk group."

"It was my salvation," he recalled of his folk group days. "These were college students who were like big brothers and sisters to me. And they were all about love." He said the same for the parish priests, participants in the charismatic renewal movement who permitted some secular songs — the Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" was a favorite — in Masses. He continued as a member of the group through high school.

Landry says that period in his life opened many worlds for him — music, friendship and faith in action among them. "It wasn't like I was getting hammered with Catholicism, the strict theology stuff," he explains. "But I was getting a good dose of what it's all about: love, giving and compassion."

Landry carries that example with him, both in his approach to music and his way of living. Following his college years at the Marianist-operated Dayton University in Ohio, Landry has become a full-time narrator of what he calls "the examined, conscious life," writing dozens of songs about love, hope, faith and other elements of the human experience.

Since relocating to the Tarheel State in October 1994, he has released his fourth album, launched a record label, and spearheaded the production of "Here We Are," a compilation album of 20 Asheville-area performers. Every month, he hosts the Emerging Songwriter Series at the Grey Eagle Music Hall in Black Mountain, welcoming regional and national talents to share the stage. Later this month, he'll perform on opening night

of the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, one of the country's premiere annual showcases for acoustic music.

The western North Carolina region, Landry says, defines the sense of fellowship that he knew and loved during his youth with the folk group. He likens his approach to life to a homily he recalls from years gone by: "The priest's sermon was about communion and community," he says. "What that touched in me was that making that connection with God is possible whether it be prayer, whether it be serving others, whether it be gathering at church."

"What he was talking about," Landry adds, "is not just on Sunday, but every part of every day. I may not always do it right, but that's my goal, and it seems like that comes through in the songs I write, in performances and in the music that means the most to me by others. That's the way I'd like my life to be."

The root of his happiness is not in how many records he sells or how many music halls he fills. The most important thing, he says, is to do everything from the heart. With that view, even seemingly insignificant things become affirmations.

For Landry, the simple approach works, saying it has also made him keenly aware of God's creative presence in his life. That combined with the inherent spirituality he feels in the Carolina mountains creates a heavenly peace.

"You wake up to that every morning," he says, pointing to the mountains overlooking his backyard, "and you're going to feel creative. You're going to feel a sense of wonder. That's part of my spirituality: this sense of wonder. I don't want to understand it all. I just want to be appreciative of it."

"I've spent my whole life getting to God through experiences and relationships," he adds with a smile. "Then, just recently, I asked myself, 'What if I go to God first?' If you go through God to relationships and experiences, you'll get it right every time."

For more information on Jimmy Landry's recordings and upcoming performances, call (704) 669-4299, or visit him via the Internet: <http://www.songs.com/asheville/jl> (Web page) or [JimmyISG@aol.com](mailto:JimmyISG@aol.com) (e-mail).

## Peruvian Priest, Former Hostage, Praises Faith Of Judge Who Died

By ALEJANDRO BERMUDEZ

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — A Jesuit priest who chose to stay with the hostages throughout the crisis at the Japanese ambassador's residence praised the faith of the only hostage who died as a result of the rescue.

Jesuit Father Juan Julio Wicht said Peruvian Supreme Court Judge Carlos Giusti "was a man of courage and a Catholic of deep human feelings."

Back at his Jesuit community in Lima's district of Miraflores April 23, unshaven but bathed after four months without a shower, Father Wicht spoke of Giusti, a prestigious lawyer appointed by Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori to reform Peru's judicial system.

Father Wicht and Giusti were among 72 people who, after remaining inside the embassy controlled by members of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement for 126 days, were the target of a rescue by Peruvian military troops April 22. All 14 rebels, Giusti and two Peruvian soldiers died in the rescue.

Early in the four-month ordeal, rebels offered to release Father Wicht, but he chose to remain and minister to the hostages. According to the official Red Cross record, Father Wicht was not a hostage, since he chose to stay at the embassy.

The priest said the rebels had also given Giusti the opportunity to leave the embassy during the final release of hostages.

He said rebel leader Nestor Cerpa confused Giusti with an unknown doctor. But when the judge was asked to leave, he shouted, "I am Carlos Giusti, a member of the Supreme Court."

Cerpa responded, "Then you stay here!," Father Wicht recalled.

"During our days of captivity, Giusti was one of the most devout men at prayer, one of the most helpful and the one who most frequently requested Holy Communion," the Jesuit said. "Carlos is already in heaven."

Describing the relationship between the Tupac Amaru commandos and the hostages, Father Wicht said that "with few moments of exasperation and tensions, they were respectful, but distant."

"There was no kind of personal involvement. We always had a very clear understanding that they were our captors

and that we were deprived of our liberty by them," he said.

The priest said that the hostage experience was an occasion for "rediscovering priorities in life and also for deep spiritual conversion for many of my companions," but he declined to give further details because, he said, "it involves the core of my priestly ministry."

Father Wicht recalled that some of the rebels regularly and respectfully attended the Masses offered inside the embassy. One of the rebels identified himself as a Catholic from the very beginning, he said.

With evident sadness, Father Wicht said that one day one of the youngest rebels approached him to ask for a sacrament.

"He said to me, 'Padrecito, I haven't had my first Holy Communion, I want to know if you can prepare me and give it to me,'" Father Wicht recalled. "I explained to him that receiving the sacrament demanded living the commandments, and that in these circumstances it was impossible for him to receive it."

"The episode revealed the poor consciences that some of the youngest (Tupac Amaru) members had," said Father Wicht. The majority of the rebels were under age 21.

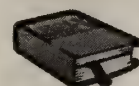
Father Wicht said that he had experienced further and deeper pastoral contacts with members of the Tupac Amaru commando, but said that "the details will never be known, because they belong to the most sacred of my priestly duties."

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# Four Seminarians Enter Transitional Diaconate



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Rev. Mr. Matthew Leonard promises obedience to Bishop William G. Curlin and the Church during his diaconate ordination.

## By FATHER FRANK O'ROURKE

*Diocesan Vocations Director*

**CLEMMONS** — At first glance upon meeting each of them several years ago, they seemingly had little in common. A 30-year-old Navy veteran in his third year of college, majoring in philosophy and religion. A 22-year-old recent college graduate with a history degree. A 26-year-old who began seminary training at age 14 but discontinued when the Communist regime overtook his native South Vietnam. A 33-year-old corporate employee with degrees in engineering and computing.

These are four men with different backgrounds, yet all shared in the same

voice calling to respond to a unique future in the priesthood.

Matthew Leonard, Christopher Davis, Peter Pham and Dean Cesa recently took an important step in their journey of faith when they were ordained into the transitional diaconate. Matthew and Chris, students at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Md., were ordained into the diaconate on April 19. Peter and Dean, who are studying at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Penn., were ordained deacons on April 26.

With the grace of God, these four men will be ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Charlotte in 1998.

## Rev. Mr. Matthew Leonard

The faith life of Matthew, a third-year theology student, has been enriched by his participation in the charismatic renewal and his college years at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. His serving as a cook in the U.S. Navy and experience in the marketplace identify him as a community man called to minister to others. His being called to the priesthood is the result of a three-year dialogue with me and a discernment process that helped Matthew realize that this is where the Lord wants him to serve.

In addition to his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and seminary placements, his summer assignments have included work at the Franciscan Center and at St. Pius X Church in Greensboro.

## Rev. Mr. Christopher Davis

Chris is an academically gifted, musically talented, humble man who desires to put his gifts generously at the service of others. He is a true convert to the Church, having been bap-

tized at St. Benedict Church during his college years at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

With his broad range of interests and keen sense of humor, Chris looks forward to faithfully serving the people of God in our diocese. His summer assignment in Mexico last year expanded his abilities to minister to an ever-growing Hispanic community within the diocese. Other summer assignments have included work at St. Benedict Church in Greensboro; Holy Spirit in Denver; and St. Charles Borromeo in Morganton.

## Rev. Mr. Peter Pham

Peter is a man whose faith has been tested and vocation strengthened through his experience in and escape from Vietnam. He responded to the call of living a life of priestly service as a teen-ager. In the midst of political turmoil, escape attempts and refugee resettlement camps, that calling remained constant.

His seminarian formation has taken him to St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La.; Charlotte; and St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Penn. He has carried out summer assignments at St. Margaret Mary Church in Swannanoa; Veterans Hospital in Asheville; and St. Mary Church in Sylva. He is a good student whose musical talents have enhanced the liturgical life of the seminary. He has struggled to be-

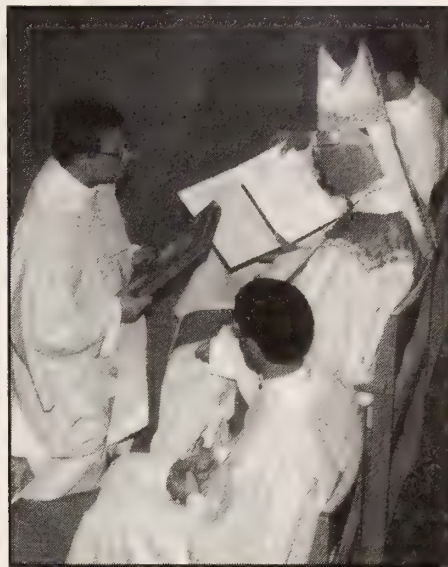


Photo by Michael Alexander, Catholic Standard

Bishop William G. Curlin presents Rev. Mr. Chris Davis with the Book of the

come acculturated and prides himself in being a citizen of the United States.

## Rev. Mr. Dean Cesa

Dean's vocation to the priesthood was realized while participating in parish life at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Charlotte, along with involvement in Catholic Singles of Charlotte, and various prayer groups and choirs. With a professional background in computers and engineering, he met the challenge of the study of philosophy while in seminary, proving to be an excellent student in that field. Dean has also successfully completed one year of pre-theology and three years of theology during his studies at St. Vincent Seminary.

His ministry work at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Morganton, in the CPE program at the Veterans Hospital in Asheville, and at St. Margaret Mary Church in Swannanoa have further strengthened his call to ministry.

It has been a joy for me to recommend to Bishop Curlin that these men be ordained deacons. Join me in praying that the Lord who has begun this good work in them will bring it to completion.



Photo courtesy St. Vincent Seminary

Rev. Mr. Dean Cesa is shown during his ordination to the diaconate on April 26.



Rev. Mr. Peter Pham during his diaconate ordination at St. Vincent Seminary.

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner



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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will  
take part in the following events:*

**April 30 - May 7**  
*Knights of Malta Pilgrimage*  
 Lourdes, France

**May 8**  
7 p.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Michael Church  
Gastonia

**May 10**  
2 p.m.  
Priestly Ordination for the  
Congregation of the Most Holy  
Redeemer (Redemptorists)  
The Basilica of the National  
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## The Pope Speaks

*Pope John Paul II*

### On Cross, Jesus Made Mary Central Faith Figure, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience April 23.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In St. John's Gospel we read that when Jesus, from the cross, "saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'" (Jn 19:26-27). With these words Jesus establishes a new relationship of love between the Blessed Virgin Mary and all his disciples. By entrusting the beloved disciple to Mary's care, the Lord gave her a new mission as the mother of all the redeemed. This is another sign of the great love which led Jesus to offer his life for our salvation. Standing at the foot of her son's cross, Mary is revealed as the New Eve, the "Woman" who cooperates with him in bringing new life to the world through the outpouring of divine grace. May all the Lord's disciples come to appreciate more fully the mystery of Mary's universal motherhood, acknowledging her as their own spiritual mother and placing their complete trust in her maternal love.

I offer a cordial greeting to the students and teachers from the Lutheran Church of Norway. I also thank the choirs for their praise of God in song. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from England, Scotland, Botswana, Korea, the Philippines, Canada and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our risen savior.

### Pope To Preside Over Family Celebrations During Brazil Visit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II

plans to open the World Meeting of Families in Brazil this fall with a festive celebration and an outdoor Mass attended by more than a million people. During his Oct. 2-5 stay in Brazil, the pope will also preside over encounters with local priests and religious, meet political leaders and dine with 560 Latin American bishops, according to details released in mid-April by Cardinal Eugenio de Araujo Sales of Rio de Janeiro. Vatican sources confirmed the dates and the papal program.

### Pope Tells Czechs Spiritual Growth Must Influence Economy

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (CNS) — Czechs must work to ensure that progress in spiritual values keeps pace with and is allowed to influence the country's economic progress following the end of communism, Pope John Paul II said. "Only the full development of a people's moral virtues can ensure the peaceful and harmonious coexistence of all its members," the pope said April 27, ending a three-day visit to the Czech Republic. The same characteristics and values that helped the nation survive under the totalitarian regime and rebuild its economic and cultural life in a relatively short time must not give way to consumerism and hedonism, the pope said.



## Guest Column

*Amy Welborn*

### The Problem (?) With Mike

This column is for Mike and all the kids like him. Mike was smart, mature, poised and had a coolly ironic view of life.

Academically speaking, he was one of the top students in his class. He's now enrolled at a prestigious private southern university and doing very well, thank you.

When awards time rolled around at the end of Mike's senior year, faculty were meeting, determining who gets what medal, plaque or scholarship. Mike's name came up several times, and each time certain teachers frowned.

"Sure, he's smart," they'd admit, "but he doesn't 'do' anything.... He's not involved in any clubs or sports. I mean, what's he contributed to the school?"

Mike came to school every day, did his work, made his points in class discussions and cleared out of the place promptly at 2:30.

What no one took into account, however, was that when Mike left, he went to a job where he put in about 20 hours a week. He also spent time with friends, family, played tennis and was very talented in playing the guitar.

But that wasn't enough for some teachers, who seemingly spent every waking hour at school, supervising any activity they were asked to, having long ago forgotten the meaning of the word "no."

In their minds, the ideal high school student was "well-rounded," which they defined as being involved in a variety of school activities.

Mike's viewpoint was different and undoubtedly had something to do with birth order. He was the youngest of five, and being involved in the lives of his older siblings and their activities had given him a broader appreciation of adult life and a decidedly skeptical view of the importance of high school activities.

We live in a highly organized age. There are clubs and extracurriculars for every conceivable interest.

Students are constantly told by guidance counselors that they need to be involved in as many activities as possible so their transcripts will really stand out in the college-admission rat race.

Teen-agers find it necessary to lug around Daytimers as densely packed with notes on meetings and practices as their parents' are.

Is it worth it?

Mike took a look at life and decided no, it wasn't. He preferred to explore his interests without being tied to organizations or to the school grounds.

Look at your schedule and ask yourself some questions:

—Are you "involved" because you really want to be or because you feel you must be? It's worth noting that Mike got into a very good private university without an excessively padded transcript.

—Is all your activity hurting your grades? A long list of activities isn't going to help a grade-point average that reflects sheer exhaustion more than anything else.

—Are your activities truly broadening your experience of the world?

—Are they leading you to become an independent person who can participate in a sport just for the fun of it, even if there's no uniform or district championship to pursue?

—Are they teaching you to offer service to the community even if there's no recognition at the end of it or club requiring it?

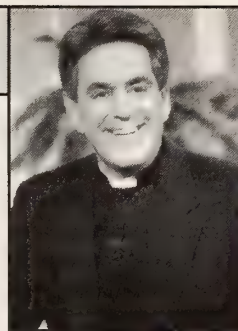
So, if you find a bit of Mike in yourself, rest easy in who you are. Some people might have a hard time understanding it, but you just keep walking on the roads you've chosen, and never fear the great hobgoblin whose name is "Well-Rounded!"





## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### The Power Of Vulnerability

Remember what you were doing 20 years ago this month?

You would if you had been on a 28-day sit-in back in 1977. You would if you spent most of that time on a hunger strike. You would if you were blind and were passionately committed to getting people who considered themselves average, everyday people to recognize the rights of average, everyday people with disabilities. You would if you were Mary Jane Owen.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 had gotten the ball rolling, but four years later, federal guidelines for compliance had yet to be approved. After meetings and discussions a number of concerned groups planned demonstrations around the country. That's why Mary Jane Owen and a hundred others went to the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Regional Offices in San Francisco to put themselves on the line.

Too many people shared a disquieting perception that "it would be better to

be dead than disabled." By the 1970s more and more handicapped people began to act on their dreams of acceptance and possibility. Their story is emblematic of the millions who strive to experience the fullness of living in spite of physical glitches, who create their own ways to achieve their potential.

Activists like Mary Jane Owen searched for a common voice to better explain their sense of pride and self-worth. As she put it: "We were only seeking, as peacefully and with as much dignity as we could exhibit under such trying conditions, to prove to the world that we were strong people who wanted no longer to be treated as victims and second class citizens. We sought for recognition of our basic dignity."

On 28 April 1977 HEW head Joseph Califano signed the bill that prohibited discrimination against the handicapped in institutions receiving federal support. And this month, April 1997, a plaque was placed on that old federal building in San Francisco. It commemorates

those hundred who for four weeks refused to let the rest of us forget that they had been promised civil protections - and expected to get them.

It was a beginning, an important one. The 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act added clout particularly in the areas of employment and accessibility. But what about the obstacle of attitude today?

Mary Jane Owen, a former professor of social work education and leader in the field of disability, is now the executive director of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities. She believes that "People with disabilities became a force once others recognized that we all share fragility, we are all vulnerable — it is the tie that binds us all together. Our shared vulnerability can bring us together in positive ways. Disabilities may well be the glue that can hold us together as community and Church with the knowledge that we need

each other and our Lord."

Today, as the national psyche drifts into a spiral of silence on the issues of euthanasia and abortion, the campaign of those with disabilities reminds us that all assaults upon life move forward because so few of us are willing to speak out. We can change that.

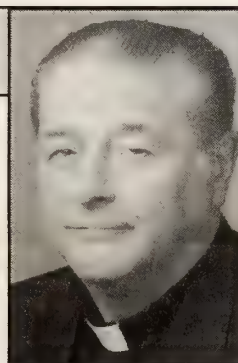
When we recognize ourselves as a community of mutually dependent people, we will find the Kingdom of God in our midst. There is strength in vulnerability and it binds us together powerfully. We need only look with fresh vision at our lives within these fragile earthen vessels.

*For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Respectfully Yours," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017.*

*Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of The Christophers.*

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### The Kingdom of God

**Q.** My question is about the words "thy kingdom come" in the Our Father.

Maybe this is trivial, but those words seem to say that the kingdom of God is in the future, at the end of the world, which is what I always thought.

However, a priest speaking at our parish during Lent said the kingdom is here and now. He quoted Jesus saying the kingdom is among you.

I think about the Sunday Gospels a lot, but now I'm not even sure I know what the kingdom of God is.

**A.** Your question isn't trivial. The Gospels, Matthew particularly, speak of that kingdom dozens of times as a truth which frames and forms our relationship with God here and in eternity.

One difficulty is that the kingdom

of God, or kingdom of heaven, is quite a fluid term in the New Testament. Jesus never actually defines what it is.

Rather, he alludes to it with a variety of images and stories that give us something of a composite, a multicolored description of what he means.

The kingdom of which Christ speaks is first of all not a place, or anything else static, something finally finished here or perhaps even in the future.

God's reign, his rule and power over all creation, is active and dynamic, an ongoing reality continually operative in everything he is creating.

Neither is it something new. God has

always been Lord of the universe and of the human family, specifically the Hebrew people, who nevertheless rebelled against him.

*...the core of the "good news" ...is that this God whose reign we honor is a gracious, loving, merciful and joyful Father who is unveiled in the life and words of His Son.*

From the beginning of his public life, Jesus declares that this rule of God continues now; we must reform our lives to recognize his reign and to re-establish the harmony of creation destroyed by sin.

In fact, the core of the "good news" ("Gospel") is that this God whose reign we honor is a gracious, loving, merciful

and joyful Father who is unveiled in the life and words of his Son — perhaps most of all in the great parables such as those in Luke 15.

Ultimately, it is this conviction that the infinite Mystery surrounding us is a benevolent one, that allows

Jesus to urge us to trust, not to be afraid. Whatever happens, we are sure of the Father's presence and power active in the world.

As the preface of the feast of the Kingship of Christ puts it, the kingdom he proclaims is one of justice, love and peace. All these are active, ongoing realities that, at least here, are never totally perfect, always moving toward

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## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Choose Words Carefully When Discussing Family Members

In our marriage preparation program we discuss with engaged couples the relationships with their families of origin. For many married persons their families are important resources of companionship, counseling, and instrumental support. A general "rule" we suggest is to keep a unified front. Visit their families together as a couple, rather than separately. And be very careful of bad news they share about their spouse with their families.

We share with the engaged couples a story about Eddy and Jean, and Jean's older brother, Nick. Eddy and Jean had been married for six months. One day Jean calls Nick on the phone complaining about an argument with Eddy that got verbally abusive. Nick had always

been Jean's "Lancelot" who protected her when they were kids, and had become her confidant over the years. Though she didn't want Nick to intervene, Jean's call was for the emotional support that was characteristic of their relationship.

As it was Nick was already finding it difficult to get along with Eddy. He felt that his sister could "do better." Getting wind of the unfortunate circumstances of the argument between Jean and Eddy didn't help him in his struggle to treat Eddy like family and to be, at the very least, civil to him. It only made his struggle more difficult.

At a family gathering a few weeks later, Jean and Eddy, having reconciled from their spat, were aglow and enjoying their renewed love for each other. Their relationship had taken a turn for the better because of their mutual effort

to pick themselves up after a hard fall, their big fight was in the past. Jean felt as though she was the luckiest woman alive to have such a wonderful partner who was not above admitting his failings. Eddy was not perfect, but he was a good man who genuinely wanted his marriage to work. Meanwhile, Nick continues to struggle with merely being civil to Eddy.

What Jean hadn't understood was that she had violated an important boundary of her marriage by sharing transient bad news about her spouse with a family member. As much as Nick wanted to get along with Eddy, Jean's actions made it more difficult. Jean is setting the stage for her marriage to come between her and Nick, or her relationship with her brother

to come between her and Eddy.

Especially in the early years of marriage, couples need to be very careful about sharing negative news about their spouses with family members. If you need to talk

with someone, go to a priest, a counselor, or an objective friend who can be trusted. Family members do not love your spouse the way you love your spouse. They won't forgive your spouse as you would.

Family bonds between a spouse and in-laws take time to develop and grow. Often it takes many years for there to be genuine bonds of kinship. Sometimes it never happens. To give your and family of origin a fighting chance, be careful about what you say.



# Greensboro College To Host Charismatic Conference

GREENSBORO — A Charismatic Renewal Conference will be held Pentecost weekend — May 16, 17, and 18 — at Greensboro College.

Workshops on the theme "Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium," taken from the Apostolic letter of Pope John Paul II on "Preparation for the Jubilee of the Year 2000," will be offered. The Holy Father has declared 1997 "The Year of Jesus," 1998 "The Year of the Holy Spirit," and 1999 "The Year of the Father."

Featured speaker is Walter Matthews, director of Chariscenter USA, headquarters of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In 1990, Pope John Paul II appointed Matthews a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He is an advisor to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Laity.

The conference opens May 16 at 7:30 p.m. with music by Hearts of Fire from the Diocese of Raleigh. Music for the remainder of the weekend will be provided by Rev. Mr. Keith Kolodziej and Group. Rev. Mr. Kolodziej is a deacon at St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

Holy Ghost Father Ed Vilkauskas, director of the Office of Evangelization for the Charlotte Diocese and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mon-

roe, will discuss "Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit" on Friday night at 8 p.m. Father Vilkauskas has been appointed coordinator for diocesan preparation of the Third Millennium.

Matthews will lead a session May 17 on "The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 — Springtime for Christians." Greg Smith, a parishioner of St. James Church in Concord and long-time member of the diocesan charismatic service team, will focus on "Baptism in the Spirit," and Dr. Richard Collings, director of ecumenism and evangelization at Our Lady of the Highways Church in Thomasville, will discuss "The Dangers of the New Age Movement."

Father Ray Berg, spiritual director of the conference and of the Renewal, will celebrate Mass on May 17 at 9 a.m. Mass will also be celebrated Pentecost Sunday (May 18) at 11 a.m. on the grounds of Greensboro College.

All Christians are invited. Cost is \$50 per person which includes two nights lodging and meals. A private room is \$75. Cost for children over 12 is \$25; children under 12 are free. Reservations may be made by calling Lynn Kolodziej (704) 541-6765; Joan Moran (704) 327-0487; or Van Nitz (910) 765-8003.



Father Ray Berg



Walter Matthews

## Securities May Help You Give

By JIM KELLEY

We are indeed fortunate to have generous, thoughtful Catholics here in the Charlotte Diocese who are committed to stewardship and care deeply about serving God in the best possible ways. One such way is by assuring that His work continues — and continues to grow — through gifts to Catholic causes, your parish, the diocesan Foundation or the Diocese of Charlotte.

As you plan your gifts this year, you may be interested in knowing about assets other than cash or checks that can easily benefit and strengthen Catholic causes. All such gifts bring blessings, yet some types of gifts can provide you greater advantages. Paying careful attention to what you give can provide substantial savings for yourself that carry over to those you love.

Gifts of securities essentially refer to using stocks, mutual funds, or some bonds to fulfill your charitable wishes. Securities you've owned at least a year and a day are said to be long-term investments, and ones that have increased in value are known as appreciated property.

You may find that securities make easy and convenient gifts that can further the heartfelt goals of Christians everywhere. The following example illustrates how a gift of stock can bring advantages to you as well as the Church.

### One Couple's Way

Paul and Cecelia Johnson, a hypothetical couple, decide to satisfy a pledge in the amount of \$10,000 by giving stock now valued at \$10,000 that they purchased several years ago for \$4,000.

Although the asset has more than doubled in value, it produces an annual dividend of less than 2 percent. The Johnsons have discussed selling the stock but have not taken that step because of the significant amount of capital gains tax that would be due on a sale.

A gift to their parish, Catholic

causes, the diocesan Foundation or the Diocese of Charlotte, however, entitles the couple to a number of benefits:

- They receive a charitable income tax deduction for \$10,000, the full fair market value of the property (not their original purchase cost of \$4,000).
- They avoid the capital gains tax on the entire \$6,000 increase in value. Had they sold the stock instead of funding their gift with it, this tax would have been due.
- They conserve their available cash for other purposes.
- They give the stock in memory of Cecelia's mother.
- They make a larger gift than they thought possible in support of Catholic causes.

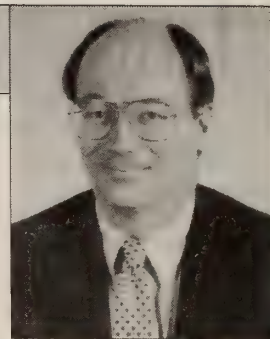
When combined, the savings from the charitable deduction and the absence of capital gains tax turns out to be more than they originally paid for the stock.

### Giving More, Saving More

Although Paul and Cecelia are hypothetical, the circumstances are real. If you have been considering a gift to further Christ's work, giving appreciated property can bring you tax savings and allow you to give more as you save more. The amount of your actual savings depends on your tax rate.

*Your tax advisor or stockbroker can answer questions you have about charitable ways of giving and tax benefits, or you may contact me at the Diocesan Development Office, Diocese of Charlotte, 1524 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1709 or 377-6871.*

*Jim Kelley is Director of Development for the Diocese of Charlotte.*

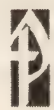


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# Entertainment

## Traveller

### Hard-Edged Violence Ends Tale Of Gypsy Con Men

NEW YORK (CNS) — Offering a small, offbeat story with some interesting characters but a haywire ending is “Traveller.”

The title refers to an American clan of Gypsies originally from the British Isles, where they are called “travelers,” and the story is premised on the stereotype of such people as thieves and con artists.

Pat (Mark Wahlberg), the son of a former traveler, tries to join his father’s clan but is rebuffed until Bokky (Bill Paxton) undertakes to give him a chance.

Bokky takes him on the road teaching him the tricks of the trade, such as paving drive-ways with used motor oil and short-changing people.

Pat is a slow learner but wants to make the grade and much of the film follows their picaresque adventures along the roads of the rural South.

When one of their scams costs bartender Jean (Julianna Margulies) her job, Bokky returns her money and they fall in love.

Jean’s little girl, however, needs an expensive operation and Bokky tries for a big score with a grizzled old sharpster (James Gammon) from outside the clan.

The scam involves supposedly counterfeit bills which they switch for real money but they are dealing with gangsters who play for keeps.

What had been a low-key tale of small-time con men

turns into a needlessly gory bloodbath in a throwaway ending.

Director Jack Green develops the narrative slowly, taking the time to build sympathy for its characters, but it is all for naught with the hard-edged

violence that ends the picture.

Because of graphic violence, sexual situations, Gypsy stereotyping and occasional rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



CNS photo from Sony Pictures

Nino Kirtadze and Pierre Richard star in the romantic fantasy “A Chef In Love.” The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### “The Bishop’s Wife” (1947)

A debonair, smartly tailored angel (Cary Grant) uses his heavenly powers to help the neglected wife (Loretta Young) of a busy Episcopal bishop (David Niven) renew her husband’s ministry to those in need rather than in raising the money for a new cathedral. Director Henry Koster’s sentimental Christmas fable has the virtue of a good script, sincere performances and some amusing moments with Grant’s angelic powers and Monty Wooley as a soft-hearted old cynic. Most of the family will find it charming entertainment. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### “Fantastic Voyage” (1966)

The miniaturization of a medical team (Stephen Boyd, Raquel Welch and Arthur O’Connell) to the size of a molecule and their injection into a stroke patient’s bloodstream is the only possible way to save the life of an important scientist. Director Richard Fleischer’s incredible plot premise yields rich dividends in the form of exacting special effects re-creating the surreal world within the human body. Much suspense and some tense moments. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### “Inside” (1997)

Drawn-out South African prison drama in which a post-apartheid investigator (Louis Gossett Jr.) painstakingly uncovers how a racist prison warden (Nigel Hawthorne) drove an idealistic white professor (Eric Stoltz) being held without charges to the point of suicide. Static direction by Arthur Penn brings little that is insightful or emotionally involving to this harrowing but familiar tale of extreme police brutality tolerated under the former racist government. Recurring bloody beatings, a few instances of profanity and frequent rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### “Larger Than Life” (1996)

Underperforming comedy in which a hapless chap (Bill Murray) inherits his father’s performing elephant, then struggles to personally escort the unruly pachyderm across the country to an impatient buyer. Directed by Howard Franklin, the comic proceedings are pleasant enough, though they never ven-

ture far beyond its limited odd-couple premise. Fleeting profanity and brief menace. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**

### “Looking for Richard” (1996)

Playful documentary exploring the historical background, Elizabethan language and dramatic stagecraft of Shakespeare’s “Richard III” as undertaken by actor Al Pacino and his cohorts in preparing for an American version of the play. Also directed by Pacino, the result is an amusing hodgepodge of fact and whimsy, sometimes serious but often frivolous and at times self-indulgent, especially Pacino’s hammy run-throughs in the title role. Dramatized violence, sexual references and occasional rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### “The Preacher’s Wife” (1996)

Charming remake of the 1948 fantasy, “The Bishop’s Wife,” in which an angel (Denzel Washington) is sent to help the discouraged Baptist minister (Courtney B. Vance) of a struggling inner-city church and his neglected wife (Whitney Houston) rediscover romance in their marriage. Director Penny Marshall’s slow-paced, sentimental story about the values of faith and hope is enlivened by an engaging cast and vibrant gospel songs. Romantic complications. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**

### “The Stepford Wives” (1975)

Katherine Ross stars in this failed thriller about suburban wives behaving like docile, mindless windup dolls. Directed by Bryan Forbes, the harder it tries to be frightening and sinister, the more laughable it becomes. Adult hokum because of language and some visuals. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**



# Solidarity: What Makes It a Virtue?

By Father John Crossin, OSFS  
Catholic News Service

One striking thing about the mass suicide of the Heaven's Gate cultists near San Diego was their self-concern. They apparently limited themselves to seeking their own transcendence and their destiny in outer space.

How much thought did they give to others? As I see it, the cultists' isolated

saints is a central dimension of our faith. It means that we are to share our spiritual and material goods with one another. We work together for the common good.

Solidarity implies mutuality. That means that in the community of believers we have a lot to learn from each other.

Thus we must learn to listen.

Listening these days can be extremely difficult with so much noise — telephones, television, music, pagers

ing. It is a friendly coalition of varied groups.

There is always someone handing out literature or wishing to engage in conversation. We are one in our commitment to the unborn. While diverse in religious background, we respect each other while pursuing our common purpose.

Such solidarity creates power. Together we are strong. Together we can pursue a just social order.

In their isolation the Heaven's Gate

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Our solidarity is in Christ. Jesus blesses our community with many gifts and talents. When we are at our best we share these for the good of all.

These gifts include gifts of healing.

Oppressed by sin as we are, we know that our community can itself be fractured and distracted from its true purposes. In the power of the Holy Spirit, especially as manifested in the sacraments, our personal and communal sins can be healed.

Christ blesses us with the talents of good leaders. And the saints teach us how to live in imitation of Christ. Our contemporary saints — each of us probably knows at least one holy person — teach us what solidarity in Christ really means in practice.

Service to others is characteristic of such solidarity. In solidarity the

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communal search for life's meaning led to their demise.

Our deepest longings are fulfilled not in fleeing into outer space but in engaging our neighbor. We grow best when we share our spiritual and material goods out of deepest respect for one another.

We are made to be with and for others — in solidarity with them.

The word "solidarity" reminds me of the Polish trade union by that name, of Lech Walesa and the fall of communism. Only years after hearing of the union did I learn that solidarity is a virtue.

I first thought: How clever of Pope John Paul II to make his favorite trade union into a virtue! In his 1987 encyclical "On Social Concerns," the pope wrote: "Solidarity is undoubtedly a Christian virtue" (No. 40).

Only later, in reading the new catechism, did I find that Pope Pius XII mentioned "the law of human solidarity and charity" back in 1939 (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1939).

The word "solidarity" has a European ring to it. Americans might rather speak of friendship, community and the works of charity. Yet, solidarity with others in the communion of

— around us. Even more deafening is the "noise" with us: preoccupations, angers, resentments. To listen, we may have to change our ways of acting and let our internal selves be healed.

Yet we can learn to listen with head and heart. In solidarity, we learn that our poorest community members have gifts to offer and important things to say. Here the word "mutuality" implies that God speaks to us through others in many ways and that we should be alert to wise judgment wherever it is found.

Solidarity implies hope.

Recently I read that half the residents of nursing homes never have a visitor — not even one a year. These people suffer a social isolation which can create despair. They lack that oneness with others — in listening and in conversation — that is the ordinary stuff of which hope is made.

In relationships with others, we build hope.

Solidarity also seeks the common good.

And solidarity implies commitment. We commit ourselves to respect those who are different from ourselves.

Every year on Jan. 22 I attend the 'March for Life' in Washington where I live. The crowd is diverse and interest-

cultists seemed to me to lack this sense of social justice.

Life is given greater depth when we serve others. We experience transcendence as we serve others. Thus, solidarity calls forth deep, and often unrealized, spiritual resources within our hearts and souls.

leader washes other's feet as Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Our solidarity with others leads us to eternal life. Our ultimate solidarity will be with the saints in heaven.

Now we experience that imperfect yet genuine solidarity which works for a just and flourishing community on earth. Here we respect human dignity. Here we value each person's gifts.

The word "solidarity" still reminds me of a labor union. But this virtue also reminds me that I am most myself when I am in union with others.

(Father John Crossin, OSFS is the author of "Friendship: The Key to Spiritual Growth," which will be published this June.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe "offered his life in place of a prisoner unknown to him in the concentration camp at Auschwitz" during World War II. His action offered "a wonderful witness" of the virtue of solidarity, Pope John Paul II said in his 1987 encyclical "On Social Concerns."

For the pope, solidarity is powerful. In fact, what the pope sees in solidarity is "a new model" for "the unity of the human race."

Solidarity reflects a view of others as neighbors — but not solely in terms of "human and natural bonds."

Actually, the kind of neighbors people are — the depth of their relationship — makes all the difference here.

The virtue of solidarity is inspired by a vision of the "other" as "not only a human being with his or her own rights and a fundamental equality with everyone else," but as "the living image of God" — someone under the Holy Spirit's "permanent action."

That's why solidarity leads beyond "vague compassion or shallow distress" at other's misfortunes, the pope suggests. It leads to "a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to 'lose oneself' for the sake of the other."

**David Gibson**  
Editor, Faith Alive!



## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**Name an insight — a truth — that the poor uniquely teach to others?**

"They teach us generosity because they're always willing to share what little they have." — Lou Jerkich, Ravenna, Ohio

"That we all have the same human needs: to be loved and cared for." — Barbara Grisinger, Charlotte, N.C.

"They teach us thankfulness because no matter how hard you think your life is, someone else's burden is greater." — Michelle Marcsik, Painesville, Ohio

"They teach us to be humble because, as God himself said, what you do for the least of my children, you do for me." — James Palmer, Wrentham, Mass.



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## Ancient Israel Thought Solidarity Was a Given

By Father John J. Castellet  
Catholic News Service

The first readers of the Cain and Abel story would have gasped in horror at Cain's cynical question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9) For, in those ancient times, to ask that question was like asking: "Am I a human being?"

To be human was not just "to be" but "to be with" — to exist in community with others. The value of solidarity was a given!

One's very identity was determined by belonging to a family, a clan, a tribe, a people. Jews were "sons of Israel," brothers and sisters with natural rights and corresponding duties to each other.

It was taken for granted that people came to each other's aid. They didn't have to wait for a poet such as John Donne to write: "No man is an island," living in cold, selfish isolation from others.

Sometimes solidarity in Israel took a violent turn. When Jacob's family came into the land of Canaan, a man from a powerful local tribe raped their sister Dinah. When her brothers heard this, they "seethed with indignation" (Genesis 34:7).

The violence against Dinah was an outrage on more than one level. There was the violence that one individual had inflicted on another. In addition, one family had violated another family.

Dinah's brothers craftily tricked the sons of Hamor into a situation of helplessness, and when they were unable to defend themselves, "two of Jacob's sons took their swords, advanced against the city (of Shechem) without any trouble, and massacred all the

males." Jacob's other sons "sacked the city" (Genesis 34:25-27).

For better or for worse, the story illustrates the deep sense of solidarity the people felt.

It is significant that both Matthew and Luke give Jesus a "family tree" — illustrating his solidarity with Israelite history and with the entire human family:

—Matthew introduces Jesus as "the son of David, the son of Abraham" (1:1).

—Luke, with a more universal outlook, traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to "the son of Adam, the son of God" (3:38). Jesus was a brother to everyone.

Jesus acknowledged this relationship by reaching out with care to all people. He was especially attentive to those written off by society as unworthy of consideration. This drew down upon him the hatred of intensely class-conscious people. So we read of people exclaiming, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2).

Jesus' followers made this attitude their own. That's why we read in Scripture that the ancient Christians "was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.... There was no needy person among them" (Acts 4:32-34).

St. Paul reminded his readers of this. He said: "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one (person) in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28).

Now that's solidarity!

(Father Castellet is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

## We Are What We Eat: The Body of Christ

By Father Lawrence E. Mick  
Catholic News Service

Several families of Vietnamese refugees, who had fled their country when Saigon fell to the forces of the north, arrived in our town and our parish in August 1975. They had been sponsored by several families in the parish, so I had the privilege of helping to welcome them to our country.

The first few months were quite an experience. They spoke little English and we spoke even less Vietnamese.

Centuries ago St. Augustine, the great bishop, preaching to his assembly in northern Africa, recalled St. Paul's teaching that we are the body of Christ. Augustine then added:

"If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table. It is your own mystery that you are receiving. You are saying 'amen' to what you are."

We belong to one another, and we need each other. As St. Paul insisted, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor again the head to the



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Our culture was strange to them, as was theirs to us.

They were overwhelmed by the sheer variety in our supermarkets, and we were fascinated by their style of cooking and the new tastes they introduced to us. They were stunned by the size of our middle-class homes, and we were

feet, 'I do not need you'" (1 Corinthians 12:21).

Our identity as members of the one body is the basis of our solidarity in the church. Our communion at the Eucharist goes beyond the hour of worship together.

As Augustine challenged his people,

**"A profound mystery at the heart of our worship reveals that we 'receive' the body of Christ, but we also 'are' the body of Christ."**

amazed at how little space they felt a family needed.

The differences seemed endless, and they led to many moments of laughter and some experiences of frustration. We had so little in common at the beginning.

One thing we did share, however, was faith. They were Catholic Christians, and we shared Sunday worship together.

They didn't understand the readings and the homily, but the liturgy speaks also with the language of symbol and ritual. They knew the shape of the Mass and its meaning. They knew, and we knew, that we belonged to one another there, that we were brothers and sisters in Christ.

All the differences between us were less important at Mass than the unity we shared as members of the body of Christ.

A profound mystery at the heart of our worship reveals that we "receive" the body of Christ, but we also "are" the body of Christ. We are linked to one another as parts of the same body, sharing the same life.

"When you hear, 'The body of Christ,' you reply, 'Amen.' Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your amen may ring true."

Our solidarity leads us to visit the sick, offer meals and support to the grieving before and after the funeral, assist the immigrant family seeking a new beginning, and reach out to the unemployed with moral support and monetary assistance.

Could we do otherwise? We are one body. We belong to one another. Let our amen ring true!

(Father Mick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a freelance writer.)

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### In a Nutshell

**"Solidarity is an eminently Christian virtue," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1948).**

**In the mystery of the Eucharist, people who are very different in some ways are in clear solidarity — parts of Christ's body, sharing the same life.**

**Solidarity is a reminder that we are most ourselves when we're in union with others.**



## People In The News

### Pro-Life Congressman Says Faith Comes First

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — Rep. Henry J. Hyde says faith has been the keystone of his pro-life convictions throughout his 23 years in Congress. "The most important thing in my life is my Catholic faith," the Illinois Republican said at a press conference April 18 before speaking at a Kentucky Right to Life banquet in Louisville. Hyde, 73, added, "I think about my soul. It's one of the reasons I'm in this (pro-life) movement." Now chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Hyde became a nationally known figure in 1976 when, still in his first term in Congress, he ushered through the Hyde Amendment barring all federal funding for abortion.

### Retiring British Catholic M.P. Plans New Political Career

LIVERPOOL, England (CNS) — One of Britain's best-known Catholic members of Parliament is stepping down after 18 years in the House of Commons. But David Alton, known for his pro-life stance, plans to resume his political career as a member of the country's second chamber, the House of Lords. Alton was first elected to the House of Commons for a seat in Liverpool in 1979 as a member of the Liberal Party. He has campaigned against abortion, euthanasia and embryo experimentation. He has also been prominent in fighting for human rights abroad — in China, in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere.

### Cardinal Mahony Appoints First Woman Chancellor

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Cardinal Roger M. Mahony appointed Sister Cecilia Louise Moore as chancellor of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, making her the first woman and first member of a religious order to hold that position in the archdiocese. All previous chancellors had been priests before Cardinal Mahony appointed the Sister of St. Joseph Carondelet to the post. She had been vice chancellor since 1994.

### Portland Diocese Bids Farewell To Archbishop George

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Worshipers filled St. Mary's Cathedral for a special Mass April 20 to say farewell to Portland Archbishop Francis E. George. Although some of those attending Mass expressed sadness that he is departing,

those feelings were tempered with understanding. After only 10 months as the church's leader in western Oregon, Archbishop George will officially become Chicago's archbishop May 7.

### Holy Cross Father William Lewers Dies

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — Holy Cross Father William M. Lewers, former head of the U.S. bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace and former provincial superior of his order, died of cancer April 19 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. The priest, who was 69 years old, was to be buried April 24 at the Holy Cross community cemetery on the University of Notre Dame campus following a funeral Mass at the university's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

### Sister Margaret Cafferty Dies Of Cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Presentation Sister Margaret Cafferty died of cancer April 20 at her motherhouse in San Francisco. She was 61. Her funeral was celebrated April 25 at St. Agnes Church in San Francisco. An educator, community organizer and social justice leader, Sister Cafferty was best known for her national and international work as a leader of women religious. She was executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, from 1992 until March of this year, when advancing bone cancer forced her to leave that post. The LCWR's 1,000 members are leaders of more than 78,000 U.S. women religious.

### Father Pollard Cited For Work In Religious Education

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father John E. Pollard, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Office for the Catechism, has been cited for his "outstanding contribution to the ministry of education in the United States." The F. Sadlier Dinger Award was presented to Father Pollard April 15 at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership in Orlando, Fla. "Father Pollard has labored tirelessly to help publishers produce catechetical programs that are faithful to the Catechism of the Catholic Church," said William S. Dinger, president of William H. Sadlier Inc.

## Twins Have Identical Vocations



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Besides having the same looks, Father William Lies (left) and his identical twin, Father James, share the same vocation as Holy Cross priests. They also have an uncle who is a priest, an aunt who is a nun and another uncle who is a religious brother.

### By JOSEPH YOUNG

LITTLE FALLS, Minn. (CNS) — When newly ordained Holy Cross Father James Lies offered a celebratory Mass in his hometown parish of St. Mary's in Little Falls, he had to assure the congregation that they were not seeing double.

His identical twin, Holy Cross Father William Lies, ordained three years earlier, was in the church with their mother, Dolores Lies, along with a few hundred extended family members and scores of friends.

"I was a little nervous, so I thought about having (my brother) stand up here instead of me, hoping you wouldn't notice," Father James Lies told the congregation before the Mass.

Father James then made an aisle-by-aisle circuit of the church, blessing the well-wishers with liberal douses from a sprig dipped in a bowlful of holy water. "That may have been a good deal more fun for me than for you," he told the worshipers.

Ordained April 5 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Notre Dame, Ind., Father James Lies is assistant director of campus ministry at Notre Dame. Father William also was ordained at Notre Dame.

Bill and of all our children." She and husband Thomas — who died 31 years ago when the twins were 4 years old — had 10 children.

"Jim looked really relaxed," she said. "He rehearsed his homily at home and asked me to critique it."

The twins are continuing a tradition of religious vocations in the family. Three of Dolores' siblings — School Sister of St. Francis Mary Hueller, Pallottine Father Francis Hueller and Brother Norbert Hueller, a Christian Brother of Ireland — have served the church for a total of more than 150 years.

Father Nicholas Landsberger, St. Mary's pastor who served as master of ceremonies for the Mass, said he knew of only one other priest who had a twin — retired Father James Minette, a priest of the St. Cloud Diocese who now lives in California.

"But his brother did not become a priest," he said, which caused some confusion when Father Minette's identical twin went out on dates.

Thankfully, the Lies twins need not worry about that type of confusion — just the everyday, run-of-the-mill mistaken identities to which all identical twins are subject.

### Pope To Take Vacation In Northern Italian Mountain Retreat

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II will take his summer vacation at the northern Italian mountain retreat of Valle d'Aosta for the sixth time, authorities said in late April.

The pontiff is to stay in the region from July 9 to 19, Bishop Giuseppe Anfossi of Aosta announced in a statement, adding that the visit will provide Pope John Paul "real rest from the demands of his universal ministry."

Vatican spokesmen could not immediately confirm the details as released by the diocese, but they acknowledged it was customary for the news of the pope's impending vacation to be broken by the bishop who will act as host.

Pope John Paul's customary holiday in the woods at 4,000 feet is meant as a period of absolute repose. In recent years, spokesmen say, the now 76-year-old pope has passed the time reading, writing poetry, praying and walking the trails.

Lengthier hiking expeditions were the hallmark of his summer trips in the early days of his pontificate.

The pope generally stays in the village of Les Combes. Two years ago, he celebrated Mass with the inhabitants of the village. Last summer a museum dedicated to Pope John Paul was opened there.

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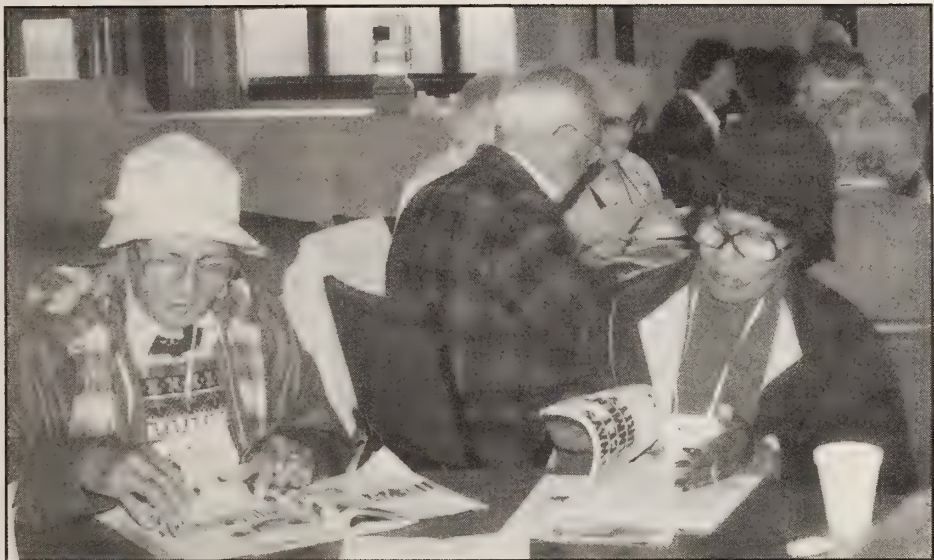
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# Seniors Enjoy Fellowship At Spring Fling

**By KATHY SCHMUGGE**  
**H**ICKORY — There is an old Polish saying, “*Sarosc nieradosc*,” which translates “Old age is not joy.” Senior citizens in the Diocese of Charlotte who participated in the 11th annual CRISM (Catholic Retirees in Special Ministries) Spring Fling totally contradicted that maxim, allowing nothing *but* joy to overflow during the fun-filled day.  
The April 23 event at the Catholic Conference Center was organized by CRISM coordinator Suzanne Bach. The day carefully blended the goals of the ministry, “planning, praying and playing,” with greater emphasis on the last two objectives.  
“We can free up so much energy with laughter,” Bach told the approximately 105 participants who represented 14 different parishes.

Under the expertise of Carlita Hunter, recreation consultant and author of *Gray Hair and I Don't Care*, activities were well-organized, interesting and kept the seniors happily on the move. The theme of the day revolved around magazines, so decorations and many of the activities utilized pictures from periodicals. The limited free time during lunch was filled with music by accordion player Don Young, who was later joined by pianist/organist Mary Finlayson, a senior parishioner at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Charlotte.  
A scavenger hunt, bingo, comical skits, chair dancing, sing-alongs, and trivia games were also part of Spring Fling activities. The day closed with a Mass celebrated by Father Ed Sheridan, pastor of St. Gabriel Church in Charlotte, who proudly shared the fact that he had recently acquired senior status himself.  
“When we come together, we need to pray for each other, and help those struggling in life. We may not be as vibrant as we were in our 20s, 30s, or 40s, but there is so much we can still contribute,” he said, challenging the seniors to give even more of themselves.  
The Spring Fling was a new experience for Virginia Williamson, a parishioner at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte. “The fun, the spirituality, the Mass — they all were inspiring,” she said.  
With the energy and optimism demonstrated during the event and in their daily lives, these Catholic seniors illustrate for the greater Christian community what a joy it is to be serving God and each other.



Parishioners from Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte make their own cards for a unique game derived from Bingo.



A group from St. Therese Church in Mooresville prepare to take part in “Reverse Bingo,” a game designed for Spring Fling.

## LARCUM Conference To Include Session For Lay Leaders

**HICKORY** — The annual Bishops’ Ecumenical Dialogue, also known as the LARCUM conference, is scheduled for May 6-7 at the Catholic Conference Center and for the first time will include a special session for lay leaders.  
The conference theme is “Clergy Stress: Its Implications for the Church,” directed by Conventual Father Canice Connors, former pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem and former president and CEO of the St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Md. Father Connors, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, travels nationally to serve as a resource person at retreats, workshops, conferences and lectures. He speaks and writes articles on human sexuality, sexual abuse and pedophilia and has served as a consultant for the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Conference.  
The clergy conference includes three presentations: “Naming the Issues and Sources,” “Reflecting on the Issues and Sources in a Faith Context,” and “Planning Effective Supports and Interventions.” Small-group discussions and worship services are also included.

The session for lay leaders is May 7 from 7-9 p.m. Father Connors will focus on stress of clergy and ways to help congregations assist their clergy members.  
The Bishops’ Ecumenical Dialogue is jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Western N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. The bishops of their respective faiths will host the conference.  
The registration fee for the clergy conference is \$10 per person plus meals and lodging. For the lay leaders session, the cost is \$5 per person.

For information and registration, contact St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1406 Harper Ave. NW, Lenoir, NC 28645, or call (704) 758-1261.

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## Mother Teresa Declared Fit For Travel, Plans Tour

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa, who was confined to bed and a wheelchair for some eight months, has been described by her doctor as "fit for travel now" and plans an international tour during May and June.

The 86-year-old founder of the Missionaries of Charity was in and out of hospitals beginning last August and underwent an angioplasty last November, her third in five years.

"She is well and fit for travel now," said Mother Teresa's cardiologist, Ashim Kumar. However, a Missionaries of Charity nun and a qualified nurse will accompany Mother Teresa on her journey, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

"I am going to Rome," Mother Teresa told UCA News April 27, adding that the main purpose is to attend the final vows ceremony for 30 nuns of her order there.

Missionaries of Charity sources said Mother Teresa will leave for Rome May 15 and will attend the 46th International Eucharistic Congress in Wroclaw, Poland, scheduled for May 25-June 1. She also plans to visit Missionaries of Charity houses in Poland.

Just prior to her departure, she is to attend the final vows of 29 Missionaries of Charity nuns in Calcutta on May 10 and first vows of other nuns May 11.

"I'm much better," Mother Teresa told UCA News in a loud and clear voice, cheerful and walking steadily and unaided on the first-floor balcony of the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse. She also stopped to bless children seeking her prayers.

Mother Teresa was superior general from the founding of the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 until mid-March, when Sister Nirmala Joshi was elected to succeed the Nobel laureate nun.

The new superior general will not be accompanying Mother Teresa, having left for Tanzania and Kenya April 27 to visit Missionaries of Charity houses.

The mission "for the poorest of the poor" that Mother Teresa began half a century ago is now spread among 568 houses in 120 countries.



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## Knights Name New Deputy Supreme Knight

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus recently appointed current Supreme Treasurer Robert F. Wade to the office of deputy supreme knight. Wade, a member of the board and past state deputy of New Jersey, was named to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of former Deputy Supreme Knight Ellis D. Flinn.

The board also designated Jean Migneault, supreme director and past state deputy of Quebec, as supreme treasurer, elevating him from the position of assistant supreme treasurer.

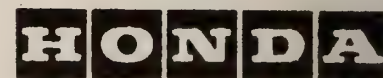
The board appointed current board member Joseph R. Mauro to the singular newly created position of executive vice president (agencies and marketing). Mauro had held the title of senior vice president (agencies and marketing).

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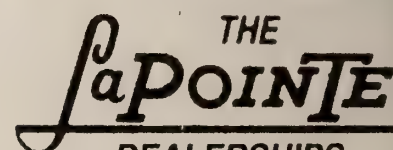
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# Twelve Arrested In School Of Americas Protest

By MARK PATTISON

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Twelve protesters were arrested in a demonstration held at the Pentagon against the Army's School of the Americas.

The protest, which drew 200 to the U.S. military headquarters complex just outside Washington, featured a costumed Uncle Sam leading a dozen people, each representing a Latin American nation, to the Pentagon's parade grounds, where they were "shot" by a cardboard machine gun.

The nonviolent protest came near the end of an April 19-29 vigil seeking support for a bill introduced by U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., to close the School of the Americas, a training ground at Fort Benning, Ga., for Latin American military officers.

Paddy Inman, one of the organizers, said 16 were prepared for arrest, but that Pentagon security must not have spotted them all.

As security officers arrested the protesters, and later as they led them away, a loud cheer rose up from the others.

As the protest started, they read



CNS photo by Bob Roller

Police arrest an unidentified man in clerics outside the Pentagon April 28 during a protest by religious groups against an Army military training center. About 200 people gathered to demand the closure of the School of the Americas located in Georgia.

aloud a pledge of nonviolent action, vowing "openness, friendliness and respect" to all, including the targets of their protest.

"We stand for life. We stand for non-violence," said Art Laffin of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker house in Washington, who began the rally outside the main entrance of the Pentagon on an overcast morning as workers silently filed in for another day at work.

"Hear our nonviolent witness on behalf of victims created by the Pentagon, the No. 1 killing institution in the world. We come here in humility and a spirit of repentance," Laffin said.

Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois, who started his campaign to shut down the School of the Americas six years ago, said the Pentagon action was one of the "sacred moments in the struggle for peace and justice.... We are here to speak for those whose voices have been silenced."

Inman said Bolivia, Nicaragua and El Salvador, the three nations with the highest number of School of the Americas graduates, are also the three nations with the worst human rights records in Latin America.

Graduates target religious leaders, labor organizers, educators and student groups in their home nations, Inman said. "They have left a trail of blood and suffering in every country where they have returned," he added.

Carmelite Sister Mary Ann Foley read a list of School of the Americas graduates, one from each country, followed by some of their activities. The list included former Panama strongman Manuel Noriega, plus people found responsible for the Washington car-bombing death of Chilean exile Orlando Letelier and the massacre at El Mozote, El Salvador.

"How do you find the defendant?" Sister Foley asked. "Guilty!" replied the other protesters.

As the overcast gradually lifted, the protesters walked most of the way around the Pentagon until they reached

its parade grounds.

After the mock executions, some protesters dug up chunks of dirt from the grounds and tossed them atop the "executed" of different nations to signify their graves.

Phoebe Knopf of Boston, who represented El Salvador during the mock execution, said she has been involved in peace and justice causes for the past 24 years, but turned her attention to the School of the Americas after traveling to El Salvador. There she said she met Rufina Amaya, the sole survivor of the El Mozote massacre, which took more than 1,000 lives, including that of her husband and four children.

Knopf, 42, told Catholic News Service she is given to anger upon hearing of such deeds, but "I turn my rage over to Jesus."

Tony Vento came to participate from Cleveland, the home town of Jean Donovan and Sister Dorothy Kazel, two of the four churchwomen slain in El Salvador in 1980. Of those tried for the murders, a majority were School of the Americas graduates.

Vento wept as he recounted their stories. He clutched crosses bearing their names and that of Father Ignacio Ellacuria, one of six Jesuits murdered in El Salvador in 1989 along with their housekeeper and her teen-age daughter. Again of those held responsible in the deaths, a majority were School of the Americas graduates.

Bills introduced in Congress in past sessions to close down the School of the Americas have gone down to defeat. But Father Bourgeois told CNS, "It's a process. You can't shortcut (it). The School of the Americas has been hidden away for years. But you can't hide in the daylight."

He labeled as "hogwash" the notion that such protests are ineffectual and anachronistic remnants of the 1960s. "When there's an injustice, people respond," Father Bourgeois said. "Why? Because we are people of compassion, people of good will."



# Diocesan News Briefs

## Knights Dedicate Ramp

ASHEVILLE — The Knights of Columbus St. Lawrence Council 1695 recently donated \$4,700 for a handicap entry to the Basilica of St. Lawrence front entrance. The entry, constructed of architectural concrete to match the adjacent walk and architecture, will serve as a memorial to all deceased members of the council. The project was inspired by the recent death of Brother Knight Steven Saxton, who was confined to a wheelchair.

## Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

HIGH POINT — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday of every month at the Maryfield Nursing home chapel at 7:30 p.m.

## Healing Masses

ASHEVILLE — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is the second Thursday each month at St. Joan of Arc Church at 7 p.m. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at St. Peter Church at 7:30 p.m.

## Blessed Mother Novena

CHARLOTTE — A novena to the Blessed Mother is at St. Vincent de Paul Church each Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya is 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month.

ARDEN — Ultreya for the Asheville, Arden and Hendersonville areas is 7:30 p.m. the second Friday each month at St. Barnabas Church. Leaders' School is the second Sunday each month between Masses.

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya is 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at St. Eugene Church.

## Ladies Altar Guild

TRYON — The Ladies Altar Guild of St. John the Baptist Church meets the second Wednesday each month preceded by an 11:30 a.m. Mass. The organization hosts monthly coffees the Sunday after the meetings at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses, and assists community organizations like Hospice, Steps to Hope and Outreach Ministry. Fund-raising activities benefit these organizations and the parish. The Guild's Attic Treasures Sale is May 17 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. St. John's youth will sell baked goods and hot dogs as well. For information, call Joan McAdam, (704) 625-2470.

## Media Resource Library

CHARLOTTE — The diocesan Of-

fice of Telecommunications' Media Lending Library comprises 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio cassettes and a small book collection. No fee is charged for previewing or using materials for personal enrichment. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. Items can be shipped upon request.

This month's video profile:

**"Grandma's Bread"** focuses on the Eucharist and First Communion.

**"The Right Choice"** is the story of an expected voice — an unborn child — guiding a teen-ager from the despair of an abortion clinic to the hope of a new life. For teen-agers.

**"How Do I Go On?"** explores how to redesign your future after crisis has changed for life. For adults.

For information on these and other resources, call (704) 331-1717.

## Cancer Society's Relay for Life

NEWTON — The Catawba County unit of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life is May 16-17 at Southside Park, Highway 321, Newton. All churches in Catawba County are asked to participate with teams of 10-15 persons. The fee is \$10 per person to cover refreshment and t-shirt costs. Sponsors and participants are needed. Proceeds will fund cancer research, education and support. For more information, call Meg Smith, (704) 465-1076.

## May Crowning

CHARLOTTE — St. Thomas Aquinas Church hosts a May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 6 at 7 p.m. Participants will honor Mary in song and prayer, and will adorn her statue with flowers. For more information, call Patty Kersey, (704) 598-3898.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at St. Gabriel Church. Contact Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for information.

Eucharistic adoration is at St. Matthew Church each Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass and lasting until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass. Call Pat Gundaker, (704) 366-9687, or Bernice Hansen, (704) 846-2958, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Belmont Abbey Chapel, located behind the abbey church and monastery. For information, call (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence welcomes all to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For details, call Joe or Mary Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Natural Family Planning Course

CHARLOTTE — The Couple to Couple League's four-class natural family planning course begins May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. For registration and information, call Alex

and Maria Munoz, (704) 849-0891; or Richard and Carmen Cashman, (704) 442-9681.

## Dinner-Dance Auction

HIGH POINT — Immaculate Heart of Mary School hosts a dinner-dance auction May 10. For information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation, call Laura Jo Goldston, (910) 884-1053; or Karen Hulin, (910) 886-2000. Proceeds will benefit the school.

## Schubert Spring Concert

CHARLOTTE — The choir of St. Ann Church and symphony instrumentalists present Franz Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G Major May 4 at 6 p.m. Admission is free. For details, call (704) 523-4641.

## Young Adults Bible Study

ASHEVILLE — A study of the Gospel of Mark for high school and college-aged young adults is every Sunday evening in May at St. Joan of Arc Church. For time and other details, call (704) 255-0149.

## Inner Healing Retreat

BELMONT — "Inner Healing (Healing the Child Within)," a May 23-25 retreat directed by Father Peter Jugis, Mrs. Bobbie May and Rev. Mr. Hugo May, illustrates the processes that lead to inner healing through teaching, meditations, sharing, a healing service, music, prayer and Mass. The sacrament of reconciliation and individual spiritual direction will be available. Cost is \$115 per person, and registration deadline is May 19. For information or to register, call (704) 327-8692.

## Secular Franciscans Order

ASHEVILLE — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets to share in commitment to the apostolic life the second Saturday of each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence. For information, call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

## "A Taste of Italy" Festival

FORT MILL, S.C. — St. Philip Neri Church sponsors "A Taste of Italy" Festival May 10 from 3-9 p.m. at Fort Mill High School, 118 Munn Road, Fort Mill. Highlights include celebrity appearances, balloon rides, Italian cuisine, music and raffles. Admission is free. For information, call (803) 548-7282.

## Community Life Workshop

GREENSBORO — Vicariate Community Life Network sponsors a parish social ministry workshop May 17 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Topics will include the faith dimension of parish social ministry, welfare reform and community life commissions. For information, call Sister Anne Joseph Edelen, DC, (910) 274-5577.

## Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head,

S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

## National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

## Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Landings Follow-Up Program

BREVARD — "Living Your Catholic Faith, 101," an outreach of the Landings program, continues at Sacred Heart Church on May 4 from 9:15-10 a.m. with "Introduction to Healing Prayer," presented by Tom Vallie. For details, call (704) 883-9572.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Beatitudes and Discipleship" is a May 17-23 retreat based on Jesus' vision of the life of the believer directed by Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

"Viriditas: Greening Power" is a June 9-13 nature retreat directed by Sister Jo Anne Murphy, OSF, and Sister Jane Schmenk, OSF, focusing through a hands-on experience of the mountains on Hildegard of Bingen, who believed that Christ brings vitality to those in need. Cost is \$200.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" is a June 14-20 retreat directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere focusing on the origins and development of the Eucharist as explained by Luke. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## Catholics Urged To Fight Assisted Suicide Promoters

MARQUETTE, Mich. (CNS) — Michigan Catholics must waste no time in fighting a group who will begin in May to gather signatures to legalize assisted suicide, said the head of the state's Catholic Conference. "Now, more than ever, the time to act is today, maybe even begin tonight," urged Sister Monica Kostielney, president and chief executive officer of the conference. The Mercy sister, who continued in late April to speak out against the group's efforts, made her initial plea during a lecture in Marquette earlier in the month. She said a group calling itself Merian's Friends will try to gather 350,000 signatures in an effort to put the legalization of assisted suicide on the state ballot in 1998.

## Panel: Laity, Priests Both Essential To Church Renewal

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. (CNS) — The spirit of renewal will continue in the Catholic Church because the Holy Spirit continues to inspire the lay people who will have to do the work, according to a panel of speakers at St. John's University in Collegeville. But Father Andrew Greeley, a sociologist and author, said priests also have an important role if church renewal is to be successful. In fact, priests will be the ones holding parish communities together, helping to make the parish a place that all can live with, the Chicago priest said during the April 17 panel discussion.

## Algeria Must End Violence, Promote Dialogue, Pope Tells Ambassador

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Algeria has to break the cycle of violence and promote dialogue to restore peace after years of conflict, Pope John Paul II told the country's new envoy to the Holy See. "The culture of violence must give way to the culture of peace," the pope said as Ambassador Mohamed-Salah Dembri presented his credentials April 24. Two days earlier, the news surfaced that Islamic fundamentalists had massacred 93 people in a village near the capital, Algiers.

## NFPC President Urges New Vision Of Diaconate

ATLANTA (CNS) — An inadequate vision of diaconal ministry in the United States has led to the increasing "parochialization" of permanent deacons, a priest told a national conference

in April. Father Nick Rice, president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, addressed the National Association of Diaconate Directors at their annual meeting in Atlanta in April. Noting that 8 percent of U.S. permanent deacons are already in charge of parishes that are without resident pastors, Father Rice said that percentage is likely to increase as the priest shortage worsens. "This increased 'parochialization' of the diaconate ought to be studied very carefully, lest the diaconate be cast as a 'miniaturized priesthood,'" he said.

## Salvation For Gays Requires Celibacy, Says Vatican Newspaper

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Gay people can attain salvation, but the Catholic Church expects them to remain celibate, said an article in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. "God loves us as we are," Dominican Father Jean-Louis Brugues wrote April 23, "with our limitations, our particularities, and our wounds, which can become ways to sanctification." The French priest, who teaches moral theology and is a member of the International Theological Commission, said nothing in church teaching suggests that gays and lesbians are cut off from salvation — but they should refrain from sexual activity, as should heterosexual singles.

## Brazilian Bishops Urge Government Action On Poverty, Human Rights

BRASILIA, Brazil (CNS) — Brazil's bishops have criticized the government of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso for failing to reduce poverty and curb ongoing human rights abuses in South America's biggest country. "We cannot remain indifferent to the marginalization of millions of people and to so many crimes committed against life," the Brazilian bishops said in a statement issued during their annual assembly, which ended April 18. "The violence that permeates all society is also a consequence of economic policies that have produced" one of the world's biggest gaps in income distribution, the statement said.

## Vatican Official Appeals For Safe Return Of Refugees To Bosnia

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican envoy has appealed for the safe return of an estimated 1.5 million refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina, saying a



Peruvian Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne breaks down in tears while discussing the end of the Peruvian hostage crisis at an April 23 press conference in Lima. On the right is Japanese envoy Terusuke Terada. The two were part of a team trying to negotiate a peaceful settlement in the four-month standoff between the government and rebels.

## Peruvian Archbishop Mourns Those Who Died In Hostage Rescue

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne of Ayacucho, Peru, expressed his sorrow and pain over the deaths that resulted from the military rescue of hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima. "After four months of permanent contact ... all the hostages became a family for me, so the death of Dr. (Carlos) Giusti, the death of the members of the army and the death of the members of the MRTA bring me immense pain," the archbishop told journalists April 23, the day after the rescue.

lasting peace depends on the right to return to one's home. Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, made the remarks in mid-April during a meeting in Geneva with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, a Vatican statement said. Cardinal Etchegaray said he wanted to convey Pope John Paul II's deep concern over the refugee problem in Bosnia.

## African Bishops Say Arms Sales, Prejudice At Heart Of Conflicts

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Prejudice, the international arms trade, poverty and a spirit of vengeance are the sins at the root of current conflicts in Africa, the continent's leading bishops said. The suffering of Africa's people is "the result of sin committed both by Africans and non-Africans alike," said the members of the standing committee of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar. The committee members, along with the presidents of the continent's national and regional bishops' conferences, met in Nairobi April 14-18.

## Pope Launches Appeal For Peace In Zaire

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II launched an appeal for peace in Zaire amid news of fresh atrocities in the war-torn central African nation. "I ask insistently that all the parties involved in the conflict accept an honest dialogue and a true negotiation, cooper-

ating with the forces of the international community, so that the cessation of hostilities can come about, and the path toward an authentic democracy can be taken once more," the pope said at the end of his general audience April 23.

## Iranian Official Says 'No True Muslim' Would Attack Pope

ROME (CNS) — A Muslim will never attack the pope, according to Iran's top diplomat. "I can say that no true Muslim thinks of attacking, or of planning or inspiring hostile acts against the pope," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in an interview printed in the Rome daily newspaper *Il Messaggero* April 23. Noting that the Italian government had just accused Iran of preparing terrorist attacks against Pope John Paul II and the Vatican, Velayati was asked why the pope in particular should be a target. "We Iranians in particular have and want to maintain a very close cooperation with the Vatican."

## Donations For Aging Religious Called Heartening

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics donated \$26.4 million during the 1996 national collection for aging religious sisters, brothers and priests, according to the National Religious Retirement Office. The collection for 1996 was the second highest amount since the first collection taken up in 1988. A record high of \$26.8 million was collected in 1994 and in 1995 what is now the third highest amount came in at \$25.5 million.

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Number of parishioners: **525**

Number of households: **265**

SWANNANOVA — The year was 1933 when a connection between Swannanoa, N.C., and New Bedford, Mass., brought a migration of Catholics to the Carolina mountain area called "Grey Eagle" by the native Cherokee. Thanks to that influx of Catholics due to industrial relocation, St. Margaret Mary Church was founded.

A key figure in this migration was Charles D. Owen, whose family's Beacon Manufacturing Company was part of New England's industrial landscape. Owen purchased a farm in Swannanoa in 1923, and two years later, the plant he had built in western North Carolina to complement the business began operations.

As Owen's family business grew, so did the textile manufacturing base in the South, thereby bringing in an influx of northeastern Catholics to the region. In 1933, Beacon began closing its New England plant; the transfer of equipment and personnel to Swannanoa soon followed.

In previous years, eastern Bun-

combe County Catholics — those already settled and those moving there — were confronted with a 20-mile round trip, mostly on unpaved roads, to go to Mass at St. Lawrence Church in Asheville. As the roots of Beacon and other industries took hold in the area soil, the need for a new Catholic church east of Asheville was realized.

In the spring of 1936, Bishop William Hafey of Raleigh purchased a plot of land in the Grovemont subdivision of Swannanoa. Benedictine Father Michael McInerney of Belmont Abbey served as architect, and with funding from a bequest through the Catholic Extension Society, construction of the church and a rectory was underway on the site originally intended as the location for a hotel.

Bishop Hafey dedicated St. Margaret Mary Church in October 1936. Father Joseph Federal, who later served the Diocese of Salt Lake City as bishop, was installed as first pastor. The parish boundary was designed to include four townships in eastern and southeastern Buncombe County: Swannanoa, Black Mountain, Fairview and Broad River. The latter two have since been transferred to other jurisdictions.

Sisters from St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines in Asheville offered catechetical instruction for parishioners in the fall of 1936. As the parish grew over the next three decades, the need for more educational space — as well as social and worship room — became evident. Ground was broken for a multipurpose addition in 1965, and after a delay was dedicated by Bishop Vincent Waters in 1969. A parking area across the street from the church was donated to the parish soon thereafter.

The Diocese of Charlotte was established in 1972. A year later its first bishop, the Most Reverend Michael J. Begley, appointed former fellow seminarian Atonement Father Pius Keating as pastor of St. Mar-

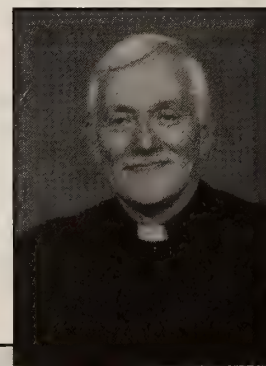
garet Mary Church. He served as pastor there for two decades, extending pastoral efforts into the ecumenical community. While in Swannanoa, he founded SAGE, the seniors club that became one of the parish's most active groups during Father Keating's pastorate and remains so today.

Father Keating was succeeded in 1994 by Father Anthony Marcaccio, currently priest-secretary to Bishop William G. Curlin. While at St. Margaret Mary, Father Marcaccio stressed lay ministry and led a renovation effort of the church's interior. In 1995, he was called to Charlotte to serve in the bishop's office.

Father Andrew Latsko, current pastor, has ministered to St. Margaret Mary parishioners since mid-1995. Father Latsko continues to emphasize service ministries and has strengthened the training and implementation of lay ministers of the parish. During his pastorate the Holy Name Men's Club has been activated, the Ladies Guild has

broadened its activities and the youth have continued to actively participate in church life. Community outreach includes ministering at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, to the area needy through projects like Habitat for Humanity, and to students at local schools and colleges. Special attention is also being placed on service to the homebound and the aged. Adult education, CCD, Landings and other catechetical efforts add to parish life; several of these groups now meet in the annex building, recently rented by the parish for office and classroom use.

The parish celebrated its 60th anniversary in October 1996. Present were several original parishioners who still call the Swannanoa Valley home thanks to Charles D. Owen and Beacon Manufacturing Company. It was Owen's impressions of this mountain region that led him to enrich the production of the family business. In the process, he indirectly influenced an enrichment of the Catholic Church in western North Carolina as well.



## Mercy Sisters Dedicate Administration Center

BELMONT — The Sisters of Mercy in Belmont dedicated their new administration center and Curtin Hall on April 27. The 12,600-square foot Mercy Administration Center is connected by a glass corridor and social space to Curtin Hall, a 5,700 square-foot multipurpose facility. The hall is named in honor of Mercy Sister Mary Charles Curtin, a pioneer of this community who arrived in North Carolina in 1869. Shown in the reception area of the administration center are Bishop Amando Samo of the Diocese of the Caroline Islands (a Mercy Sisters mission is located in the Pacific); Mercy Sister Mary Jerome Spradley, councillor; Mercy Sister Pauline Clifford, vice president; Mercy Sister Rosalind Picot, president; Bishop William G. Curlin; Mercy Sister Paulette Williams, councillor; and Mercy Sister Mary Thomas Burke, councillor.





Photo by JOANN KEANE

"... carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth ... of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses." — a prayer to St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Above, a nun kneels at the Shrine of St. Therese in Lisieux, France.

## New Book Gives History of Carolina Catholic Institution

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

HIGH POINT — Friends and supporters of Maryfield Nursing Home have a special memento to peruse while celebrating the institution's 50th anniversary in 1997. *Maryfield U.S.A.: A Success Story*, penned by a retired High Point newspaper editor, presents the rich and sometimes tumultuous profile of a health care facility whose roots lie in 19th century British soil.

Joe Exum Brown, former editor of the *High Point Enterprise*, volunteered his writing services after being contacted by Maryfield's Poor Servants of the Mother of God in 1994. For the next two years, Brown pored over the order's

records and scrapbooks, along with regional histories, interviews, and local and wire reports from newspapers.

The writer, who calls the undertaking "a labor of love," also relied on personal knowledge. "I arrived in High Point about six or eight months after the sisters did," he says, "so I certainly have been familiar with Maryfield. The project (as a whole) was a good exercise in historical research."

That research took Brown back to 19th century London, where the order called Poor Servants of the Mother of God was established in 1869 by a convert to the Catholic faith. Earlier, Frances

See *Maryfield*, page 2

## Parish Center Offers Temporary Home To Flood Refugees

By JOE TOWALSKI

AVON, Minn. (CNS) — As flood victims in the Red River Valley returned to their home to see the magnitude of the damage, an Avon Catholic church stood ready to welcome families seeking short-term shelter.

Each of 12 classrooms in the religious education building at St. Benedict Church has been prepared to house one family and comes with a key to assure privacy and security.

"This is a big deal when it comes to respect and dignity," said GERALYN NATHE EVANS, the parish's youth ministry director, who has been coordinating the relief effort.

Volunteers set up a community room with snacks available 24 hours, a large-screen television, sofas and recliners. Shelves of toys have been collected for children, and cellular phones will be available.

Accommodations for up to 70 adults and children were available and refugees were expected to stay anywhere from four to eight weeks.

Although no families had yet been housed as of May 2, officials from the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency told Evans that families would likely start arriving at the facility in the near future.

Transformation of the religious education center into a transitional shelter took only a week, with hundreds of people offering time, money and materials. So many people donated mattresses that those offering them are now being placed on a waiting list.

"Honest to God, people will come up to me and say, 'We need this.' And within a minute — I'm not exaggerating — someone will walk through the door and say, 'I can do that,'" Evans told the *St. Cloud Visitor*, newspaper of the St. Cloud Diocese. "As soon as there's a challenge, God has presented the gift to meet it."

Laurice Kostreba added, "The generosity is so overwhelming. Just look at all this giving." She was working with her 11-year-old daughter Leah sorting and shelving piles of donated items that have poured in from towns throughout central Minnesota.

A child from Holdingford sent a small jewelry box tied with a rubber band. Inside were two snowflake earrings, a mushroom necklace and two pennies.

"You could tell this came from her heart," Kostreba said. "It brought tears to my eyes."

The community has learned much about itself through the act of giving, said Lewis Fisher, a St. Benedict's parishio-

ner who has volunteered for cooking detail.

"We've opened our pocketbooks, our hearts and our buildings," he said. "We've said to them, 'Use us. We want to help you.'"

Meanwhile, St. Cloud Bishop John F. Kinney spent a day recently in Breckenridge, on the Minnesota border with North Dakota, bringing a message of solidarity and hope to flood victims.

He stopped at St. Mary School, which Minnesota National Guard troops have called home since arriving in the city several weeks ago to help with flood control efforts. The bishop prayed for flood victims at St. Mary of the Presentation Church, then toured the city to survey the damage and talk with residents.

"I wanted to be with pastors in this area..." who have faced challenges both personally and pastorally, he said.

"I also came not so much to see (what happened), but to be with whom I could be with," the bishop added. "It's not fair to talk about suffering around the world and not be with the suffering right here."

Bishop Kinney said he was "in awe of the spirit of the people and the faith I think is behind that."

One-third to one-half of St. Mary's parishioners were forced to leave their homes and stay in area shelters, hotels or with relatives, said Father Leo Moenkedick, the pastor.

His contact with parishioners has been limited mostly to those who have been volunteering, and "their spirits are pretty good," he said. But many families still faced the prospect of coming back to devastated homes.

It was precisely those families that the St. Benedict's parishioners in Avon, about 120 miles away, wanted to help. And in that effort is a lesson for students in religious education classes.

Although the classrooms were given over to the shelter, there were no plans to put religious education on hold.

"We're moving from learning out of books to learning by doing," she said. "Nothing is on hold. Rather it's a transition of thought. We as staff have said this is an opportunity to change our (classroom) learning into experiential learning."

People were beginning to realize that the corporal works of mercy, listed on the wall of one of the classrooms, are more than just a list to be memorized. Volunteers were connecting the concepts and what it means to be a Christian with their efforts to aid flood victims.

"Even if no one comes, this has been a success," Evans said. "The community will be stronger thanks to this."





Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

**RAIN Pours Through Charlotte Streets....** Some 200 participants braved thunderstorms and showers to raise more than \$31,000 for The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) May 3 in Charlotte. Proceeds from the first annual AIDS Walk, which began and ended at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, will assist the interfaith ministry's development, training and coordination of new and existing AIDS Careteams. The congregation-based teams provide direct care to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS. About 60 Careteams currently support the ministry throughout a seven-county region.

## Pope Opens Vocations Conference, Emphasizes Attracting Youth

By LYNNE WEIL

ROME (CNS) — Pope John Paul II opened a conference on vocations in Europe by urging church authorities to concentrate more effort on young members of their communities.

Calling the vocations ministry "an issue which is vital for the future of the Christian faith in the continent," the pope said in a statement to the early May conference that there is no doubt "that the ecclesial community's commitment to the pastoral care of vocations is one of its most serious and urgent tasks."

"You shall identify appropriate strategies for helping those whom the Lord chooses for this total commitment to discover their own call and to speak their 'yes' without reservation," Pope John Paul said. "Your attention will be directed above all toward the young, so that they might know how to welcome the Master's invitation to follow him."

The six-day European Vocations Congress was sponsored by the Pontifical Office for Ecclesiastical Vocations, an institution for coordinating vocations policy among Vatican departments. Taking part were members of the Roman Curia, bishops and heads of bishops' conferences from throughout Europe, and European authorities on vocations.

Under the motto "New Vocations for a New Europe," the group was to identify the expectations and values of young people and to make concrete suggestions for preparing them for vocations.

These tasks were already outlined in a report the Vatican released last October. This working paper, titled, "Pastoral Care of Vocations in the Particular Churches of Europe," was to be the focal point for the conference.

The document, the result of ques-

tionnaires returned by 28 European bishops' conferences, showed that with the exception of certain Central and East European countries, the numbers of new priests and religious were dwindling throughout the continent, while the Catholic population was steadily increasing. This left fewer and older priests and religious to tend to more of the faithful.

The document said seminary enrollment is on the rise, and student numbers in diocesan and religious seminaries has gone up about 30 percent.

But it also noted that many young people leave religious life. It blamed lack of discipline for a Europe-wide rise in men dropping out of the priesthood.

"They have a great desire to commit themselves and immediately take part in pastoral, missionary and charity experiences, but they do not possess the discipline for constant everyday work," the paper explained.

In the opening sessions of the congress, its leaders agreed that immediate action had to be taken to reverse these trends.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, a senior member of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, said an authentic new evangelization was needed in Europe to emphasize that Christianity can be a force of hope and salvation in European society.

Cardinal Miloslav Vlk of Prague, president of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, said in a Mass on the first day of the congress that a continual re-evangelization must be combined with sincere prayer, because neither prayer alone nor renewed efforts to attract the faithful to vocations would be sufficient.

Pope John Paul's remarks echoed the cardinal's homily.

## Maryfield History Documented In New Book, from page 1

Margaret Taylor, known as Mother Mary Magdalen during her years as superior, had served with Florence Nightingale as a nursing volunteer in the Crimean War.

Five members of the congregation made their way to America — and to central North Carolina particularly — in 1947 with the intention of opening a hospital and convalescent home. A variety of financial problems largely prevented the former from becoming a reality, so the sisters turned full attention to developing what today is a 60-acre property in High Point featuring a 122-bed nursing facility and 29-home retirement community.

Brown notes that the institution's success of today was arrived at through determined prayer, hospitable support from the people of the Triad and the sisters' unflinching desire to tend to the sick and aging. Despite cultural anomalies, periods of financial uncertainty and pangs of homesickness, the sisters from the British Isles were resolute in their enterprise and their faith.

In the book, Sister Lucy Hennessy, Maryfield administrator since 1987, explains that the nursing home — while operating on a non-denominational admittance policy — emphasizes nurturing the soul as well as the body. "We want Maryfield to be a prayer center as much as we want it to be a care center," she says.

*Maryfield U.S.A.* chronicles the myriad people and events that have helped the establishment become a "climate which emphasizes hospitality and reflects the Gospel values of love, justice, service, and compassion," as referred to in a document titled "The Philosophy of Maryfield."

At the heart of that environment, Brown adds, are the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. "There's no question that the order of sisters is the key to the whole thing," says the author. "The sisters are delightful people and they are tremendously appreciative of everything that everybody does for them."

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Joe Brown began his writing career with the High Point Enterprise daily newspaper in 1948 as a rookie reporter. He later worked as city editor, managing editor and executive editor before his promotion to editor in the early 1970s. Brown served in that capacity for 18 years. Since retiring in 1989, he has voluntarily worked on local historical research projects.

*Maryfield U.S.A.: A Success Story* is available in hardcover for \$14.95 at Maryfield Nursing Home or in Triad-area bookstores. For more information, call (910) 886-2444.



Joe Brown

### Scripture

Readings for the week of  
May 11-17



Sunday:	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 1 John 4: 11-16 John 17: 11-19
Monday:	Acts 19: 1-8 John 16: 29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20: 17-27 John 17: 1-11
Wednesday:	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 John 15: 9-17
Thursday:	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11 John 17: 20-26
Friday:	Acts 25: 13-21 John 21: 15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 John 21: 20-25

### Isidore the Farmer



Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain, to poor parents. When he was old enough to work, he became a farm laborer for a wealthy man. It is said he went to Mass daily and was an ardent worker. He often shared his food with others, keeping scraps for himself. His wife, Maria de la Cabeza, also is honored as a saint. Many miracles have been reported through Isidore's intercession. He died in 1130. He is patron of farmers and of Madrid. His feast is May 15.





# Catholic Community Growth Means New Building For Charlotte Diocese

CHARLOTTE — The Catholic Diocese of Charlotte has contracted to purchase a new building to accommodate consistent growth trends. Over the past 10 years the Charlotte Diocese has almost doubled in size.

The three-story building is located on Church Street less than two miles from The Catholic Center, the main office for the diocese. The 57,000-square foot building will accommodate 95 diocesan employees now scattered throughout Charlotte at five different locations.

"This move will allow us greater efficiencies, as we bring ministries together in one central location," said Bishop William G. Curlin, bishop of the 46-county diocese of Charlotte. "Our outreach in faith can be greater fulfilled through a stronger collaboration of a more closely connected staff."

"Our concern is to meet the growing needs of our schools, our minis-

tries, our parishes and our parishioners," said Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor of the Charlotte diocese. "And those needs have literally outstripped our current facility. By having one central location we can provide better service to the Catholic community throughout western North Carolina."

Currently, the diocese's services and ministries are splintered throughout the city. Administrative offices are in The Catholic Center on East Morehead St. There are also Catholic diocesan entities located on Park Rd., Eastway Dr., Buchanan St. and First St.

"After careful review, we knew the timing and the situation was right to make this purchase," said Bill Weldon, fiscal manager for the diocese. "Not only is the

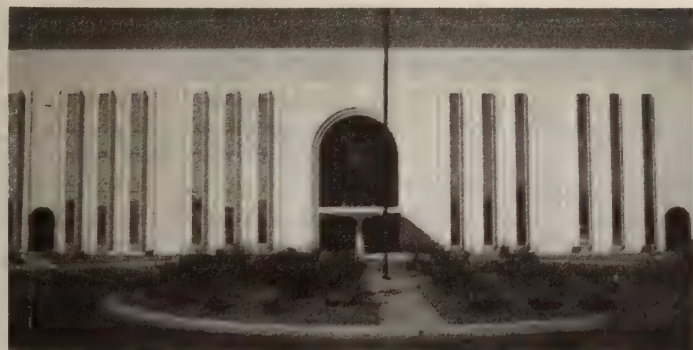
building ideal for our needs, but it's in a prime market location."

Weldon said the diocese will use internal financing that will allow payment of the building through existing liquid assets. This financial decision means that fund-raising efforts are not necessary to purchase the building.

"The diocese also will have a positive cash flow in the coming years because we will save on rent and overhead expenditures on current spaces," Weldon said. "And, we plan to sell The Catholic Center, further defraying the expense of this purchase."

Employees of the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte will occupy the top two floors of the building. And the diocese expects to move into the building by the fall of this year. Current tenants will continue to lease the first floor.

"The move is about providing service and ministry to the people of the diocese," said Bishop Curlin. "It's not just service for the sake of service; rather an outreach of faith and love to try to make a difference in our world."



The future Catholic Center sits in a prime location less than two miles from the present building.

## Meeting Of Vatican, Islamic Groups Highlights Respect, Cooperation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Muslims and Christians should not compete for followers, but should work together to create a climate in which all people believe in God and are free to worship, a pontifical council and an Islamic group said.

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the World Islamic Call Society, based in Tripoli, Libya, held a four-day meeting in April to discuss efforts to spread their faiths.

In early May, the Vatican published a brief statement about the Rome meeting, which, it said, included "self-criticism" on both sides about how Christians and Muslims have tried to win adherents in the past.

The similarities and differences between Christian mission and Islamic "da'wah," the call to Islam, were discussed during the meeting, the statement said.

"Mission, as defined by Christians, is the activity of the church to witness and to announce to all peoples the good news of the salvation of God realized in his son Jesus Christ," it said.

"Da'wah, as defined by Muslims, is the invitation to mankind to the path of Allah, the one and Almighty God, the creator of the universe as preached by all prophets" and revealed to Mohammed, the statement explained.

As Christians and Muslims try to live and share their faith, the statement said, "care must be taken to respect human dignity. This entails respect for the religion of the other when speaking and writing about it; it also means freedom of conscience enshrined in the right to religious liberty."

"Christianity and Islam agree that no compulsion should be used on persons or societies in the name of religion," the statement said.

"Rather than carrying out da'wah and mission in the next century in a spirit of competition — as sometimes happened in the past — they should practice it in a spirit of collaboration and as a service to humankind," it said.

## Remember His Will In Yours.

*"A valid Will stands as a continuing expression of our concern for loved ones, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Church and the community in which we live."*

Bishop William G. Curlin

**Y**ou can express your commitment to your Church by making a bequest to the Diocese of Charlotte or to your parish. Simply have the following statement included in your Will:

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For more information on how to make a Will that works, contact Jim Kelley, Diocese of Charlotte, Office of Development, 1524 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207, (704) 331-1709 or 377-6871.



## St. Patrick Cathedral



Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil — 5:30PM  
Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM & 12:30PM  
Daily Masses: Monday - Friday — 7:30AM & 12:10PM  
Saturday — Rosary 8:45AM; Mass 9:00AM; Novena 9:30AM  
Confession: Saturday — 1:00 to 5:00PM or by request

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## Pro-Life Corner

*O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.*

*Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.*

*Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.*

Pope John Paul II

March 25, 1995

*Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

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## Episcopal Calendar

*Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:*

May 10 — 2 p.m.

Priestly Ordination for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

May 13 — 10 a.m.

Priests Personnel Committee meeting

11 a.m.  
Presbyteral Council meeting

Hickory  
7:30 p.m.  
Confirmation  
St. Dorothy Church  
Lincolnton

May 14 — 7 p.m.

Confirmation  
St. Mary Church  
Shelby

May 15 — 10 a.m.

Board meeting  
Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

Catholic Conference

Center

Hickory

7 p.m.

Confirmation  
Sacred Heart Church  
Salisbury

May 16 — 9:15 a.m.

Mass and May Crowning of Mary  
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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Calls April Visit A Follow-Up To Miraculous End To Communism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience April 30.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

My visit to the Czech Republic a few days ago was part of the celebration of the millennium of St. Adalbert, the great bishop and monk venerated as the patron of Bohemia and Poland. Adalbert's missionary journeys, which culminated in his martyrdom, are an important chapter in the spiritual history of Europe, particularly Central Europe. The celebration concluded a 10-year program of spiritual renewal begun by the late Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek. My pastoral visit included a Mass for young people in Hradec Kralove, a meeting with religious and the sick in the ancient Benedictine abbey of Brevnov, an outdoor Mass in Prague and an ecumenical meeting at the Cathedral of St. Vitus. My return to Prague was closely linked to my first visit, seven years ago, shortly after the fall of the communist regime and the beginning of the spiritual rebirth which the millennium of St. Adalbert is meant to foster. I wish to thank President Havel and the civil authorities, together with Cardinal Miloslav Vlk and my brother bishops, for all they did to make my visit possible.

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrim groups from Ireland, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and

the United States. Upon all of you I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### In Pre-Visit Message, Pope Urges End To Divisions In Lebanon

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A week before his historic visit to Lebanon, Pope John Paul II said he hoped his presence would help spur national reconciliation and an end to divisions. The pope said his May 10-11 trip had a "deeply religious and human purpose," and compared it to the visit Christ made to the same lands nearly 2,000 years ago.

### Pope Condemns Slaying Of Seminarians

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II condemned the slaying of more than 30 seminarians in Burundi as a "barbaric act" and urged the country's ethnic groups to curb another escalating round of bloodshed. Vatican Radio reported May 2 that armed Hutu rebels had attacked the minor seminary in Buta, in the Diocese of Bururi, leaving scores of dead and injured. It quoted an unnamed missionary priest as saying about 46 people were slain, including seminarians and other students, with at least that many wounded. The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, reported that 34 seminarians were killed. The attack took place April 28, but was made known only several days later.

## Guest Column

Christopher Carstens

### What Makes Youth Theater a Good Idea

When a request arrived recently in the mail for a contribution to the local youth theater, it included a handwritten note from a young woman I've known in my work as a psychologist. She's had some hard times and has made some decisions that she later regretted.

Her involvement in a theater group delighted me. This is one of those teen activities that meets all the criteria for a good experience.

—First, it gets her in a situation where she can hang out with other teens, but with plenty of adult supervision. Teens involved in structured activities outside of school are much less likely to get in trouble.

There's something about working with grown-ups who aren't your parents that helps teens develop a more mature world view.

Of course, it's important that this is a structured activity. If this girl were just hanging around with some 25-year-old guys in their apartment, it would be nothing but trouble.

—Second, it's a sustained project. She'll be involved with the same group of kids or adults for months, maybe even years. That means she'll have chances at developing a group of friends who are into theater, rather than hanging out on corners.

When kids are in trouble, their lives can be filled up by other kids with problems. Two friends in trouble may help each other climb up out of the mess — or just find new kinds of problems together.

—Third, theater is fun and exciting. Putting on a play calls for your best efforts. There's no going halfway because your work is so very visible. If you do a second-rate job, hundreds of people will know about it.

That's why theater groups are so close. The kids involved with the show pull together. If it's great, everybody shares in the glow, and if it isn't great every-

body shares in that too.

—Finally, theater engages the "big ideas." At heart, every good play is literature, a story about human values, about the important choices we make in our lives. You can't work on a play without thinking about the decisions the characters confront — and occasionally reflecting on your own life choices as well.

Certainly, theater isn't the only activity involving big ideas. The same engagement happens when you work with social agencies, get involved in political campaigns or work in any of the arts. Your diocese probably has a youth office, and one phone call will put you in touch with people who know dozens of projects just waiting for teen volunteers.

These activities help you ask the basic questions: What matters in life, and how should I choose to live?

You may have figured out that youth theater was an important part of my high school life. I was never a star athlete or one of the "popular kids." I just wasn't the type.

But I could paint sets and pound nails. I learned how to run a light board, and eventually I got some acting parts — and I was pretty good at that, too.

No, I'm not a movie star. In fact, I haven't been in a play for nearly 30 years. But I remember how much I learned from the theater and how much it helped me with the sometimes difficult process of living through high school.

I looked carefully at that letter, the one requesting a donation.

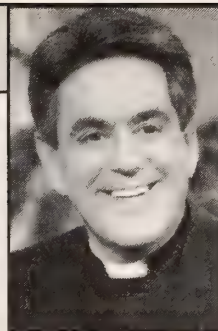
Then I wrote a check.

*Your comments are welcome. Please address: Dr. Christopher Carstens, c/o Catholic News Service, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.*



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Oh, I Didn't Think Anyone Noticed!

It was just one of those chance opportunities for grace and revelation. Two men, unaware of the respect each held for the other, meeting for the first time. One, a filmmaker, responsible for the exquisitely produced movie, "Marvin's Room." The other, the former governor of Pennsylvania, whose personal reflections are so eloquently shared in his book, *Fighting for Life*.

The producer, Tod Scott Brody, had just finished reading the governor's book a few weeks earlier. Governor Casey had recently seen Brody's movie. Both were present at the 1997 Christopher Awards ceremony which celebrates film, television and print work that affirms the highest values of the human spirit. Both were winners.

The governor was beaming and looking terrific since his liver and heart

transplant surgery. With him was a son and grandson who were clearly proud of their statesman dad and grandpa whose autobiography joyously weaves their shared experiences of family and faith during a struggle that captured nationwide attention.

Tod Scott Brody was standing with the film's director, Jerry Zaks, when he spotted the governor making a bee-line for them. He said later, "I couldn't believe my eyes. Here was the governor, whose personal story had so profoundly touched me, now reaching out to me with both hands and embracing our film with such heartfelt praise. I was speechless!"

When Brody caught his breath and explained that he had just read Casey's book, it was the governor's turn to be surprised. Two men, from different spheres, unaware of the meaning and value each had given the other.

The governor later observed: "There

was a 'connectedness' between us that I could never have imagined possible. Each of us had in our own way tried to light a candle of hope in the certain darkness of this world. In that moment we found that we were not alone in what we individually were trying to do."

There are times in everybody's life when we feel that we are alone in our daily efforts to create something of value. Even though these acts may not be recognized or appreciated, it is important for us to know that we are not alone.

Even writing these weekly columns is like putting a message in a bottle and tossing it out to sea. Who knows on what shore it might be picked up and deciphered? At those moments, I find reassurance in knowing that my efforts are not created in a vacuum. There are oth-

ers, like those I met at the Christopher Awards, like you, like those whose names we will never know — who spread the Good News of God's Love thorough acts of personal courage and hope and faith.

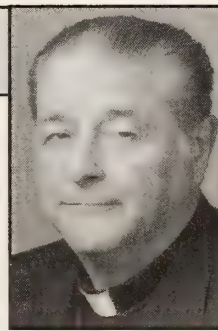
None of us needs to wait for an awards ceremony to celebrate that connectedness. We should take advantage of every opportunity we have to reach out to others and tell them how much we value them and their efforts. It will surely make a difference in their lives and in yours.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Events the Week Before Calvary

**Q.** *One of the Catholic couples in our interfaith Bible study group (10 couples, six denominations) gave us your recent column about the stations of the cross and their relation to Scripture. This prompted a discussion about what happened each day in the week before Calvary. John (12:1) says something about "six days before Passover," and follows with events of different days.*

*One day describes the discussion of the withered fig tree, another the anointing of Jesus at Bethany, and so on.*

*Does the Catholic Church have any written information on what took place each day preceding the crucifixion?*

**A.** The Gospels give us little information about time frames for these days of Jesus' life and differ widely from one Gospel to another about what happened when. It's impossible to put them together in a neat chronological package.

First of all, the Gospels do not agree even on the day of the Last Supper —

and therefore of the crucifixion. Matthew, Mark and Luke put it at Passover, the first day of the feast of Unleavened Bread (Matthew 26:17), which would be the 15th day of the Jewish month of Nisan.

John says the supper was before the feast of Passover (13:1), the day of preparation (18:28 and 19:42), in other words on the 14th day of Nisan, one day earlier in the week.

Scholars differ on the possible motives for, and significance of, this difference. But, for reasons we cannot go into here, they pretty much agree that John's dating is probably correct.

Second, the sequence of some events of that week is not the same from one Gospel to another. For example, Matthew and Mark place the anointing of Jesus by the woman at a dinner in Bethany sometime after the "Palm Sunday" entry into Jerusalem.

John has it the day before that entry (Jn 12:12).

As I said, there are just too few specific clues in any of the Gospels, or all

of them put together, to map out those final events of Jesus' earthly life in chronological order.

It is most essential in all this to remember that these variations should not surprise us. It is obvious the Gospels were never meant to be "biographies" of Jesus in our modern sense of the word.

The authors of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John intended primarily not to write history, but to explain the meaning of the message and person of the risen Lord, what he reveals, what he has accomplished and what he expects his followers to be.

Each had his own theological perspective and obviously did not hesitate to rearrange places and times and other details if that would help achieve his purpose.

One of the major documents of the Catholic Church put it this way: "From the many things handed down they (the

Gospel writers) selected some things, reduced others to a synthesis, and still others they explicated, as they kept in mind the situation of the churches....

"The doctrine and the life of Jesus were not simply reported for the sole purpose of being remembered, but were 'preached' so as to offer the church a basis of faith and morals" ("The Historical Truth of the Gospels," 1964 Instruction of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, approved by Pope Paul VI; Section IX).

The way each Gospel relates the final days of Jesus is a good example of this creativity exercised by all four evangelists, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, to pass on the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

The most recent comprehensive official Catholic documents on the subject

See Dietzen, page 13

## Letters

*The following letter, addressed to Bishop William G. Curlin, was submitted to The Catholic News & Herald for publication.*

Dear Bishop Curlin,

With gratitude, I acknowledge the great generosity of the Catholics of Charlotte, who last year provided \$54,700 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This assistance for the Church's mission *ad gentes* is joined with donations of Catholics throughout the world, including those of the young mission churches.

As we know, these are times of immense suffering and sacrifice in the missions. In 1996, 46 missionaries gave their lives in witness to Jesus Christ and the Gospel. As it lives out the Paschal Mys-

tery, the Church in the developing world depends greatly on the prayers and sacrifices of all the faithful.

It was the vision of Pauline Jaricot that prompted the establishment of the Propagation of the Faith in France 175 years ago this year. She realized the necessity of prayer and personal sacrifice for the Church's worldwide mission and understood that such outreach would help to revitalize the missionary faith in her homeland, as indeed it did. As Pope John Paul II has said, "Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!"

Your generous support of the Propagation of the Faith means so very much to so many of our brother bishops in the missions whose work is made possible through this assistance. On their behalf, I extend sincerest gratitude to you. I am

grateful as well for the effective collaboration of Monsignor (Anthony) Kovacic (diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith).

**Most Reverend  
William J. McCormack, D. D.  
National Director, Society for the  
Propagation of the Faith**

To the Editor,

I am writing in regard to your *People in the News* article about the Catholic student teacher suing the public education system in Massachusetts. Based on the story, I agree the man was wronged, but not for the reasons he states.

As an educator, he has the responsibility to remain in his class with his students. As a Catholic educator in a non-denominational classroom, he has the

added responsibility of blending his religious beliefs with his job of educating children of all religions.

I believe that God asks us to be His voice and bring His word to everyone we meet through our words and actions. This student teacher could have used the opportunity to educate the children, not on religious issues, but on issues of principle and free speech, and to educate the students on their right to *not* accept everything as art, as true, or even acceptable. By walking out, he showed students it's OK to quit and not stand up for yourself and your beliefs.

I certainly hope this student teacher gets another chance to teach, but only after he has learned the art of teaching.

**Leida E. Cruz  
Charlotte**



# Branch Of CSS Launches Project Safe Place



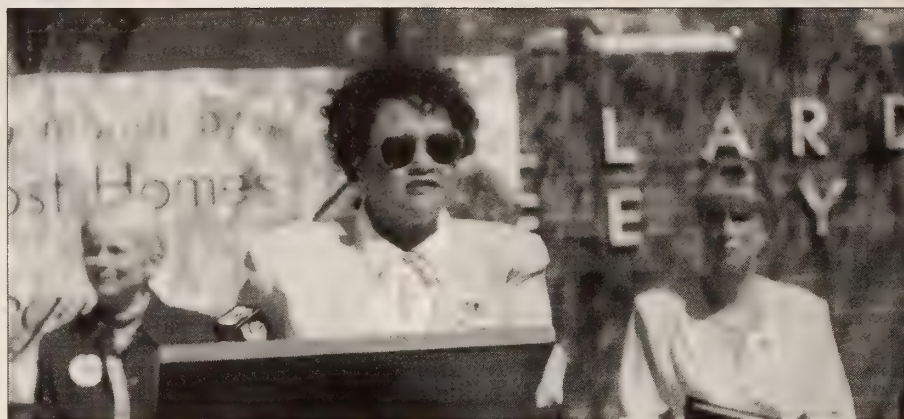
By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

WINSTON-SALEM — Billy is a victim of gang violence. Every day, the 14-year-old is harassed between classes, and later, as he walks the 10 blocks home. On occasion, he is confronted with threats. A month ago, the teen would not have known where to turn for help. Now, he knows he can seek shelter at a nearby city recreation center.

The recreation center is among the public facilities and businesses that has been designated a Safe Place. They are identified with large Safe Place signs displayed outside buildings. Thus far, 70 sites in Forsythe County have received such designation.

Host Homes — a local non-profit agency under the umbrella of Catholic Social Services — launched Project Safe Place in April. Begun in 1983 in Louisville, Ky., Project Safe Place is a collaborative effort among the community to help reach children in need.

"The employees at the appointed sites are trained to provide guidance to children looking for help," explained Mable Stevenson, Host Homes director. The responsibility of the site is minimal. After calming the child down, Host Homes is called. They will respond within 20 minutes by sending a staff person or trained volunteer to assess the situ-



Mable Stevenson, Host Homes director, discusses how important community involvement is to the success of Project Safe Place. Also shown are Winston-Salem Mayor Martha Wood (left) and Maura Payne Ellis of R.J. Reynolds (right).

ation.

According to Stevenson, Safe Place sites are designed to get children help fast. Sites are designed to assist youth who are lost, children running from a bully or gang, or youth running from problems at home. Unless parental physical abuse is evident, parents will always be contacted immediately by Host Homes.

"This program is another way the community can help troubled kids," Stevenson said.

"Host Homes has demonstrated in the Piedmont-Triad area a real leader-

ship in developing sound, professional programs for children," added Elizabeth Thurbee, CSS executive director. "Project Safe Place is another indication of their commitment to assist children in vulnerable positions get the best possible care."

Established in 1987 by CSS, Host Homes provides three major services: therapeutic counseling to youth ages 10-17 and their families; specialized foster care for youth ages 10-17 in a crisis (youth can live up to two weeks in licensed volunteer foster homes); and a Special Friends mentoring program,

where a client is matched with an adult role model.

The agency and its responsibilities have grown in the past decade. The program started with a part-time person; now the staff consists of five full-time and two part-time employees.

Host Homes serves approximately 250 families per year. The agency is youth-oriented, meaning a child must be diagnosed with a problem before his or her family is included in the process.

"The majority of kids we serve are having problems at home. If they're having problems at home, they are generally having difficulties at school too," Stevenson said. "Most are runaways from the immediate area."

Some clients are "throwaways," the director added. "Parents tell their children they can't deal with them anymore, and they end up here," she said.

An equal amount of boys and girls are served through the program. Children from diverse backgrounds seek assistance. Referrals come from a variety of sources, including the courts, schools, other parents, and various community resources (such as the Department of Social Services or Mental Health Center). Children are served regardless of race or religious affiliation.

Host Homes is funded through grants and other fund-raising vehicles. Project Safe Place is being funded by a grant from R.J. Reynolds. All services are provided free.

For more information on becoming a Volunteer Host Homes family, Safe Place volunteer, or participating in the Special Friends mentor program, call (910) 725-4678.



THOMASVILLE — More than 1,000 people turned out for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration held May 3 at the Davidson County Fairgrounds in Lexington. The festival, sponsored by Our Lady of the Highways parish, raised more than \$3,000 for the church's building fund. The indoor festival was a celebration of Hispanic culture. It featured a Mexican folk dance program which included the traditional Mexican hat dance and the Machete dance. Authentic cuisine from Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Puerto Rico was available for fairgoers as well. Organizer Kathy Laskis of Our Lady of the Highways termed the festival a "great success" and added parishioners are already looking forward to an even bigger Cinco de Mayo celebration next year.

## Our Lady Of The Highways Celebrates Cinco De Mayo

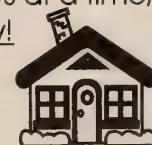


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# Entertainment

## Commandments

### Character Tries To Break God's Laws

NEW YORK (CNS) — Beset by personal losses, a distraught widower attempts to defy God's laws in "Commandments" (Gramercy).

Writer-director Daniel Taplitz raises serious questions about how a benevolent God can allow good people to endure extreme suffering, but presents the story in a sweetly goofy comic vein that doesn't really jell with its spiritual theme.

Earnest Seth (Aidan Quinn), raised by a Jewish father and Catholic mother, can no longer cope after his pregnant wife drowns, his house is destroyed by lightning, he loses his job and his dog is crippled.

Suicidal and raging at God for all the miseries visited on him, he vows to break every commandment to defy what he now believes is a malevolent Creator.

Enter Rachel (Courteney Cox), his late wife's kind sister, who takes in homeless Seth under protest from her selfish reporter husband, Harry (Anthony LaPaglia). Harry's a womanizer who intends to write a headline-grabbing story about Seth, especially if the grieving widower breaks the Big One — thou shalt not kill.

Meanwhile, Seth listlessly curses, tells a lie, dishonors his father, etc. — and grows increasingly fond of Rachel,

and furious with her cheating spouse.

The upshot is Seth and Rachel fall in love and break a commandment in the process, but Seth breaks it off, afraid that God might take Rachel from him as well.

Unable to kill anyone, he decides to do himself in instead and Harry sees Seth leap from a lighthouse into the hurricane-tossed ocean.

When Rachel visits the site the following morning, a miracle in the making even has cynical Harry questioning his own smug atheism.

Quinn and Cox play engaging characters who convey real pain when their spouses either die or lie, effectively destroying both marriages. But the audience is supposed to be laughing at their confusion as they find themselves unwittingly attracted to each other and unsure what to do about it.

LaPaglia has a broader comic role as the snoopy reporter catching the local police chief in compromising positions that he knows only too well himself.

As the narrative tries ever harder to be an offbeat comedy, it refuses to relinquish its heady biblical theme, finally becoming ludicrous with its Job-like conclusion drowned in schmaltz.

Serious questions are raised and then just washed away as Seth is literally reborn into waiting welcoming arms, ready to tackle life's little surprises once more, with or without faith — the audience will have to guess.

The appealing cast can't overcome this thin material that never fleshes out the ideas it initially presents.

Because of fleeting sexual encounters, brief violence, intermittent rough language and some profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



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Tommy Lee Jones as Mike Roark and Anne Heche as Amy Barnes barely escape destructive forces in "Volcano." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Blood and Wine" (1997)

A stolen diamond necklace and an alluring Cuban nanny (Jennifer Lopez) drive a unreachable wedge between a sullen young man (Stephen Dorff) and his thieving stepdad (Jack Nicholson) as each aims to get the girl and prevent the other from keeping the ice. Director Bob Rafelson finds most of his characters struggling with their consciences, but it's often a losing proposition in this serpentine crime thriller. Some violence, intermittent rough language and recurring profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "The Evening Star" (1996)

Spirited sequel to 1983's "Terms of Endearment" continues the story of the strong-willed grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) and her problems with the three grandchildren she raised as she pursues romance with a decades-younger therapist (Bill Paxton), despite the opposition of her longtime maid (Marion Ross) and adoring neighbor (Donald Moffat). Writer-director Robert Harling paces the drama with plenty of heart and comic sassiness as the imperious matriarch comes to terms with her progeny's independence and her own mortality. Restrained bedroom scenes, minimal rough language and an instance of profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Fire on the Mountain" (1996)

Documentary about the formation and military achievements during World War II of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, the only American infantry corps specifically trained for mountain warfare. Co-directors Beth and George Gage engagingly document the division's three years of training in the Rockies, its assault on German positions in the Italian Apennines and how the surviving members of the 10th helped to popularize skiing in postwar America. Some combat footage. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Get on the Bus" (1996)

Documentary-like road movie explores the attitudes and emotions of 15 African-American residents of Los Angeles as they bus across the country to attend the 1995 Million Man March in

Washington. Directed by Spike Lee, the fictional characters engage in lively discussions of racial and family issues that often turn serious and thoughtful but seldom preachy. Fleeting violence, some racial epithets, sporadic rough language and occasional profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "The Godfather" (1972)

Blockbuster screen version of the Mario Puzo novel about a Mafia family's rise, decline and resurgence in the murderous world of New York racketeering. Marlon Brando plays the aging but indomitable don with James Caan and Al Pacino as leading family members. Francis Ford Coppola's direction is a study in control and pacing with all the right touches in establishing the proper 1940s ambiance. The murders are plentiful and gruesome, with little spared in detailing the intricacies of mob life. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**

### "The Leopard Son" (1996)

Nature documentary follows two years in the growth of a male leopard from cub to adulthood on Africa's Serengeti Plains. Narrated by John Gielgud and directed by Hugo van Lawick, the dramatically photographed chronicle of life in the wild provides an uncompromising portrait of the survival of the fittest, with some fairly graphic scenes of animal kills. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.**

### "Palookaville" (1996)

Low-key comedy about three jobless Jersey City losers who halfheartedly plan robberies to pay the bills but bungle their every attempt. Director Alan Taylor maintains a consistently wry tone as the basic humanity of its would-be felons keeps the trio reluctantly on the straight and narrow. Fleeting sexual innuendo, brief nudity and recurring rough language with profanity. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.**



**Good "judgments should envision how everybody can benefit....  
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judgments to benefit themselves."**

By Father Robert L. Kinast  
Catholic News Service

**A**t the local barber shop I get more than a haircut. I get the opinions of year-round residents and seasonal tourists on all the current events. During the O.J. Simpson trial, there were more heated debates in that barber shop than in the Los Angeles courtroom.

Not long ago some people thought they saw the image of the Madonna and child on the window of an office building in our area. Reactions in the form of judgments about this ranged from unquestioning belief to scoffing ridicule.

Judgments. We all make them, we all hear them, we all deal with them. Parents make numerous judgments in raising children. Employers judge among qualified applicants for a job. Citizens judge which candidates deserve their votes.

Yet as Christians we have been cautioned by Jesus about making judgments: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged" (Matthew 7:1). What did he mean?

Just before that biblical passage, Jesus encouraged his listeners to

trust in God's care for them and seek the kingdom of God rather than worrying about things excessively. When Jesus warned his followers not to judge others, it was a reminder that our human judgments should contribute to the fulfillment of God's desires for all of us.

According to God's covenant, all

It is widely believed that some people judged O.J. Simpson guilty just because he is an African American, while others judged him innocent for the same reason. If this is true, they prejudged him.

—Learning is the second characteristic of good judgment. This requires an informed mind and the

izes good judgment. Not the absence of knowledge but the refusal to learn.

Sometimes this form of ignorance stems from insecurity, sometimes from a fear that new knowledge will force a person to make unwelcome changes.

Some people criticize the computer age simply because they are not familiar with it. Some professionals judge continuing education a waste of time because they don't want to re-think what they were taught when they earned their degree.

Third, good judgment looks ahead. This requires a broad mind, the ability to look beyond the immediate situation and see the implications for the future. In jurisprudence, court decisions set legal precedent; in government, laws determine public policy; in business, decisions affect people's livelihoods and careers.

In all areas of life, especially religion, judgments should envision how everybody can benefit both now and in the future.

The opposite attitude is self-serving. In this case people make judgments to benefit themselves, assuming that there are only winners and losers, and that only their opinion is right and all others are wrong.

It happens when one group outshouts all other groups so that only its opinion will be heard. But most of us need to ask at one time or another how self-serving our approach to other people is.

Exercising good judgment is not always easy. But listening with an open mind, learning with a willing mind and looking ahead with a broad mind are great assets — even at the local barber shop.

(Father Kinast is the director of the Center for Theological Reflection, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.)

## Getting a grasp on good judgment

people are destined for a blessed life. This is what Jesus joyfully proclaimed as the coming of God's reign. But not all people act worthily. They lie, they exploit others, they are unfaithful, they steal, they kill. They provoke God's judgment.

The judgment of God must be understood in relation to the covenant of God. When God's judgment is pronounced, it is first of all an affirmation of the covenant, a restatement or God's intentions. It is in relation to this covenant that a person's behavior is exposed as incompatible or sinful.

But even then the purpose of God's judgment is to persuade people to change their way of life.

Following God's example in making our own judgments is not easy, but a friend of mine who recently retired as a court judge offered some helpful advice.

Good judgment includes three characteristics, he believes.

—Listening is the first characteristic, he said. An open mind is needed and the discipline to let the facts speak for themselves.

The standard representation of justice as a blindfolded person with an extended arm holding scales typifies this characteristic. The evidence in each case should be the basis of judgment, not personal preference.

In religious terms we should first listen to the word of God before presuming to judge others according to it.

The opposite of this mentality is prejudice. A prejudiced person has a closed mind, already made up without considering or caring what the facts are.

willingness to gain new knowledge.

Good judgments are made in the framework of established values, but no one completely grasps the meaning of those values and how to apply them. This is why court judges review prior cases, medical doctors consult one another and test cases are used to teach moral and business principles.

In religious terms we are always learning what God's covenant means.

Ignorance is the opposite of the attitude of learning that character-

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Sometimes it's tricky to function as a person of good judgment without assuming God's place as judge — judge of others, that is. What's the problem?*

*Sometimes we're influenced in painful or unjust ways by another person's actions. What then? Do we find ourselves resenting that person?*

*The problem is that resentment is a powerful force; we may lose sight of the fine line between exercising good judgment about another's actions and judging the resented person's worth.*

*Then there is the need to hold others responsible for the consequences of their actions. The problem is that in seeing correctly how others' actions create problems for them, we can take a wrong turn into judging the person as bad, a loser or hopeless.*

*It is possible by constructively helping people see the consequences of their actions to convey hope to them. But condemning them as persons could help to rob them of hope.*

*Again, to exercise good judgment toward others whose actions we don't welcome, I think it helps to believe in them as much as possible — to remember the importance of the future for them. People can change. When they do, will they remember us as people of good judgment?*

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!



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FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

Was there a time when someone attempted to exercise “fraternal correction” of you? Was the person effective? Why?

“My best friend.... We are both capable of giving each other heartfelt, constructive advice. We do this for each other in a very gentle, loving manner.” — Patty Sosenheimer, Fort Wayne, Ind.

“It was my mother, who explained to me that all people are children of God.... I learned not to judge people by their appearance.... She helped me not to let peer pressure influence my attitude.” — Debbie Greenwood, West Chicago, Ill.

“Jesus showed us that we have to be gentle and understanding in our approach. Then, if grace is operating, a person is open to change. Every exercise of tough love is an instance of fraternal correction.” — Father John Oldfield, OAR, Suffern, N.Y.

An upcoming edition asks: Is there a Gospel story or passage that you return to again and again? What draws you to it? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.

Would God judge it my way?

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

There is a character in Maeve Binchy's latest novel who self-righteously passes judgment on other people. When his opinion is called into question, he responds indignantly: "Look, I'm sure that God himself would agree with me if he knew all the facts in the case." What arrogance! God knows perfectly well all the facts in every case and still offers love. People pass judgment on themselves by turning their backs on God's gracious offer of salvation.

In John's Gospel, we hear this: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3:17-18).

St. Paul had many enemies who were quick to pass judgment on him. His answer? "It does not concern me in the least that I am judged by you or any human tribunal. I do not even pass judgment on myself....

"Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God" (1 Corinthians 4:3-5).

If people are quick to judge others, just as often they are proved wrong. In the Old Testament King Saul was sure that David was out to

get him and on this basis decided to eliminate the younger man.

Now, David was sure that he would one day be king, but he had not the slightest intention of getting there over Saul's dead body. In fact, when David had Saul at his mercy and his followers urged him to kill the king, he adamantly refused to lay a finger on him.

When Saul heard of this, he cried out: "You are in the right rather than I; you have treated me generously, while I have done you harm. Such is the generosity you showed me today, when the Lord delivered me into your grasp and you did not kill me" (1 Samuel 24:18-19).

When Jesus was pressured to pass judgment on a woman caught in adultery (all by herself?!), he turned the tables on her accusers, and they slunk away. Left alone with her, he asked her where they had all gone. "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus replied, "Neither do I condemn you. Go (and) from now on do not sin" (John 8:10-11).

This same Jesus advised in his Sermon on the Mount: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so you will be judged.... Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in you own eye?"

"You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:1-5).

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

What we don't know can hurt us

By Anne Hansen  
Catholic News Service

Will scientists in time find that a gene is linked to the human judgmentalism most of us seem to possess? The ideal is to keep judgmentalism in check, but it's not easy.

"Don't judge a book by its cover," was mother's advice from childhood.

At times it feels comforting to watch the dress, behavior or lifestyle of another and know, because we are smarter, more astute, just plain better, that we would never be like them.

Often lack of understanding or ignorance causes us to be judgmental. Perhaps we decide arbitrarily that stupidity led someone into bankruptcy; that negligent parenting led a child to drugs or alcohol; that a neighbor who left her husband was immoral.

How do we know that the bankruptcy was caused by greed or overspending? It may have been, but sudden business reverses or the loss of a job could also be the cause.

How do we know that a parent whose child turned to drugs didn't do everything possible to prevent it?

People may ask how their neighbor could leave her husband "when he provided so well for the family." But do they know for sure that simple survival wasn't her motivation? The nice house and funds for college may have camouflaged an abusive lifestyle.

The teen-age mothers I work with are subjected frequently to judgmental comments. They do not need to be reminded of the mis-

takes they have made. However they also are quick to point out that they did not have abortions but gave life to their children — a good decision at any age.

My brother died of complications from AIDS nearly six years ago. The church was packed for the memorial Mass. His friends hosted a gathering at their home after the service. The house was overflowing with guests. Nieces and nephews ran up and down the stairs as friends and family members laughed and cried together.

A woman we'd grown up with — a good woman, a Catholic who is usually very gracious and outgoing — asked for a tour of the home. My sister and I were getting quite annoyed as she stared into each room and said nothing. I felt unsupported by her.

The next day as we gathered at the cemetery this woman was present. She came to us and said she wanted to apologize. She knew my brother was gay and that the owners of the home where we had been the night before were also gay.

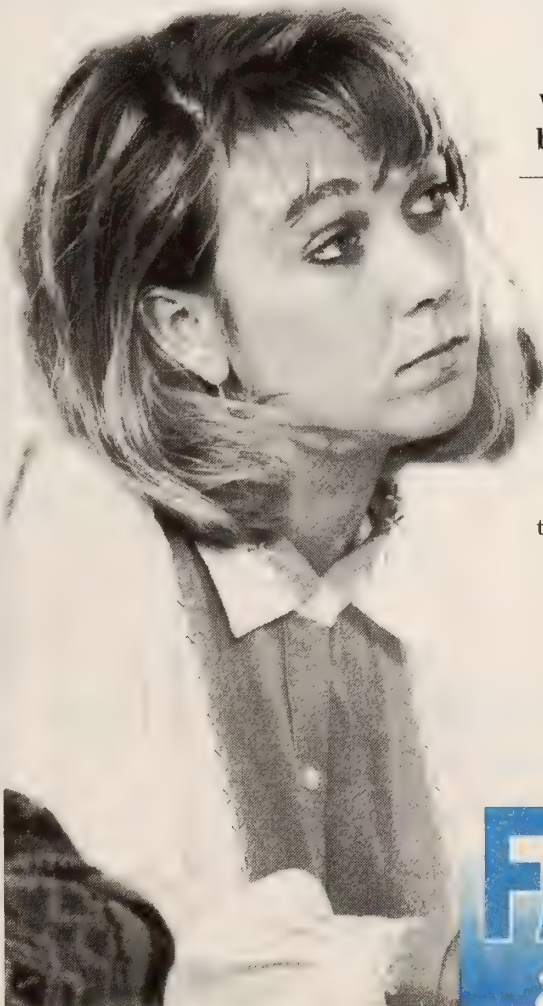
She had arrived expecting a bizarre situation — one she wouldn't be able to cope with. I think she also was afraid, and afraid to interact. As can happen in all sorts of situations, she anticipated a situation involving a gay lifestyle that didn't leave room for her to imagine my

**"She stared ... and said nothing. I felt unsupported by her.... She anticipated a situation ... that didn't leave room for her to imagine my brother's friends as warm, caring human beings loved by God."**

brother's friends as warm, caring human beings loved by God — even though during the earlier service the church itself recognized this about them.

Because we are human, we judge other people's actions in ways that leave them less than human in our imagination. And we are judged. The important point is that we learn something in the process and live accordingly.

(Hansen is a parent education consultant and free-lance writer in Camarillo, Calif.)



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In a Nutshell

- We need good judgment. But does that mean we need to be the judges of others?
- Quick to judge others, we often are proved wrong. Do we really know that our neighbor whose child turned to drugs didn't do everything possible to prevent it?
- God's judgment is intended to persuade people to change their way of life.



## People In The News

### Israel's Ambassador To Vatican Hopes To Bridge Past, Present

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The new Israeli ambassador to the Vatican, a descendant of Jews expelled from Spain by Catholic King Ferdinand during the Inquisition, sees himself as a bridge between past and present. "I am some kind of bridge between a different period of relations between the Jewish people and the Catholic Church to the present time, when we've embarked on a field of cooperation and fruitful dialogue," said Aharon Lopez, 62. "It is very important to try and find common denominators and understand each other and close that gap on both sides."

### Pope Names Coadjutor Bishops For Two Vietnamese Dioceses

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has named coadjutor bishops for two dioceses in Vietnam. According to the April 30 Vatican announcements, Father Pierre Nguyen Van Nho, the 60-year-old rector of the Stella Maris Seminary in Nha Trang, was named coadjutor bishop of Nha Trang. Father Joseph Nguyen Tich Duc, 59, a professor at the same seminary, was named coadjutor bishop of Ban Me Thuot. The appointment of bishops has long been a point of tension between the Vatican and the Vietnamese government, which continues to insist on approving nominations before they are announced.

### West Bank Catholic Student To Remain In Israeli Custody

BEIT EL, West Bank (CNS) — An Israeli military court has ruled that a Catholic student from the West Bank's Bir Zeit University remain in custody to face charges of stone throwing and membership in an illegal organization. Nader Jalal Khoury, 21, was arrested March 31 on the Allenby Bridge as he crossed back from Jordan. Khoury had been sent to Amman by Father Emil Salayta to renew the passport of another parishioner and to bring back religious material.

### Cardinal Sees New Agenda For Catholic-Jewish Relations

CHICAGO (CNS) — After 30 years of progress and with a currently healthy state of affairs in Catholic-Jewish relations, it is time for a new agenda for the two faiths, said Australian Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy. His hope is that a new agenda would include deeper dialogue, intensified educational efforts and more practical cooperation on the local level. "The great progress achieved in our relationship has not led to a situation with

which we can be satisfied, a 'point of arrival,'" said the cardinal, who is the president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and its Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. "Much still has to be done; our journey must continue," he said at the 1997 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Jerusalem Lecture April 30 at a Chicago synagogue.

### Israeli Government Honors Salesian Priests Who Aided Jews

ROME (CNS) — The Israeli government posthumously honored two leaders of a Rome-based Catholic religious institution who helped save 70 Roman Jews from Nazi persecution.

Salesian Father Mario Carnevale, director of the Salesian Institute, was to accept the award on behalf of Father Francesco Antonioli, former director, and Father Armando Alessandrini, former administrator of the Salesians of St. John Bosco.

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Millo was to give the medal and a certificate to Father Carnevale in a ceremony at the Salesian Institute May 6.

The institute received recognition from Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial organization in Israel, for its part in saving part of Rome's Jewish community, which is the world's oldest continuous Jewish population.

Yad Vashem announced it was giving the Salesians its Medal of the Just Among the Nations, which is awarded once a year, usually to private individuals. A spokeswoman for Israel's embassy to Italy said the prize had never before gone to members of a Catholic men's religious order.

"The ceremony this year assumes a special importance because it coincides with the commemoration of 'Yom HaShoa,' the day of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust," an embassy statement said.

Israeli and Jewish organizations worldwide planned events marking the Holocaust memorial day, which is meant to serve as a reminder and a preventative against further intolerance.

The Salesians sheltered 70 Roman Jews, most of them young men, during the nine months in 1943-44 when Germany occupied Rome.

During this time, the Nazi-ordered program of deportation and killing of Jews was put into effect in Italy as it had been in other parts of Europe under German control. Of the more than 1,000 Jews deported from Rome, only 10 returned alive.

### Gypsy Beatification Is Call To End Prejudice, Says Archbishop



The beatification of Ceferino Jimenez Malla, a Spanish Gypsy who was martyred in 1936, is a call to end discrimination against Gypsies, said the president of the Vatican council for migrants and travelers. Thousands of Gypsies were expected to attend the beatification ceremony May 4.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The May 4 beatification of a Gypsy is a call by the church to end discrimination against Gypsies, said Archbishop Giovanni Cheli. The archbishop, president of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, told reporters May 2 that the beatification of Ceferino Jimenez Malla also is proof that all people are called to holiness and the way to sainthood is open to all.

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# Young Artist Follows In Michelangelo's Footsteps

By **JOE BOLLIG**  
TOPEKA, Kan. (CNS) — First came the agony, painting high above the floor on scaffolding. Then came the ecstasy, when the masterpiece was finally finished.

Of course, we're talking about two artists — the great Renaissance artist Michelangelo, and the Hayden High School artist Ravi DeSilva.

DeSilva, 18, a senior and a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Topeka, decided last year that he would do something special for his art history project in design class. He would produce a portion of the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

The fresco he chose was "The Creation of Man," where a supine Adam receives the spark of life from the finger of God.

"It's probably the most recognized portion of the Sistine Chapel, except for the 'Last Judgment,'" said DeSilva, whose work was featured at the school's April 29 arts fair.

Some at the school were skeptical when he chose the endeavor, but his art teacher, Susan Winkelman, was supportive. With her blessing, DeSilva began.

He measured out a large section of the design room ceiling, and with the aid of a picture he sketched an outline.

He got some scaffolding and began painting in April 1996. Taking some time out in September, he finished in October.

According to legend, Michelangelo painted his masterpiece while flat on his back, with paint dripping down on him.

DeSilva sat in a chair. Still, working several feet from the floor and at a weird angle was "incredibly difficult," said Silva. It made him think about all the problems that Michelangelo faced before



CNS photo by Joe Bollig, The Leaven  
Ravi DeSilva stands below his recreation of the "The Creation of Man" fresco on the ceiling of the Hayden High School art room in Topeka, Kan. The senior student decided to copy the Michelangelo work for his art history project.

he completed his masterpiece.

"Sometimes I thought I'd never get it done, all this time I've spent," he told *The Leaven*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Kansas City. "I definitely appreciate what he did much more now."

Like Michelangelo, DeSilva worked under the gun. Pope Julius II wanted the Sistine Chapel back. And the art teachers at Hayden wanted their classroom back.

While Michelangelo made his own paints, DeSilva used plain, old latex acrylic house paint from the local Sears store.

The paint has a 15-year guarantee, and it's likely that the mural will last a lot longer than that. The concrete ceiling of the classroom is a lot more durable than the plaster of the Sistine Chapel, plus DeSilva's mural doesn't have to endure direct light or smoky in-

cense and candles.

"It'll be there, unless they decide to paint over it," said DeSilva.

That, he hopes, will never happen. If time isn't so kind to his mural, he's willing to come back from time to time to touch it up. It might only need a cleaning.

Many students have seen the mural and some former students have returned to view it, and DeSilva's parents and sister are proud of him.

While his parents may have dabbled in art in their youth, neither produce art today. He's the artist of the family.

"The Creation of Man" was the largest work DeSilva has done. But it's not his last.

Currently, he's helping out with a class mural just down the hall from Michelangelo tribute. This time the theme is very different. It's "Star Wars," dominated by a brooding Darth Vader.

Maybe if Michelangelo were alive today, he might want to try his hand at copying DeSilva.

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## Ethnic Violence Continues In Zaire, Rwanda; Nun, Priest Killed

By LYNNE WEIL

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ethnic violence continued in Zaire and in Rwanda among members of the Hutu and Tutsi tribes.

Rwandan state news agency reports of a guerrilla massacre at two schools in northwestern Rwanda were relayed in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, April 30.

The Rwandan news agency report said militiamen stormed the schools, killing a Belgian nun and 17 schoolgirls, and wounding 14 other girls.

When the militiamen entered the dormitory of one school, they commanded students to separate into Tutsi and Hutu groups. But when the students refused to cooperate, the soldiers reportedly opened fire indiscriminately.

The militiamen then attacked a second school, where the army intervened, but too late to save the 62-year-old nun who taught at the school.

Although the Rwandan news report did not identify the militiamen, Rwandan authorities have blamed a series of attacks this year on former Hutu troops that led the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda in 1994.

Fides, the information service of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, said a 41-year-old priest working on an agricultural development project in Luebo, in eastern Zaire, was assassinated in late April.

Fides also said Zairian government soldiers had been destroying missions in the region. Men and women religious in at least six missions had taken refuge in the forest, Fides said.

Many of the Zairian soldiers are Hutus, while many of the Zairian rebels, led by Laurent Kabila, are Tutsis. The rebels, whose ancestors came to Zaire two centuries ago, have captured more than half of Zaire.

The government-rebel conflict has caused more than half a million refugees, most of whom are Rwandan Hutus, to flee camps in eastern Zaire, where they sought refuge from the 1994 fighting in their homeland. It has also displaced Zairians.

Hutu refugees in rebel-held territory have reported being attacked by Zairian villagers and Tutsi rebels. Rebel authorities have denied the attacks, saying they only intervene to help the refugees when they are attacked by villagers.

*L'Osservatore Romano* compared the attacks to Nazi Germany's plan to exterminate Europe's Jewish population, referred to as the "Final Solution."

But in the case of the assaults in



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An aid worker carries a malnourished Rwandan refugee girl to a U.N. shelter in Biaro, Zaire, April 29. Rwandan Hutu refugees have been the targets of recent violence and many are suffering from disease and lack of food.

Zaire, the newspaper continued, "no one is intervening resolutely in order to stop them. Just half a century ago, after the horrors of the Second World War, the civilized world solemnly proclaimed that 'final solutions' would never be repeated."

Aid workers have been frustrated in their attempts to assist the refugees.

A U.N. airlift to return refugees to Rwanda, which was to start in mid-April, finally began April 30. The United Nations said the airlift was postponed because of an outbreak of cholera, but local aid workers also reported that the United Nations did not want to repatriate Hutu guerrillas, and it was having difficulty separating them from other refugees.

After villagers reportedly stopped and raided a train with 120 tons of food aid and looted warehouses with food and equipment in rebel-held eastern Zaire, authorities decided on April 29 to suspend the sending of aid to some regions because of the security risk.

"The situation of these refugees is becoming more dramatic all the time," Fides said in a report. "The suspension of food aid cannot help but aggravate this already dramatic situation."

In addition, rebel troops were blocking some aid convoys on roads in the region just south of Kisangani, the main city of Zaire's northeast, now under the control of rebels. Humanitarian aid agency heads said Kabila was not honoring his April 27 promise to let aid workers have unrestricted access to refugees.

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# Author Says His Life Changed With Stint In Catholic School

**By CAROL ZIMMERMANN**  
WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Jewish college graduate who landed a job teaching for a year in an inner-city Catholic school says the experience changed his life.

"The experience stays with you as a person," Mark Gerson told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview. "I was immersed in another America, basically."

Now a student at Yale Law School, Gerson had decided after graduating from college he wanted to spend a year teaching in an inner-city public school. He was never even granted an interview with any public school district he contacted so he applied to Catholic schools.

He was accepted by the principal of an inner-city high school run by the Sisters of Charity in Jersey City, N.J. He taught American history to 10th graders for an annual salary of \$15,600.

Gerson relates his experiences in a book he wrote called "In the Classroom: Dispatches From an Inner City School That Works," published this year by The Free Press in New York.

Jersey City has been called the nation's most ethnically diverse city, and the school that took in Gerson — which he calls St. Luke's in his book — reflects that reality.

During the 1994-95 school year, when he taught there, the school's 430 students came from 42 countries; some did not speak English and more than half

their families were on welfare.

From the book's first chapter, the reader is right there with Gerson in classroom 306, privy to discussions on politics, U.S. history and religion, and also to issues the students face every day such as violence, teen-age pregnancy, drugs and racial tensions.

He also relates how when any of the 10th graders got out of line he imposed a different kind of detention.

They were given what was called "a Frank" and required to spend the duration of their after-school stay listening to Frank Sinatra music.

The students hated it at first, but some detention regulars began making specific song requests.

Students could also get extra credit by volunteering to come to the afternoon sessions with Ol' Blue Eyes, one of Gerson's favorites.

All of this was a means to expose the students to something new, according to Gerson. But while he introduced his students to music beyond rap, he says his students in turn taught him about a completely different world.

Gerson still keeps up with about four or five of his former students, calling them "part of my life." He said he has had a few calls from students who've liked the book, but is not surprised that most of the students haven't even read it.

"They're from very poor home where books are not part of their day to

day discussions," he said.

The book ends with Gerson's trip back to his own public high school, setting the stage for his pitch to get more people involved in helping inner-city youths.

He thinks every college graduate should do some kind of service for a year. "I'd even go so far to make it mandatory," he adds. "I think there is a lot of idealism in college students that is just not being tapped."

He also is now on the bandwagon for school choice, as long as it includes religious schools, insisting that "Catholic schools educate these kids the best."

"Anyone concerned about inner-city youth owes an enormous debt to the Catholic Church," he said, noting that schools like the one in Jersey City are primarily educating non-Catholics.

"St. Luke's works and is cohesive because the importance of religion that can't be overestimated," he said. The students were influenced by the "faith that permeates every room" and by the strong degree of discipline.

Today, when he hears about initiatives to help schools by pumping more money into specific programs, Gerson is skeptical.


To really get results he has his own solution, he said. "Take away the money and put the Sisters of Charity in charge."

**Dietzen, from page 5**

are the ones I quote above and the 1993 Biblical Commission document "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church," promulgated by Pope John Paul II.

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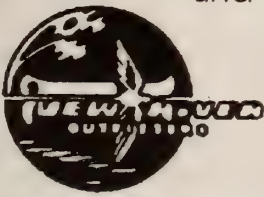
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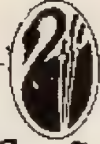
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### Cancer Survivors Day

CHARLOTTE — Presbyterian Cancer Center on Caswell Road between 4th and 5th Streets hosts a Cancer Survivors Day Celebration June 1 from 4-7 p.m. on the center grounds. Anyone dealing with a diagnosis of cancer, including families, friends and healthcare providers, are invited to attend the carnival-atmosphere event.

### Adult Ed Series

CHARLOTTE — St. Peter Church's adult education program continues May 14 at 7:30 p.m. with "Growth and Community: Are They Compatible?," presented by David Walters, director of the graduate program of urban design at UNCC's College of Architecture.

### Women's Guild Auction

ASHEVILLE — The Women's Guild of St. Eugene parish hosts an auction on July 10 to benefit the parish expansion fund. Donations of auction items (no clothes) and food are needed. Call Charlotte Novak, (704) 258-8393, for more information.

### Moms Group

CONCORD — The Moms Group of St. James parish meets the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Fridays of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Summer planning is underway. For details, call Michelle Fehlman, (704) 784-3691.

### Ordination Anniversary

MOUNT HOLLY — Father John Vianney Hoover of New Creation Monastery, Boonville, celebrates the 21st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 25 at St. Joseph Church, Highway 273. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., followed by a bring-your-own picnic. Call (910) 699-4005 for details.



Fr. Hoover

### Cornerstone Meeting

NEWTON — Cornerstone, a resource group assisting parishes in establishing HIV/AIDS ministries, meets May 17 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. For more information, call Sister Angela Case, (910) 725-7321.

### Bereavement Support Groups

CHARLOTTE — The Grief Group meets Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel parish Family

Room. Anyone who has lost a spouse, parent, child, sibling or loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets every Thursday from 12-1:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel parish Family Room.

The Men's Bereavement Support Group meets the second Tuesday each month. Call for location.

For more information, contact B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5049.

### Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the second Sunday each month at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing service is at 3 p.m. Pot luck supper follows Mass.

HIGH POINT — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday of every month at the Maryfield Nursing home chapel at 7:30 p.m.

### Blessed Mother Novena

CHARLOTTE — A novena to the Blessed Mother is at St. Vincent de Paul Church each Saturday at 8 a.m.

### Prayer For Peace

WINSTON-SALEM — A scriptural rosary is recited at St. Leo the Great Church in the convent chapel at 11:40 a.m. each Wednesday.

### Ladies Altar Guild

TRYON — The Ladies Altar Guild of St. John the Baptist Church meets the second Wednesday of each month preceded by an 11:30 a.m. Mass. The organization hosts monthly coffees the Sunday after the meetings at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses, and many members assist community organizations like Hospice, Steps to Hope and Outreach Ministry. Fund-raising activities benefit these organizations and the parish. The Guild's Attic Treasures Sale is May 17 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. St. John's youth will be selling baked good and hot dogs as well. For more information, call Joan McAdam, (704) 625-2470.

### Cancer Society's Relay for Life

NEWTON — The Catawba County unit of the American Cancer Society hosts its annual Relay for Life on May 16-17 at Southside Park, Highway 321, Newton. All churches in Catawba County are asked to participate with teams of 10-15 persons. The fee is \$10 per person. Sponsors and participants are needed. Proceeds fund cancer research, education and support. For information, call Meg Smith, (704) 465-1076.

### Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at St. Gabriel Church. Contact Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for more information.

Eucharistic adoration is at St. Matthew Church Fridays following 9 a.m. Mass and lasting until 9 a.m. Saturday. Call Pat Gundaker, (704) 366-9687, or Bernice Hansen, (704) 846-2958, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Belmont Abbey Chapel, located behind the abbey church and monastery. For more information, call (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence welcomes all to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For details, call Joe or Mary Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

### Natural Family Planning Course

CHARLOTTE — The Couple to Couple League presents a four-class natural family planning course beginning May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. For registration and more information, call Alex and Maria Munoz, (704) 849-0891; or Richard and Carmen Cashman, (704) 442-9681.

### Young Adults Bible Study

ASHEVILLE — A study of the Gospel of Mark for high school and college-aged young adults is every Sunday evening in May at St. Joan of Arc Church. For time and other details, call (704) 255-0149.

### Inner Healing Retreat

BELMONT — "Inner Healing (Healing the Child Within)" is a May 23-25 retreat directed by Father Peter Jugis, Mrs. Bobbie May and Rev. Mr. Hugo May and designed to illustrate the processes that lead to inner healing through teaching, reflections, meditations, sharing, a healing service, music, prayer and Mass. The sacrament of reconciliation and individual spiritual direction will also be available. Cost is \$115 per person, and registration deadline is May 19. For more information or to register, call (704) 327-8692.

### Community Life Workshop

GREENSBORO — Vicariate Community Life Network sponsors a parish social ministry workshop May 17 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Topics will include the faith dimension of parish social ministry, welfare reform and community life commissions. For more information, call Sister Anne Joseph Edelen, DC, (910) 274-5577.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Ultreya And Leaders' Schools

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets the third Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Lead-

ers' School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

### Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head, S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

### National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., on June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

### Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the Faith Formation Building. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "The Beatitudes and Discipleship" is a May 17-23 retreat based on Jesus' vision of the life of the believer directed by Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby. Cost is \$250; \$460 for couples.

"Viriditas: Greening Power" is a June 9-13 nature retreat directed by Sister Jo Anne Murphy, OSF, and Sister Jane Schmenk, OSF, focusing through a hands-on experience of the mountains on Hildegard of Bingen, who believed that Christ brings vitality to those in need. Cost is \$200.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" is a June 14-20 retreat directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere focusing on the origins and development of the Eucharist as explained by Luke. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

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World And National News Briefs

St. Meinrad College To Close; Theology School Stays Open

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. (CNS) — St. Meinrad College, run by the Benedictine order, will close at the end of the 1997-98 school year as enrollment has dwindled to 100 students. The school's board of trustees voted April 26 to close the college, and the monastic community at St. Meinrad Archabbey confirmed the decision April 28. The St. Meinrad School of Theology will not be affected by the decision.

Uganda First Case In New Third-World Debt Relief Program

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In their first implementation of a new debt relief program for some of the world's poorest countries, the executive boards of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund agreed in April to relieve Uganda of 20 percent of its \$3.5 billion external debt burden. Pope John Paul II is among those who have called for urgent action to relieve massive debt burdens in Uganda and other poor countries in Africa. "The pope would like us to forgive all of it, but that will require divine intervention," World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn told reporters April 25.

Nun Works For Better Education About 'Moderate Drinking'

HOUSTON (CNS) — A Dominican nun has vowed to fight on despite the defeat of a stockholder resolution she introduced to urge the nation's largest manufacturer of beer to tell consumers what constitutes "moderate drinking." Sister Annette Sinagra of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich., presented the resolution at the April 23 annual meeting of Anheuser-Busch stockholders in Houston. Her order holds 16,000 shares of Anheuser-Busch stock. Offered by a coalition called Shareholders of Anheuser-Busch for Advertising Reform, or SABAR, the resolution received more than 15 million affirmative votes. There were about 383 million votes against it.

Church Must Use Media, Not Just Criticize It, Say Speakers

ROME (CNS) — Archbishop Dario Castrillon Hoyos, pro-prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, said if their were one gift of the Holy Spirit he would pray would be bestowed on all priests, it would be the gift of tongues. "Obviously, it is not a question of the immediate and charismatic learning of foreign languages, but the ability to know how to speak to everyone ... with the language of the heart," the archbishop said April 28. Church officials, students and scholars discussed the Catholic Church's communications efforts during a two-day conference sponsored by the Santa Croce Athenaeum. The institute in Rome, run by Opus Dei, inaugurated a School of Church Communications in the fall of 1996.

Study Finds Today's Social Involvement Different, But Strong

WASHINGTON (CNS) — People may not be doing the same types of civic service they once did, but based on one survey, people still are linked by activities such as attending church and going to the gym. A study on civic participation for the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press also showed half the Philadelphia area residents polled had spent at least part of a day volunteering in a given month but that even those who are active in their communities still do not particularly trust others. The study was released in Washington a few days before Philadelphia hosted the President's Summit for America's Future, a national forum on volunteerism that began April 27.

Salvadoran, U.S. Religious End Days Of Protests Over U.S. School

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — One hundred and fifty Salvadoran and U.S. religious ended nine days of protests in front of the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador to demand the permanent closure of the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga. The protesters, many of them Franciscans, gathered early each morning in front of the main gates of the embassy, the same time as lines of people seeking visas began forming. Held in solidarity with protests taking place in Washington, the protests at the embassy, located in the San Salvador suburb of Santa Elena, began April 21 and ended April 29.

Providence Diocese Working To Restore Aid For Legal Immigrants

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — The Providence Diocese is involved in a drive to restore to Rhode Island's legal immigrants aid that was eliminated in last year's federal welfare reform law. While Msgr. George L. Frappier, diocesan vicar for social ministry, has been lobbying state legislators, the bishops of the statewide diocese raised the issue with the State Council of Churches and other ecumenical leaders at a recent interfaith breakfast. In ongoing meetings with General Assembly leaders, Msgr. Frappier told *The Providence Visitor*, diocesan newspaper, he is pushing for the state to replace all or part of the Supplemental Security Income and food stamps that legal immigrants will lose by August.

Extent Of Abortion Trauma Dulling U.S. Conscience, Nun Says

SAN DIEGO (CNS) — The extent of trauma brought about by abortion has "dulled the conscience of American society," said Sister Paula Vandagaer, director of International Life Services. She believes "every abortion has consequences," not just for the woman undergoing it, but for the fathers and for everyone else who somehow has partici-



An unidentified church is engulfed by the waters of the Red River in the town of St. Adophe in Manitoba April 29. The flood that left thousands homeless in the United States continued to wreak havoc through Canada.

pated in the procedure. But "it's very difficult to help people who are so ambivalent they don't see the huge consequences" of all of these abortions, she added. In San Diego to talk to parish pro-life coordinators, she also gave an interview to *The Southern Cross* diocesan newspaper.

Catholics Urged To Find Core Truths Of Their Faith

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) — Catholics have lost sight of their faith's "hierarchy of truths" in an attempt to conform with the American view of equality, said Boston College's Father Michael Himes. "We need to move back to the basics to the central truths and core truths which make our faith unique," he said. "All other doctrines can flow around these core truths." Father Himes, an associate

professor of systematic theology, made his remarks at the April 13-17 annual meeting of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership in Orlando.

Turk Claims He Was Second Gunman In 1981 Papal Shooting

ROME (CNS) — Italian investigators said they planned to follow up on a reported confession by a Turk who claimed he was a second gunman in the 1981 attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II. Oral Celik reportedly phoned the French magazine *Paris Match* in late April and told a journalist that he had fired at the pope in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. The pontiff was seriously injured in the attack. A fellow Turk, Mehmet Ali Agca, was arrested in the square, convicted and is serving a life sentence in Italy.

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# Parish Profile

CHARLOTTE — Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh established St. Ann parish in August 1955, installing then-Msgr. Michael J. Begley as pastor. With nearly a half-dozen Catholic churches having already been constructed in Charlotte, a Catholic presence was firmly taking root in the Mecklenburg County seat.

With property purchased on the corner of Park Road and Hillside Avenue, Msgr. Begley and parishioners began tending to their new spiritual home. A house on the property became the rectory, and a duplex on parish grounds served as a catechetical center, with Sisters of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart offering CCD classes there.

In 1956, the duplex was converted into a convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chesnut Hill, Penn., who arrived to open a parochial school. After celebrating Mass in the nearby Park Road School auditorium for a year, Msgr. Begley began offering Mass in the school building when construction was completed in September 1956. The school opened its doors to 296 children in its first year.

As parish growth continued to coincide with the influx of Catholics moving to the Charlotte area, plans were developed to build a new church. With the building project completed in 1960, St. Ann School gained space for three classrooms and a library. Later additions to the school further increased the

number of classrooms.

Before Msgr. Michael Begley was transferred to St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem in 1966, he directed the building of yet another church to serve the ever-increasing droves of Catholics in south Charlotte. The chapel, placed under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, was dedicated in October 1961 and became a mission of St. Ann parish. Msgr. Begley, along with Benedictine Father Michael O'Keefe of Belmont Abbey, celebrated Masses at the chapel in those early years.

The parish continued to expand over the next several decades both in membership and property. An adjacent lot was purchased during Msgr. Anthony Kovacic's pastorate from 1972-79, and renovation work in the church and school buildings took place while Msgr. Francis Smith served as pastor into the early 1980s.

Msgr. Richard Allen has served as pastor of St. Ann parish since July 1988. During his pastorate, the parish has built an activity center, which was dedicated in October 1993. A strong focus on outreach work highlights pastoral life at St. Ann's, with Msgr. Allen leading missionary projects that assist needy people in Kentucky and Jamaica. The music program also accents parish life, not only in weekly liturgies, but in special occasions such as the recent Schubert Sunday Spring Concert, at which the parish choir joined with symphony instrumentalists and other musicians to present the Austrian composer's Mass #2 in G Major. The pastoral staff of St. Ann's strives to assist parishioners — as well as people beyond parish boundaries — in the spiritual, social and educational mission of the Church.

About 810 Charlotte Catholics became parishioners of St. Ann Church when the new parish was founded in 1955. Over 40 years later, more than 2,600 St. Ann's parishioners — under the spiritual direction Msgr. Allen, parochial vicars Father Tan Le and Father John Hanic, and priest-in-residence Father James Hawker — continue to build up a thriving community of faith.

## St. Ann Church



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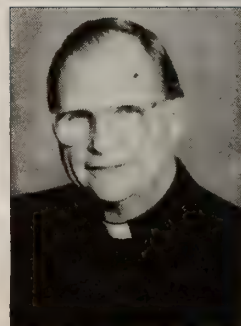
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## New Parish Announced For Northern Mecklenburg County

By JOANN KEANE  
Associate Editor

HUNTERSVILLE — Explosive growth of the Diocese of Charlotte was further evidenced this week with the May 13 proclamation: Establishment of the newest parish in western North Carolina.

Announcing St. Mark in Huntersville as a parish, Bishop William G. Curlin said, "St. Mark parish will help meet the faith needs of our parishioners residing in northern Mecklenburg County." The bishop named Msgr. Joseph Kerin as pastor of the new parish community.

The decision for St. Mark comes after consultation and reflection of information prepared by the Office of Planning. Along with the bishop, Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, and members of the presbyteral council reviewed an extensive feasibility study outlining growth trends and population shifts in the area of northern Mecklenburg County. "This area (along with southern Iredell County) is sited as

one of the fastest growing areas in North Carolina," said Planning Director George Cobb.

With this in mind, the diocese opted to utilize a 23-acre tract on Stumptown Rd., land purchased by the diocese in 1990. A recently purchased home across from the property will serve as the St. Mark parish rectory.

In a letter to registered Catholics in zip codes 28078, 28031 and 28036, Msgr. Kerin issued an invitation to join the new faith community. On June 1, the first Mass for St. Mark will be offered at Northcross Lanes at the Lake, located on Highway 21, off I-77 at exit 25.

In the foreseeable future, the bowling center will be home base for the people of St. Mark, with Masses scheduled Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. "We plan to take our time to organize the parish and form community, then assess our (facility) needs," said Msgr. Kerin. "Any building program will develop as a result of that procedure."

Parish boundaries for St. Mark begin at the northeast corner of Mecklenburg County and proceed west along that boundary until reaching the waters of Lake Norman; proceeding southwest in the main channel of the lake until the Gaston County Line, following the Gaston County line south to the southern boundary of Township 10; follow the southern boundary east to the Township 9 southern boundary; continue along the southern boundary of Township 9 until reaching the Mecklenburg County line, and proceed north along the Mecklenburg County line until reaching the northeast boundary of Mecklenburg County.



Photo by JOANN KEANE

Msgr. Joseph Kerin and the sign noting the location of St. Mark, the newest parish in the Diocese of Charlotte.



Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

"Esse Quam Videri. To be, rather than to seem..." Noted author and television veteran Charles Kuralt addresses the graduating class of Belmont Abbey College May 10.

## Native Sons, Charleston Bishop Address Belmont Graduates

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

BELMONT — During the 119th annual commencement exercises of Belmont Abbey College and the solemn academic Mass that preceded it, a pair of native sons and a diocesan shepherd conveyed a message of hope and advocated the virtuous, simple life to the graduating class of 1997.

Charles Kuralt, musician-composer Loonis McGlohon and Bishop David B. Thompson of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C., addressed the 216 undergraduates and graduates, along with families and friends, from the Belmont Abbey Church piazza May 10.

"There is such a thing as a conspiracy of good people," Kuralt reminded the audience. "They know one another when they meet, and they do all the important and lasting work of the world."

"My fondest wish for you on graduation day is that you so live your life as to become one of these good people."

Kuralt, whose television, radio and print media work has taken him to the most distant reaches of the globe, has made a career out of profiling such folks.

He spent 37 years with the CBS television network, yielding 13 Emmy Awards, three Peabodys and a variety of other recognitions along the way. His most recent publication, *Charles Kuralt's America*, continued the native Tarheel's celebration of people, unaffected pleasures and, as he said under the spires of Belmont Abbey Church, "the standards of the graceful and worthy life."

He suggested that the students seek the interconnectedness of living with purpose and the graces that result from serving others. "Your companions on this earth need you," he said, "and you must put your talent and aptitude at their service if your own life is to have meaning."

Conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree during the ceremony, Kuralt counts himself as owing a "debt to the older generation." He said he tried to repay that contribution with renowned composer and musician Loonis McGlohon back in 1984 by writing *North Carolina is My Home* in com-

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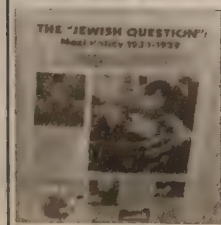
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# New Archbishop To Chicagoans: 'I Am Francis, Your Neighbor'

By BILL BRITT

CHICAGO (CNS) — "I am Francis, your neighbor," Archbishop Francis E. George told Chicagoans May 7 at his installation as new archbishop of Chicago.

"Chicago is a city of neighborhoods" the 60-year-old Chicago native said in a homily in which he paid homage to the late Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin and others who preceded him as archbishop of Chicago.

His greeting as "Francis, your neighbor" evoked Jesus' call to treat everyone as one's neighbor and Cardinal Bernardin's greeting when he arrived in Chicago 17 years earlier, "I am Joseph, your brother."

The new archbishop introduced himself as a man who wishes to help ease the city's racial tensions and one who wants to create harmony among all people.

"In his first days here, Archbishop Bernardin often said that he was Joseph, your brother," he said. "Cardinal Bernardin said it also at the end of his days, and he truly was your brother and brother to many others as well."

"As I explained to the priests last night (at vespers)," he said, "I cannot, I should not claim such intimacy now."

"But since Christians are to look on everyone as a potential neighbor," he said, "for starters, if it is all right with you, I will say that I am Francis, your neighbor."

The installation liturgy for Archbishop George at Holy Name Cathedral began with a lengthy procession that started outside a couple of blocks away and then entered the cathedral.

Inside the aisles overflowed with friends, family and well-wishers of the archbishop, as well as civic leaders, church officials and archdiocesan employees.

The congregation included Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar and his wife, Brenda, and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and his wife, Maggie.

Dozens of women and men religious and laity, as well as members of the Greek Orthodox community, Jewish community and other religious communities, also participated in the celebration.

The procession entered the cathedral against the musical backdrop of Poulenc's Concerto in G minor. Twenty-five U.S. archbishops processed in, followed by 91 U.S. bishops.

Then came Chicago's Auxiliary Bishops Raymond E. Goedert, John R. Gorman, Thad J. Jakubowski, Edwin M. Conway, Gerald F. Kicanas, George V. Murry, John R. Manz, Alfred L. Abramowicz and Timothy J. Lyne.

Cardinals Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, James Hickey of Washington, William Keeler of Baltimore, Bernard Law of Boston, Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, Adam Maida of Detroit, John O'Connor of New York and Edmund Szoka (now a Vatican official) walked immediately in front of the new archbishop.



Archbishop Francis E. George receives the offertory gifts during his installation as the eighth archbishop of Chicago May 7 at Holy Name Cathedral. The former archbishop of Portland, Ore., told the people of Chicago, "I am Francis, your neighbor."

As the new archbishop entered the holy space, the entire congregation greeted him with a standing ovation. Archbishop George smiled, waved and nodded to the congregation that had come to welcome him.

In his homily, Archbishop George said that as a native Chicagoan he recognizes the city's long history of neighborhoods and their important place in residents' lives, but he noted also that they tend to separate people.

"What does the bishop bring to the neighborhood? In any place, at any time, the bishop has to see to it that the whole church makes visible the gifts that Christ wants his people to enjoy," he said.

A church that is faithful to the Lord must transform the neighborhood, he added.

"The church is neither a country nor a corporation, neither a club nor a seminar. The church is the Body of Christ, held together for ... generations by the Spirit of God and moving forward, as a pilgrim people, according to the mission she has received from her Lord," he said.

"In the church, every racial and cultural difference must be made public so that everyone can come to know how Christ can be black or white or brown or yellow or red."

Archbishop George said that the church must work to create a neighborhood in which everyone can be at home.

Those themes of racial justice, equality and multiculturalism were visible during the ceremony's general interces-

sions, which were read in six languages: Spanish, Polish, Tagalog, Korean, Vietnamese and English.

Catholics in the Chicago Archdiocese number about 2.34 million. Sixty-two percent are of European background; 31 percent are Hispanic; 4 percent, African-American; and 3 percent, Asian-American.

Gift bearers for the offertory included the archbishop's sister and brother-in-law, Margaret Mary and James Cain; his secretary and his house-

keeper from Portland; Mary Jo Tully, a former Chicagoan who serves as chancellor of the Archdiocese of Portland; and a number of Chicago archdiocesan officials.

Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro-nuncio, officiated at the rite of installation.

"I pray that you will offer a good, happy, long, fruitful benefit to society," he told Chicago's new archbishop. "This is a moment to celebrate the universality of the church."

During his homily, Archbishop George spoke honestly of his surprise at being named archbishop of Chicago.

He recalled that when he attended the funeral Nov. 20 for Cardinal Bernardin, he never imagined he would be in the cathedral May 7 "taking on his mission."

"But then, coming occasionally as a lad to this cathedral and seeing Cardinal Stritch in this sanctuary, I never imagined that I would someday be his successor too," he added. "If surprise is a sign of God's presence, then God is with us in force today."

After the Eucharist, he thanked Pope John Paul II for his confidence and for selecting him to replace Cardinal Bernardin. He also thanked the civic leaders, the leaders of other faiths who shared in the celebration, his family and friends, the priests of the archdiocese and Bishop Goedert for his work over the past months.

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From a reading for Sunday,  
May 18, 1997

...We were all given to drink of one  
spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13



# Graduates Urged To Join "Conspiracy Of Good People," from page 1

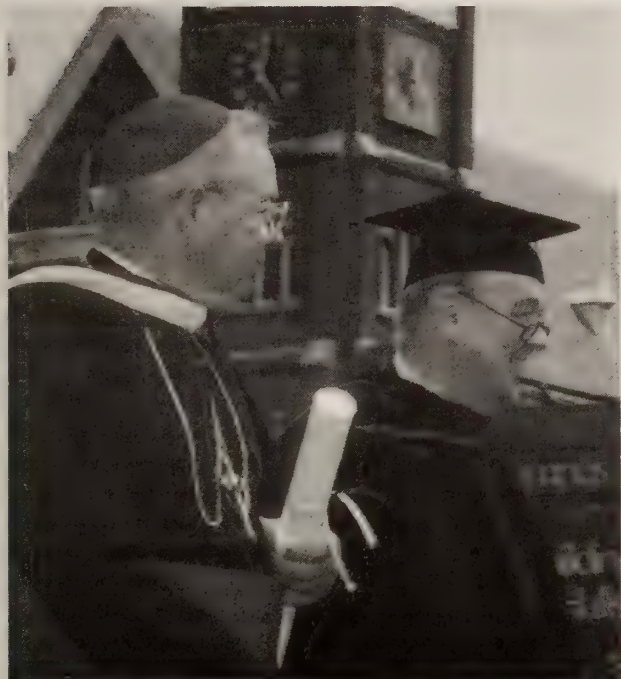


Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

Bishop David B. Thompson of the Charleston Diocese proceeds with Charles Kuralt following the 119th annual commencement exercises at Belmont Abbey College.

our faith is not enough; we must practice it."

Bishop Thompson, conferred the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters at the commencement, said Christ himself celebrated the first baccalaureate Mass, giving the first baccalaureate homily to his students, the apostles.

"He gave them then three pieces of advice: 'Learn of me, abide in me, love one another,'" the bishop added. "All of us, whether we are believers or not, should learn about Jesus Christ. (He) was the tenured teacher for the apostolic college. He is the tenured teacher here for you. Please do not graduate yourself from him."

"If you take these three pieces of advice

memoration of their home state's 400th birthday.

McGlohon, who also received an honorary doctor of laws degree, performed a selection with Kuralt from their tribute during the commencement. Their collaboration first appeared as a sound recording, then later as a book, stage show and television program. In addition to his work with Kuralt, McGlohon was noted during the ceremony for decades of devotion and service to his family, community and state.

"*Esse Quam Videri*. That is our motto," Kuralt read, with McGlohon at a keyboard behind his long-time friend. "They are Latin words, but they suit us. 'To be, rather than to seem.'"

At the baccalaureate Mass earlier in the morning, concelebrant and homilist Bishop Thompson extolled virtues similar to that of the North Carolina slogan. "Knowing Christ is not enough; we must follow him," the bishop said. "Knowing

from our Blessed Lord, the divine master and teacher ... you have a fix on life that will lead to you success and fulfillment," he said.

Bishop Thompson concelebrated the liturgy with the Right Reverend Oscar Burnett, abbot and chancellor of Belmont Abbey, as well as other Benedictine and visiting clergy.

At the convocation, Bishop Thompson was commended for his more than 45 years of priestly dedication. Abbot Burnett, presenter of the bishop's degree, lauded the South Carolina shepherd for his commitment to education, community relations and vocations, the latter of which have increased 400 percent in the diocese since he became Charleston's bishop in 1990.

Also receiving an honorary degree was Benedictine Father Terrence G. Kardong of Assumption Abbey in North Dakota, whose work as monk, priest, teacher, writer, editor and theologian was

commended with a doctorate in humane letters.

Dr. Kimberly Robertson, Belmont Abbey College associate professor of recreational studies, was recognized as the 1997 recipient of the Adrian Faculty Excellence Award "not only for her enthusiasm in the classroom, but also for the care and concern with which she calls her students to accountability and responsibility," according to Benedictine Father Placid D. Solari, academic dean, who presented the award.

Dean of Students Dr. Michael McLeod bestowed the Abbey Person of the Year honor to Heather Eileen Smith, president of the Student Government Association, who "in many ways ... represents what Belmont Abbey College hopes to accomplish with all of its students" through her mature responsibility to her community and fellow students.

Throughout the ceremonies, the graduates were reminded of being rather than seeming, and of learning and abiding in Christ through their love for one another. In her senior address, Class of 1997 President Erin Margaret Egan reflected: "We have seen many changes since we have been at Belmont Abbey," she said. "We have been influenced by the college, but more importantly, we have been influenced by each other."

The Gaston County school is the only Catholic college in the Carolinas. The institution's foundation dates back to 1876, when Benedictine monks from Latrobe, Penn., arrived to develop a religious and educational facility. Today, the student body comprises some 1,000 individuals pursuing a variety of academic majors.

"You are to be graduates of a Benedictine institution," Bishop Thompson said in his homily, "an institution inspired by the humanitarian rule of St. Benedict, who gave to everybody a wonderful pattern of life ... dedicated to decency, to compassion, to zeal, to study, to community life."

## Rita of Cascia

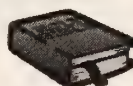


Rita was born in 1381 in Italy. She wanted to join the religious life, however her parents arranged a marriage. For 18 years she bore the abuse of a brutal husband. After the deaths of her husband and their two sons, Rita became an Augustinian nun. She had a deep devotion to the Lord's passion, and she received on her head a wound of a piercing thorn. She died a recluse in 1450. She is patroness of impossible and desperate causes. Her feast is May 22.



## Scripture

Readings for the week of  
May 18 - 24



Pentecost Sunday:	Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23
Monday:	Sirach 1: 1-10 Mark 9: 14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2: 1-11 Mark 9: 30-37
Wednesday:	Sirach 4: 11-19 Mark 9: 38-40
Thursday:	Sirach 5: 1-8 Mark 9: 41-50
Friday:	Sirach 6: 5-17 Mark 10: 1-12
Saturday:	Sirach 17: 1-5 Mark 10: 13-16

## St. Patrick Cathedral



Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil — 5:30PM  
Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM & 12:30PM  
Daily Masses: Monday - Friday — 7:30AM & 12:10PM  
Saturday — Rosary 8:45AM; Mass 9:00AM; Novena 9:30AM  
Confession: Saturday — 2:00 to 5:00PM or by request

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## Pro-Life Corner



Killing mostly-born infants  
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We're debating this?

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will  
take part in the following events:

May 17 Priestly Ordination for the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (Capuchins) Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Newark, N.J.	St. Patrick School Charlotte
	May 21 — 7 p.m. Confirmation Good Shepherd Mission King
May 18 — 9:30 a.m. Mass St. Patrick Cathedral Charlotte	May 22 — 7 p.m. Confirmation St. Aloysius Church Hickory
2:30 p.m. Confirmation St. Patrick Cathedral Charlotte	May 24 — 5 p.m. Confirmation St. Joseph Church Kannapolis
May 19 — 9 a.m. Mass and May Crowning of Mary	May 25 — 11 a.m. Trinity Sunday Mass St. Patrick Cathedral Charlotte

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Veneration Of Mary Brings Faithful Closer To Jesus, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience May 7.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis on the spiritual motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we have seen that Jesus, on Calvary, entrusted Mary to the Apostle John to be the mother of all his disciples. Jesus' words — "Behold, your Mother!" (Jn 19:27) — help us to see that the church's devotion to Mary is based on the Lord's own will that all his followers should share his filial love for his Mother. As the history of Christian piety makes clear, Mary is the way which leads us to Christ. The veneration of Mary increases and perfects our closeness to her son, our savior and lord. It is significant that Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples at the hour of his death on the cross, at the supreme moment of his redemptive mission. Like St. John, the beloved disciple, may all Christians receive Mary into their own homes (cf. Jn 19:27), sharing with her the concerns and events of their lives. Thus they will appreciate ever

more fully her role as example and guide along the way of salvation in Christ.

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from England, Indonesia, Japan and the United States. Upon you and your families I cordially invoke the joy and peace of Jesus Christ our savior.

### Pope Applauds Efforts Of European Vocations Congress

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II applauded the efforts of church authorities from throughout Europe who had gathered in Rome to share insights on religious vocations. Urging the assembled cardinals, bishops and experts on vocations to work for a new blossoming of interest in consecrated life and the priesthood, the pope reminded them May 9 that "it is, therefore, urgent that a great movement of prayer sweeps across the ecclesial community of the European continent, countering the wind of secularism."



## Guest Column

Amy Welborn

### Prejudice? In My School?

Prejudice? In my school?

Never.

After all, we're a Catholic school. You know, we're Christians.

Yeah, right.

Students in my school were recently asked to describe any racism or ethnic prejudice they could discern among their classmates.

"Oh, there isn't any," one girl piped up without hesitation. "After all, we only have a couple of black students, so there's no one here to be prejudiced against."

Strange logic. It took a few minutes, but the young woman eventually understood that her example was probably strong evidence for the presence of prejudice, rather than against it.

Once past that, students were quick to present examples of everyday speech and actions expressive of prejudice.

Hispanic students regularly are referred to as "wetbacks" and "orange pickers."

Students reluctant to spend their money are called "Jews."

And in this enlightened age, the infamous "n-word" is by no means a thing of the past. Its pervasive use in rap music doesn't help.

Some students revealed that their parents have forbidden them to date across racial lines and have instilled a wide variety of fears and judgments in their minds.

Prejudice isn't just a matter of race, ethnicity or gender, either. Stereotypes run wild in the high school world, a fact that makes it really hard for kids to be themselves. Do any of these sound familiar?

— Athletes are stupid.

— Cheerleaders are airheads.

— Boys in drama or music must be gay.

— Academic achievers are nerds.

What can be done?

After a week or so of discussion, the students were given an assignment: Devise a strategy to tackle one of these problems. It has to be realistic and specific.

The results were imaginative and specific.

Some students addressed the problem of a rather homogenous student body. Why don't more minori-

ties attend our school? they asked. They then designed a flyer for recruitment purposes.

What about gender stereotypes? A couple of girls grappled with those tensions and emerged with a program for the student body in which successful businesswomen would be invited to come and speak on their experiences, giving all, male and female alike, examples of what women achieve in the work world.

Another group of students came up with a whole series of flyers they'd distribute to the students, a series to be titled "The Truth About ..."

Each flyer presented facts about various groups within the school — drama kids, cheerleaders, the alternative crowd — and ended with a plea for tolerance.

It's sometimes difficult for young people, so insecure about their own identities, to be open-minded and tolerant of others' differences. It's easier to laugh, joke and prejudice than to take the risk, get to know another person and perhaps find yourself changed in the process.

As one boy said to me: "I feel better just hanging around people who are like me. Why do you want to force me to be around people I don't have anything in common with?"

It's not a matter of forcing anyone to be friends or best buddies with anyone else. No, it's simpler than that. The real world is a big and complicated place, much bigger than your own neighborhood, school or church.

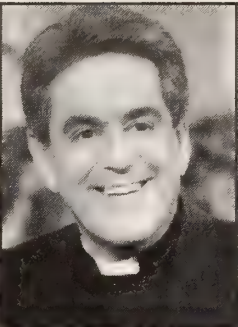
Part of education is learning how to get along in that diverse world. You can't hide in a shell forever.


Besides, aren't you a little bit curious? Aren't you fascinated that there are so many different people with such varied life experiences out there? Why would people want to limit themselves in such a world, closing in rather than opening up to the richness that every person offers?

Amy Welborn is a CNS columnist.






<h2>Light One Candle</h2> <p>Father Thomas J. McSweeney</p>		
<h3>Mother's Day: Making Life Meaningful</h3> <p>A man stood over his baby's crib, staring down intently. His wife entered the room and silently watched him. She saw in his face a range of emotions: wonder, doubt, admiration.</p> <p>Deeply touched, she moved closer, put her arms around him and said, "A penny for your thoughts." He blurted out: "For the life of me, I can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for \$39.95!"</p> <p>That may be a fun "father" story, but if we reversed the characters and tried to make it a fun "mother" story, it just wouldn't work. Images of dad handing out cigars to total strangers and pressing his nose against the nursery window at the hospital have a certain universal appeal. But, oh, how we love the image of mom cuddling her newborn infant.</p> <p>Our merchandising culture has a knack for making Mother's Day nearly collapse under the weight of sentimentality and idealism. But fear of unreality</p>	<p>must not keep us from coming to terms with the power of the imagery — the force of emotions — associated with such a day. Motherhood remains one of the most elemental images. Some feminists argue that the mystique of motherhood restricts the ways in which women may find fulfillment. Yet, while acknowledging the mystique, we dare not abandon the mystery.</p> <p>Neither test-tube babies nor any other modern scientific "breakthrough" can be substituted for the ancient and ongoing mystery of the human "bonding" in the parent-child relationship. And being a parent is clearly more than a biological or legal fact. To be a mother in the fullest sense requires more than the ability to have babies: A woman becomes a mother and an infant becomes a child when the relationship is sealed and celebrated in love and responsibility. Human life has innate value. But it takes the love, the importance attributed by parents and community to bestow a sense of individual worth.</p> <p>In the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion, Justice Blackmun, in the majority opinion, suggested that a "potential for meaningful human life" may exist in the last three months of pregnancy. What a tragic missing of the point! What a dangerous thing when government takes upon itself the right to decide when human life is meaningful and when it is not! Are we God's children because our lives are meaningful? No. Our lives are meaningful because God, in love, has declared us to be His children! The difference is all important. It is precisely the work of love to make meaningful the life that seems to possess the least meaning.</p> <p>A healthy society, shaped by this moral tradition and built upon the Mystery of Love, is marked by its concern for its most defenseless members. An unborn child, a handicapped toddler, a teen-age mother, someone who is mentally retarded, or desperately poor, or eld-</p>	<p>erly and frail, or in some other way vulnerable — these must be precious in our sight.</p> <p>Remember Matthew's account of the final day of judgment, when the witnesses called to testify for or against us will be the most vulnerable? On that day, when history finds its fulfillment in the Kingdom of God, your life and mine will be found meaningful only if we have, in love, bestowed meaning on others.</p> <p>Mother's Day is not a day for cheap sentimentality. In celebrating it, we are seized by the world's greatest reality — the transforming power of love. Even if for one day out of the year, Mothers' Day helps explain what life itself is all about. "Mother" is another word for Love.</p> <p><i>For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "All In A Mother's Day," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.</i></p> <p>Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.</p>

<h2>Question Corner</h2> <p>Father John Dietzen</p>		
<h3>New Vatican Guidelines for Confessors</h3> <p>Q. Our Catholic newspaper recently reported on the new Vatican guidelines for confessors, mostly about birth control, it seems.</p> <p>What disturbs me is the statement that, generally, a confessor is not obliged "to investigate concerning sins committed in invincible ignorance of their evil or due to an inculpable error of judgment."</p> <p>In such cases "it is preferable to let penitents remain in good faith rather than create a situation in which they would begin formally to sin."</p> <p>How could any Catholic beyond the age of reason be invincibly ignorant of</p>	<p>the church's teaching on artificial birth control?</p> <p>They might not want to believe it. But that's not invincible ignorance.</p> <p>A. Yours is a good question, and I will attempt to respond as well as possible in this short space. First, however, something very much bothers me in the mail I'm receiving about this. Perhaps it's worth some prayerful reflection.</p> <p>I have the strong impression that many writers are angry mostly because another person is doing something we believe is wrong and getting away with it. There seem to be an almost anxious need and desire to prove someone else is committing serious sin.</p> <p>St. Paul insists that genuine Christian love is patient, not pompous, and "does not rejoice over wrongdoing" (1 Cor 13). Wrongdoing must sometimes be identified and addressed and exposed, but only with humility and sadness over the sinfulness.</p> <p>To be happy that we can declare someone in mortal sin, that we can transfer them into a state of sin when (because of some ignorance or moral disability) they are not, is a terrible sin against the love of God and neighbor.</p> <p>Instructing the ignorant is still a spiritual work of mercy. And doing</p>	<p>something objectively sinful is wrong.</p> <p>It is a cosmic leap to a far different wrong, however, to deliberately attempt to change that objective wrong into a subjective, personal alienation from God.</p> <p>To do this unnecessarily and without extremely serious reason, to do it for example just so others don't slip by without the punishment we think they deserve — that is evil, a prideful intrusion into the relationship between an individual soul and God.</p> <p>Contrary to what you and others as-</p>

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<h2>Family Matters</h2> <p>Eileen Marx</p>		
<h3>Interfaith Friendships</h3> <p>A few weeks ago, my husband, Joe, and I watched the <i>Rugrats' Passover Special</i> on the Nickelodeon channel with our 7-year-old son, Bobby, and our 5-year-old daughter, Teresa. After the program, Bobby asked, "Aren't we just a little bit Jewish, Mom?" I told Bobby that one of his uncles is Jewish and two of his cousins are part Jewish, but he is Catholic. "I know I'm Catholic, but I really want to be Jewish, too," he said.</p> <p>Bobby's desire to be Jewish not only comes from the fact that his favorite cartoon characters are Jewish — or that he can spin a mean dradle — but also because he attends a public school where two of his close friends and his former kindergarten teacher are Jewish. During his school's winter sing-along there were songs, stories and poems about Christmas, Hanukkah, Los Posados and Kwanza, reflecting the wonderful diversity of religions and cultures of all the</p>	<p>students.</p> <p>I can't help but think how fortunate my children are to have this exposure to the traditions, customs and beliefs of different cultures and religions. I know that most of today's Catholic schools have non-Catholic students and children of many cultures. While Catholic education is taught and Catholic values and beliefs permeate the school, there is a respect for other religious traditions and a celebration of diversity.</p> <p>I've heard it said on more than a few occasions that all this exposure can confuse a child or weaken their faith. It's too bad some people feel this way. Aren't we confident enough in our own religion to expose our children to what others believe? Do we lack knowledge of our religion or fail to live out our roles as teachers of the faith? Do our children see that our faith is at the center of who we are and what we're about? When children</p> <p>have a strong understanding of their faith, they won't be confused about their faith but there's a good chance they will be curious about other faiths.</p> <p>We live in a world where people have been persecuted and wars have been waged over religious hatred and intolerance. When I read about another bombing in the Middle East or Northern Ireland, I find my son's interest in other religions refreshing and hopeful. We have a ways to go not only in the far corners of our world, but in our local communities as well.</p> <p>Although there have been significant advances in interfaith dialogue and in collaborative efforts among different faith groups, our religious differences can still divide us. Many of us don't know a whole lot about what Jews, Muslims, Protestants or Hindus believe. Of-</p>	<p>ten what we know about other faiths isn't accurate. We know all too well that the ruptures among groups within our own religion can be just as divisive as our interfaith disagreements.</p> <p>We are fortunate in our country that we don't live with the daily fear of being physically harmed because of the religious labels we wear. But we have our subtle ways of allowing the stereotypes, the mistrust and the judgments to take root in our hearts and divide us. We have a responsibility to speak out whenever our religion is being attacked or unfairly depicted in the media or by others. But we also have an enormous responsibility to teach our children to love and respect people of other religious traditions and</p>

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# Catholic Scholar Urges Humans To Take Responsibility For Holocaust

By JOHN STRANGE  
NC Catholic Staff

RALEIGH — All of humanity must accept responsibility for the Holocaust, a Catholic scholar said in a North Carolina memorial service May 4. Otherwise, society's "moral fabric" is lost.

"We were not our brothers' and sisters' keepers," said Sister of Mercy Carol Rittner, professor of religion at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. "And I say 'we' because even though most of us were not there, we must share in the responsibility. We carry the consequences of the words and deeds of those who came before us."

Sister Carol, co-founder of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and a doctor of higher education administration, said that the sheer number of victims and the time passed since the Holocaust has led to a kind of numbing of human responsibility.

The Holocaust's six million deaths — "numbers that have been all too familiar" — have had a "numbing effect on hearts and minds," which also led to an almost casual acceptance of deaths in Cambodia in the '60s and '70s, and more recently in the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Zaire.

Today, she said, it is common to hear that a war, conflict or other incident led to "only" less than a million deaths, or less than 1,000, or less than 100. Evil casts a long shadow."

Sister Carol explained that the challenge is to move past the numbers into the victims of the Holocaust itself. But to name every victim, taking three seconds for each name, would take 5,000 hours, or 208 days, she said.

Further, Nazi Germany did more than kill individuals. They destroyed records, letters and other documents, expunging the very history of their victims.

"Some victims will never be named," she said. "There are names we will never know, because everyone who knew the victims were killed as well. Nazi Germany obliterated the fact of their existing at all."

"We'll never know all the lives lost," she added. "For if we did, we would weep, we would howl, we would cry to heaven."

She said that from the days of the death camps' liberation, human beings — from German soldiers to political leaders in other countries — have been trying to avoid responsibility for the Holocaust.

There was initial shock, Sister Carol said, at the fact that such acts could be performed in Christian Europe, in the shadows of universities and cathedrals.

But there was also some initial responsibility, as U.S. and Allied military commanders ordered camp guards to help bury the dead, and nearby town officials and residents to tour the camp as witnesses to what had happened in their neighborhoods.

"Germans were forced to face the consequences of their actions," she said.

But in the Nuremberg Trials, accused

war criminals struggled to escape from responsibility. Those who ran the death camps claimed they were only following orders, like "decent Germans." Meanwhile, those at the top of the hierarchy claimed they had "never killed anyone."

Sister Carol said that the Germans were able to distance themselves from responsibility because of the political and social organization that comes with totalitarianism.

"It was like a many-layered onion, with the leader at the center. The layers serve to buffer the others, so that everyone is implicated, but no one feels responsible."

That system served the Nazis well, she said, so that even today accused war criminals deny responsibility, and



Remembrance.... An unidentified woman examines an exhibit on the Holocaust at Raleigh's Meredith College May 4.

their lawyers argue for leniency because they are now frail old men.

"But human justice is all we have, and justice must be done, even if it is years after the crime was committed, and even if the criminals are old and frail."

Churches, organizations and governments also do not go blameless, she said.

The United States and other countries held fast to strict immigration quotas, forcing Jewish refugees to remain in Europe. "It was a war we wanted to win," Sister Carol said, "not necessarily lives we wanted to save."

The Catholic Church also bears responsibility, she said. While the Church made accords to protect its interests, little was done publicly to protect the Jews. Of 80 French Catholic bishops, she said, only four spoke out.

Without accepting responsibility, human beings have "no chance of rethreading the moral fabric," she said. "And even if we never regain that moral fabric, we are not free to desist in that never-ending task."

The service, held at Meredith College, marked the first day of the week-long "Days of Remembrance," a state-wide remembrance of Holocaust victims and survivors.

John Strange is editor of the NC Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Raleigh.

## Estate Planning Workshop Held At St. Gabriel Church

By STEVE UZZELL

CHARLOTTE — "Do I really need a will?"

The answer is a simple one: Yes.

"You need one to ensure that your wishes are carried out after your death," said Jim Kelley, director of development for the Diocese of Charlotte, at a seminar for will and estate planning at St. Gabriel Church April 24. More than 125 parishioners and friends attended the special workshop offered by the parish in response to a growing need expressed by families and individuals.

If you don't create a will before your death, your estate will likely be faced with unnecessary taxes and other costs, Kelley said.

"Did you know that in the absence of any close relatives, the state could even give your property to a distant relative you never met?" he added.

Father Ed Sheridan, St. Gabriel pastor, shared how he came to ready his own will. All priests must have a will ready for the diocese within two months of ordination, he noted.

Kelley talked about the importance of thinking about loved ones and planning ahead for their benefit. He also presented a video which examined general



Attorney Don Hodgens addressing participants at the Estate Planning Workshop.

topics on wills.

Don Hodgens, an estate planning attorney and member of the board of the Foundation of the Diocese of Charlotte, shared valuable insight on wills, including current information about tax laws and planning strategies. He reminded participants that a will is for the living, not for the deceased, and that the cost of obtaining a will is much less than the cost of not having one. He recommended that individuals have a formal will prepared by an attorney and that it be reviewed and updated regularly.

"The tax collector is a partner for life and is also an heir in your estate," warned Hodgens. "Individuals must consider and plan for the tax collector in estate planning to minimize death taxes as much as possible."

Hodgens discussed effective ways to use trusts for asset management and reasons of privacy. Various power of attorney arrangements were also noted as effective ways to handle financial affairs. A downstream of assets to children and grandchildren, an unlimited marital deduction and a strategy in planning gift deductions for family and institutions were discussed as well.

Kelley said a well-prepared will allows you to control the distribution of assets and can serve as a tool for providing life income for loved ones. It also enables you to serve others by a gift to your parish, Catholic school, Catholic agency, the diocesan Foundation, or the diocese itself.

"A will allows you to continue your legacy of good stewardship even after your death," Kelley noted.

For more information on will and estate planning seminars, call Kelley at (704) 331-1709, or 377-6871.





# Comuniquémonos

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## Nuevo edificio para la Diócesis de Charlotte debido al crecimiento de la comunidad católica

CHARLOTTE — LA DIÓCESIS DE CHARLOTTE ESTÁ EN negociaciones para comprar un nuevo edificio que acomode el crecimiento consistente de la población católica. En los últimos 10 años la Diócesis de Charlotte ha aumentado casi el doble.

El edificio de tres plantas está situado en la calle Church, a menos de dos millas de la presente oficina central de la diócesis. El edificio de 57,000 pies cuadrados dará cabida a 95 empleados diocesanos que se encuentran actualmente regados en cinco diferentes localidades en la ciudad de Charlotte.

"Este cambio nos traerá una mayor eficiencia al juntar todos los ministerios en una sola localidad", dijo el Obispo William G. Curlin, pastor de los 46 condados que comprenden la diócesis de Charlotte. "Nuestro ministerio en la fe puede ser más efectivo a través de una colaboración mayor con todos de empleados trabajando más cercanamente".

"Nuestra inquietud es la de satisfacer las necesidades crecientes de nuestras escuelas, nuestros ministerios, nuestras parroquias y nuestros feligreses", dijo el Padre Mauricio West, Vicario General y Canciller de la Diócesis. "Y todas esas necesidades literalmente han acabado nuestra presente localidad. Teniendo



una localidad central podremos servir mejor a la comunidad católica del oeste de Carolina del Norte".

Actualmente los servicios y ministerios de la diócesis están divididos a través de la ciudad. Las oficinas administrativas actualmente están en el Centro Católico, situado en la calle East Morehead. También hay oficinas diocesanas en Park Rd., Eastway Dr., Buchanan St. y First St.

"Después de un estudio cuidadoso, hemos llegado a la conclusión de que el tiempo y la situación son adecuados para hacer esta compra", dijo Bill Weldon, administrador fiscal de la diócesis. "Este edificio no solamente es perfecto para nuestras necesidades, sino que está situado en una zona ideal".

Weldon dijo que la diócesis usará financiamiento interno que hará posible el pagar el edificio a través de recursos existentes. Esta decisión financiera

significa que no será necesario recaudar fondos para comprar el edificio.

"El próximo año la diócesis tendrá dinero en efectivo de lo que ahorraremos en alquileres y gastos extras de los locales que actualmente ocupamos", dijo Weldon. "También planeamos vender el Centro Católico en Morehead, lo que ayudará a costear esta compra".

Los empleados de la Diócesis de Charlotte ocuparán los últimos dos pisos del edificio. La diócesis espera mudarse a este edificio en el otoño de este año. Los ocupantes actuales continuarán rentando el primer piso.

"Este cambio es para dar un mejor servicio y ministerio a la comunidad de la diócesis", dijo el Obispo Curlin. "No es solamente un servicio por el simple hecho de dar servicio, sino una manera de hacer llegar la fe y el amor que pueda ayudar en nuestro mundo".

## Pentecostés

AÑO TRAS año la Iglesia se dispone a celebrar el aniversario de su nacimiento.



Ella nació en la cruz el Viernes Santo; pero manifestó su nacimiento ante el mundo el día de Pentecostés, cuando los Apóstoles fueron "revestidos del poder desde lo alto".

El soplo oxigenador del Espíritu ha venido a despertar en la Iglesia energías escondidas, a levantar carisma adormecidos, a difundir aquel sentido de vitalidad y de alegría que hacen joven y actual a la Iglesia, dispuesta para anunciar su eterno mensaje a los hombres y mujeres de los tiempos nuevos.

"Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo.... Reciban el Espíritu Santo". El Espíritu Santo es el regalo que nos envía Cristo resucitado. Es la gran promesa del Padre. Hoy el Espíritu Santo quiere continuar su obra en la Iglesia, pero a través de nosotros. El es el alma y la vida de todo cristiano. Somos los cristianos que debemos ir por todo el mundo y proclamar las maravillas de Dios. De un Dios que nos ha creado, que nos ama; que nos ha enviado a Jesús, que lo ha resucitado; que nos llama a todos a la vida plena.

Reafirmemos hoy nuestra fe y confianza en la acción del Espíritu Santo; esto es, en seguir a Jesús que camina con nosotros.

Propongámonos con decisión firme tomar muy en serio todos los compromisos de nuestra vida diaria y de actuar siempre animados por la fuerza y vitalidad del Espíritu que hemos recibido.

## Arzobispo califica de bendición a decisión sobre ley de aborto

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — MONSEÑOR FERNANDO SÁENZ LACALLE, Arzobispo de San Salvador, manifestó su satisfacción por la decisión del Congreso salvadoreño que ilegaliza a casi todas las formas de aborto en la nación centroamericana.

Monseñor Lacalle dijo el 27 de abril que era "una bendición de Dios el que el Congreso haya adoptado esta medida".

El dio las gracias a la población de El Salvador por ser "protagonistas importantes" del asunto durante la lucha de la Iglesia Católica contra el aborto en aquel país.

A continuación de una intensa

campaña por parte de la Iglesia, 60 de los 84 miembros del Congreso votaron el 26 de abril a favor de un nuevo Código Penal que ilegalizará todas las formas de aborto inducido en El Salvador.

La nueva legislación, que entrará en vigor en enero próximo, sustituye a una ley existente bajo la cual una mujer puede abortar a un feto en circunstancias excepcionales, incluyendo la violación o cuando esté en peligro la salud de la madre.

Cada año se realizan 3,000 abortos ilegales en El Salvador, según dicen los grupos de los derechos humanos.

## En mensaje previo a visita, Papa insta a terminar divisiones en Líbano

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)

— UNA SEMANA ANTES DE SU HISTÓRICA visita al Líbano, el Papa Juan Pablo II dijo que él esperaba que su presencia ayudaría a propiciar la reconciliación nacional y a poner fin a las divisiones.

El Papa dijo que su viaje, en los días 10 y 11 de mayo, "tenía un propósito religioso y humano profundo", y lo comparó con la visita que hizo Cristo a las mismas tierras hace cerca de 2,000 años.

"Confío al Todopoderoso la marcha valerosa del pueblo libanés por el camino de la reconciliación y de la reconstrucción social, en una unidad y cooperación cada vez más fuertes", dijo él en un mensaje fechado el 1ro. de mayo.

"Confío en que ustedes hallarán en el amor a su tierra la energía necesaria para superar las divisiones y vencer todos los obstáculos que puedan aparecer", dijo él.

El Papa hizo notar que él presentaría un documento importante sobre la Iglesia Libanesa, los resultados de un Sínodo de Obispos especial efectuado en 1995. El dijo que su visita se encaminaba también, de modo especial, a los enfermos y los que sufren en el Líbano, un país que trata de recobrarse de 16 años de luchas civiles.

El Papa ha deseado durante mucho tiempo hacer la visita al Líbano, su primera visita a un país del Oriente Medio. El se propone celebrar Misa, reunirse con varios grupos católicos y hablar con dirigentes políticos y musulmanes durante su estada.



## Tercer Mandamiento "Santificar los días de fiesta"

TODOS LOS DÍAS DE NUESTRA VIDA pertenecen a Dios, pero de modo particular y específico debemos dedicarle el domingo y las fiestas de guardar, dejando nuestro trabajo diario para honrarlo con actos de culto externo, principalmente participando en la celebración de la Eucaristía. Desde sus orígenes, la Iglesia sustituyó la santificación del sábado, relacionada con la Antigua Alianza, por la santificación del domingo, relacionada con la Nueva Alianza en Jesucristo, porque el domingo, día de



la resurrección del Señor, inaugura la nueva creación y su serena y total consagración a Dios por parte de todos los redimidos.

### Actitudes equivocadas.

El domingo es el día dedicado al Señor, pero su sentido religioso viene culpablemente estropeado por quienes, en ese día, sin una justa causa, siguen en su acostumbrado ritmo de trabajo y, sin verdadero impedimento, rehusan dar a Dios ese culto externo, visible y público, según lo manda la Iglesia. Y es peor todavía cuando alguien

aprovecha el domingo para satisfacer sus pasiones, ocupando precisamente este día con cosas indebidamente o en excesos o para juntarse con malas compañías o para acudir a espectáculos pecaminosos.

**Actitud cristiana.** La santificación del domingo caracteriza a los auténticos cristianos. Para éstos es el día más importante y más bello de la semana. Es el día del Señor, es el día especial de liberación del diario quehacer para dedicarse con serena tranquilidad a las cosas de Dios; a escuchar y reflexionar sobre su Palabra, fuente eterna de verdadera paz y felicidad; a celebrar, junto con los hermanos y hermanas en la fe, esa suprema acción de gracias y de

alabanza a Dios que es la Eucaristía, fuente de gracias divinas, para las personas, las familias y para el mundo entero.

El domingo es un día excelente para realizar alguna obra de caridad, aunque sea pequeña, que siempre ayuda a santificar este día. En fin, a disfrutar de un sano esparcimiento, que de alguna forma ayuda también al descanso de nuestro cuerpo y de nuestra mente.

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### MENSAJE DEL PADRE

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

En este mes de mayo, como los primeros apóstoles, nos preparamos juntos con María para recibir los siete dones del Espíritu Santo. Uno de esos dones es el don de la caridad, del amor. Uno de los primeros frutos de la vivencia auténtica del amor es el respeto hacia uno mismo y hacia los demás. El amor no busca controlar, dominar o manipular al otro. El amor hace que uno reconozca lo bondadoso que ha sido Dios para con uno mismo. Entonces, uno se acepta como hijo de Dios, como valioso y aprende a aceptar al otro así. Como dice San Pablo, el amor no es envidioso ni rencoroso.

Al prepararnos para la solemnidad de Pentecostés, tenemos que reconocer que necesitamos recibir más profundamente el Espíritu de Amor. Nuestra vivencia del amor es a menudo envidioso y rencoroso. En dado momento buscamos controlar o manipular a otro, todo bajo la apariencia del amor. La herramienta que más usamos en este sentido es el chisme. Hoy deseo compartir con ustedes unas reflexiones sobre el chisme.

**Chisme:** — Es hablar acerca de personas que no están presentes. Es una de las más poderosas y a la vez más complejas formas de la comunicación humana. Como característica de todas las culturas, el chisme es para destruir, para arruinar la reputación de un individuo o de un grupo. Es un camino de traición de los secretos y un obstáculo serio para el cambio. Satisface la envidia que los chismosos sienten hacia otros, denigrando los lazos de éstos; da a los chismosos un sentido de poder sobre la gente y un sentido temporal de comunión con sus oyentes.

Las personas que hablan acerca de otros en una forma negativa, evitan el tener que enfrentar asuntos serios dentro de ellos mismos o en el grupo. El chisme dice: «Otros tienen problemas, no nosotros». El chisme es una confesión personal de malicia o de estupidez, el chisme es un negocio muy feo.

El chisme es agresión; es el instrumento íntimo de información perjudicial en el interior de un grupo, con o sin una deliberada intención de malicia, es una forma oculta de agresión y normalmente lleva un prejuicio: «tú sabes que no le deseo ningún mal a nadie, pero...» Después de este «pero» los chismosos proceden a hacer lo que decían no querer hacer.

El chisme necesita, por lo menos, tres personas: el chismoso, el oyente y la persona o grupo de la cual se chisme.

El chismoso, motivado por la envidia o el enojo de los éxitos de otros, logra en el momento de chismear, un sentido de poder sobre la persona de la cual se está chismeando. La persona que recibe esta información, no sólo comparte este poder sino que también se siente privilegiado de que él o ella es confiable para escuchar tales noticias. La amistad o alianza entre los dos es así reforzada.

En breve, un hambre por poder, es el corazón del chisme. En el acto de chismear, el chismoso y el receptor de la información sienten, por lo menos temporalmente, la satisfacción de quitar el poder o destronar a la persona o grupo del cual se está hablando. Además, el chisme es la forma más segura de manipulación de poder o de agresión para sus perpetradores, por dos razones: primero, el chismoso declara que sólo está compartiendo una información y rehusa tomar la responsabilidad de ello, y segundo, todo se hace en una atmósfera de secreto. El daño se hace sin que se haya llamado a alguien que pueda testificar sobre la validez objetiva de la información.

Hermanos y hermanas, en esta temporada de Pentecostés, pidamos al Señor, el don del Espíritu Santo, el espíritu de amor, de verdad, de valentía. Y con ese amor, esa verdad y esa valentía, seremos capaces de respetarnos a nosotros mismos y al otro, llegando a ser auténticos testigos de la Resurrección de Jesús, del amor de Dios vivo en medio nuestro. Y el daño destructivo del chisme será condenado a la muerte para siempre.

## Arzobispo insta a Estados Unidos a no deportar inmigrantes centroamericanos

Cientos de personas, algunas de ellas llevando cuadros de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y del finado dirigente de los trabajadores agrícolas, César Chávez, desfilan a favor del derecho de sindicalizar a los trabajadores de las fresas el 13 de abril en Watsonville, California. Monseñor Sylvester D. Ryan, Obispo de Monterey, ha ofrecido su apoyo a los recogedores de fresas, diciendo que algunos patrones y cultivadores infringen constantemente los derechos de los trabajadores.

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (CNS) — EL DIRECTOR DEL CONSEJO EPISCOPAL de la América Latina (CELAM) ha pedido a los Estados Unidos que no deporten a millares de inmigrantes centroamericanos a tenor de una nueva ley de los Estados Unidos.

“Estas deportaciones en masa nos entristecen, porque la gran nación del norte fue edificada por inmigrantes. La inmigración no es algo malo, no es un peligro”, dijo Monseñor Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga, Arzobispo de Tegucigalpa, presidente del CELAM. El Arzobispo hizo sus comentarios durante una conferencia de prensa en Tegucigalpa el 11 de abril.

Monseñor Rodríguez dijo que los dirigentes del CELAM estaban preocupados porque los inmigrantes de la América Latina se hayan convertido en chivos expiatorios de las dificultades económicas de los Estados Unidos.

El Arzobispo agregó que el CELAM, que es una dependencia administrativa y coordinadora de 22 conferencias episcopales de la América Latina, había manifestado sus puntos de vista a los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos, de quienes dijo que ellos habían compartido sus preocupaciones.

La corriente de inmigrantes de la América Central hacia los Estados Unidos aumentó considerablemente durante la violencia política en el decenio de 1980. Hasta abril, muchas de estas personas estuvieron protegidas por una exención especial de los reglamentos del Servicio de Inmigración

y Naturalización (INS). Aunque los funcionarios del INS han dicho que los nuevos reglamentos, que entrarán en vigor el 1.º de abril, no resultarán en deportaciones en masa, los funcionarios de los gobiernos de la América Central dicen que las deportaciones procedentes de los Estados Unidos han aumentado en las semanas recientes.

Los presidentes de la región han puesto el asunto en el programa de trabajo de una reunión con el Presidente Bill Clinton, señalada para mayo en San José, Costa Rica.

Es difícil precisar la cantidad de inmigrantes centroamericanos en los Estados Unidos, pero los observadores de esa región estiman que hay cerca de 330,000 hondureños, 336,000 salvadoreños, 185,000 guatemaltecos y 60,000 nicaragüenses viviendo en los Estados Unidos que podrían estar sujetos a la deportación inmediata.

Tal acontecimiento “produciría una debacle en la economía, con mayor desempleo, menos divisas extranjeras y más delincuencia”, dijo el Ministro del Exterior de Guatemala, Eduardo Stein.

Los dólares que envían a sus familias en la América Central los inmigrantes de esa región en los Estados Unidos desempeñan un papel indispensable en las economías de las respectivas naciones. En 1996, los inmigrantes enviaron cerca de \$400 millones a Honduras y más de \$1,000 millones a El Salvador —una cantidad de divisas mayor que cualquier otra producida por cualquier actividad económica en ese país.



# La Sábana Santa se exhibirá en Turín en 1998 y en el 2000



LA IGLESIA DEL MANTO SANTO — Bomberos inspeccionan los daños en la Catedral de San Juan el Bautista en Turín, Italia, el 12 de abril, horas después que el Manto de Turín fue rescatado de un fuego que envolvió la iglesia. El fuego causó varios millones de dólares en daños a la iglesias, pero el manto no fue dañado.

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).— EL CARDENAL GIOVANNI SALTARINI anunció el 24 de abril en una conferencia en la Oficina de Prensa de la Santa Sede que la "Santa Sindone", o Sábana Santa, conservada en la Capilla Guarini de la Catedral de San Juan en Turín hasta el reciente incendio, se exhibirá, como estaba previsto, en 1998 y también en el 2000.

El Arzobispo de Turín y Custodio Papal de la Sábana Santa estuvo acompañado por Don Giuseppe Ghiberti, Decano de la Facultad Teológica de Turín y Vicepresidente de la Comisión para la Ostensión de la Sábana Santa; Gian Maria Zaccone, Vicepresidente del Centro Internacional de Sindonología; Ugo Perone, Asesor para los recursos culturales y las comunicaciones, ciudad de Turín; Walter Giuliano, Asesor para los recursos naturales y culturales, provincia de Turín; Giampiero Leo, Asesor para la cultura, región de Piamonte.

El Cardenal explicó el daño que sufrió la Capilla Guarini, la Catedral de Turín y una parte del Palacio Real contiguo, debido al incendio que se originó durante la noche del 11 al 12 de abril. "La Sábana Santa, que se conservaba en una teca en el coro de la

Catedral — señaló —, fue salvada de las llamas y se trasladó a la casa del Arzobispo". Añadió que "una comisión de investigación está trabajando para identificar las causas del incendio". El lino fue previamente dañado en un incendio en Francia en 1532.

La Sábana es una tela de lino que mide 4,36 por 1,10 metros, y lleva la impresión de un hombre de tamaño natural, que según la tradición es el lienzo fúnebre en el que Jesús fue envuelto tras ser bajado de la cruz. La posesión de la Sábana cambió a través de los siglos. Los Saboya de Italia fueron sus propietarios desde 1578, cuando la trajeron a Turín. En 1983, tras la muerte de Umberto II de Saboya, la posesión de la Sábana pasó a la Santa Sede, de acuerdo con su voluntad.

La Sábana, en el griego de los Evangelios y también en latín, se pronuncia "sindon" y significa pieza de tela o lienzo fúnebre.

El Cardenal Saltarini comentó que la conferencia de prensa de hoy fue convocada por la Santa Sede "para informar sobre la situación casi dos semanas después del incendio y para comunicar los proyectos que planean las autoridades religiosas y civiles para los próximos meses".

"Junto a la pregunta sobre el saldo de los daños -continuó- y sobre el grado de pérdida o de recuperación de los bienes artísticos dañados por el incendio, está en particular la de la Ostensión de la Sábana Santa, que estaba prevista para el período pascual del próximo año: tendrá lugar aún la Ostensión o se deberá suspender o posponer?"

"Deseo responder a esta pregunta desde esta posición privilegiada como Custodio Papal de la Sábana Santa", dijo el Arzobispo de Turín. "Es firme la intención de todas las autoridades responsables de hacer la solemne Ostensión de la Sábana Santa en Turín el próximo año en el tiempo y el sitio ya planeados, es decir, entre el domingo 18 de abril y el domingo 14 de junio de 1998, en la Iglesia Catedral. (...) Este empeño está visto como una señal de confianza en la divina Providencia y una 'apuesta por la esperanza'".

Dijo que "cuando a Juan Pablo II, el propietario de la Sábana, se le preguntó si la Sábana se exhibiría en 1998 o en el 2000, respondió: 'Por qué no en ambos?'".

El Cardenal comentó que la última vez que se expuso la Sábana Santa fue del 26 de agosto al 8 de octubre de 1978, el IV centenario de su presencia en Turín, y durante ese período la visitaron unos 3 millones de peregrinos.

"La solemne ostensión de la Sábana Santa tiene una finalidad exclusivamente pastoral y no presupone ninguna toma de posición con respecto al debate científico sobre este misterioso y sugestivo hallazgo antiguo", terminó el Cardenal Saltarini.

Ugo Perone dijo que con ocasión de la Ostensión de la Sábana Santa se restaurarán numerosas Iglesias de Turín y se organizarán itinerarios turísticos y culturales en la ciudad. Habrá una exposición sobre la imagen de la Sábana y otra sobre la iconografía artística de ésta.

Por su parte Walter Giuliano indicó que las Ostensiones de 1998 y del 2000 «servirán para hacer un examen de conciencia personal y colectivo, capaz de individuar y trazar un futuro de esperanza que consienta construir un proyecto de sociedad que no prescinda de los valores de solidaridad y de paz entre los hombres».

## Próxima ordenación

El próximo 14 de junio a las 10 de la mañana en la Catedral de San Patricio, en Charlotte, serán ordenados como sacerdotes los diáconos Arturo De Aguilar y Ray Williams por el Excelentísimo Monseñor William G. Curlin, Obispo de la Diócesis de Charlotte.

El domingo 15 a las tres de la tarde el Padre Arturo De Aguilar celebrará una Misa de acción de gracias en la Iglesia de San Charles Borromeo, situada en el 714 de West Union Street, en Morganton, Carolina del Norte.

Todos están invitados a participar en estas celebraciones.

## Juan Pablo II ordena sacerdotes a 31 diáconos de Roma

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).— EL 20 DE ABRIL, IV DOMINGO de Pascua, conocido como el "Domingo del Buen Pastor", Juan Pablo II ordenó sacerdotes a 31 diáconos de la diócesis de Roma en la Basílica Vaticana, y les alentó a "imitar a Cristo, convirtiéndose en sus testigos valientes, ministros incansables de su Evangelio".

"La misión pastoral de Cristo -dijo- es una misión universal, que no se limita a los hijos e hijas de Israel, sino que en virtud del sacrificio de la Cruz, abraza a todos los hombres y a todos los pueblos".

El Papa se refirió al rito de la prostración en el suelo, durante el canto de las Letanías de los Santos, y les dijo que "la Iglesia pide para vosotros no sólo la gracia del Sacramento del sacerdocio, sino también la santificación, para que podáis, a su vez, santificar a los demás. Este es un momento decisivo de vuestra existencia, que se os quedará grabado para siempre en la mente y en corazón, como le sucede a cada sacerdote".

Comentando las palabras del Salmo: "Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor", el Santo Padre indicó que "nos introducen en el misterio eucarístico, que desde este momento y para todos los días de vuestra vida será vuestra particular porción y vuestro don espiritual (...). Cuando nosotros pronunciamos en su nombre, 'in persona Christi Capitis', las palabras de la consagración que El dijo en el Cenáculo, es siempre el mismo Cristo, quien a través de nuestro ministerio, hace presente el sacrificio de la Cruz".

Los nuevos sacerdotes proceden: 17 de Italia, 3 de Filipinas, 2 de Colombia, 1 de Rumanía, 1 de Zaire, 1 de Uruguay, 1 de Francia, 1 de la India, 1 de Honduras, 1 de Venezuela, 1 de España y 1 de Corea.

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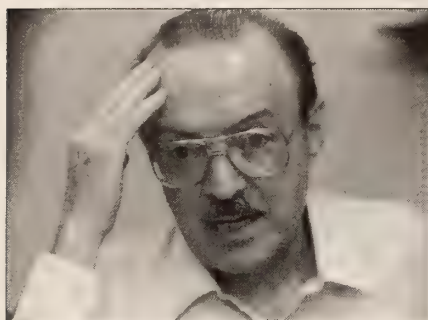
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## Sacerdote peruano ex-rehén elogia la fe del magistrado que murió



El Padre Juan Julio Wicht S.J. habla a los reporteros el 23 de abril sobre su confinamiento durante cuatro meses en la residencia del embajador japonés en Lima. Foto CNS de Reuters

**LIMA, Perú (CNS)** — UN SACERDOTE JESUITA QUE DECIDIÓ QUEDARSE con los rehenes durante toda la crisis en la residencia del Embajador del Japón, elogió la fe del único rehén que murió como resultado del rescate.

El Padre Juan Julio Wicht S.J. dijo que el Magistrado Carlos Giusti, del Tribunal Supremo de Justicia del Perú, "era un hombre de valor y un católico de profundos sentimientos humanos".

De regreso en su comunidad jesuita, en el distrito de Miraflores, Lima, el 23 de abril, sin afeitarse pero ya bañado después de cuatro meses sin tomar una ducha, el Padre Wicht habló sobre el Magistrado Giusti, un abogado prestigioso nombrado por el Presidente del Perú, Alberto Fujimori, para reformar al sistema judicial del Perú.

El Padre Wicht y el Magistrado Giusti estaban entre las 72 personas que, después de permanecer dentro de la residencia del embajador japonés, controlada por miembros del MRTA durante 126 días, fueron objeto de un rescate efectuado por tropas militares

peruanas el 22 de abril. Todos los 14 rebeldes, Giusti y dos miembros del Ejército murieron en el rescate.

Al describir la relación entre los comandos del MRTA y los rehenes, el Padre Wicht dijo que "con pocos momentos de exasperación y tensiones, fueron respetuosas, pero distantes".

"No hubo involucración personal ninguna. Siempre tuvimos una comprensión muy clara de que ellos eran nuestros captores y de que estábamos privados de nuestra libertad por ellos", dijo él.

El sacerdote agregó que la experiencia de ser uno de los rehenes fue una oportunidad para "volver a descubrir las prioridades de la vida y también para una conversión espiritual profunda para muchos de mis compañeros", pero rehusó dar más detalles debido a que, según dijo él, "eso involucra al núcleo de mi ministerio sacerdotal".

El Padre Wicht recordó que algunos de los rebeldes asistían periódica y respetuosamente a las Misas ofrecidas dentro de la residencia. Uno de los rebeldes se identificó a sí mismo como católico desde el mismo principio, dijo el sacerdote.

Con tristeza evidente, el Padre Wicht dijo que un día, uno de los rebeldes más jóvenes se le aproximó para pedir un sacramento.

"El me dijo: 'Padrecito, no he hecho mi Primera Comunión; quiero saber si usted puede prepararme y dármele'", recordó el Padre Wicht. "Le expliqué que la recepción del sacramento exigía vivir los Mandamientos, y que en aquellas circunstancias era imposible que él lo recibiera".

## Las palabras de Jesús en la cruz

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (VIS).** — DURANTE LA AUDIENCIA General del 23 de abril en la Plaza de San Pedro, el Papa prosiguió su catequesis sobre la Virgen María y comentó las palabras de Jesús en la Cruz dirigidas a su Madre: En mensaje previo a visita, Papa insta a terminar divisiones en Líbano "Mujer, ahí tienes a tu hijo" y a San Juan: "Ahí tienes a tu Madre".

"Estas palabras, particularmente conmovedoras" dijo el Santo Padre, "constituyen una 'escena de revelación': revelan los profundos sentimientos de Cristo que muere y encierran una gran riqueza de significado para la fe y la espiritualidad cristiana". Recordó que "las palabras de Jesús que muere, en realidad revelan que su intención primaria no es la de confiar a su Madre a Juan, sino la de entregar al discípulo a María, asignándole una nueva misión materna".

Juan Pablo II subrayó que «la nueva maternidad de María en relación con el discípulo constituye un signo ulterior del gran amor que condujo a Jesús a ofrecer su vida por todos los hombres. En el Calvario, este amor se manifiesta en donar a una Madre, la suya, que de

este modo se convierte también en Madre nuestra».

"La nueva Eva, María, coopera al acontecimiento salvífico de la Redención. De esta manera, la figura de la 'mujer' se recupera en la Virgen y la maternidad asume la tarea de difundir entre los hombres la vida nueva en Cristo (...). Si en el designio de Dios la maternidad de María estaba destinada desde el principio a extenderse a toda la humanidad, sólo en el Calvario, en virtud del sacrificio de Cristo, ésta se manifiesta en su dimensión universal".

El Papa terminó poniendo de relieve que "Jesús en la Cruz no ha proclamado formalmente la maternidad universal de María, sino que ha instaurado una relación materna concreta entre Ella y el discípulo predilecto. En esta decisión del Señor se puede percibir la preocupación de que esta maternidad no sea interpretada en sentido vago, sino que indique la relación intensa y personal de María con los propios cristianos.

"Que cada uno de nosotros, precisamente por esta concreción de la maternidad universal de María, reconozca plenamente en Ella a su propia Madre, abandonándose con confianza a

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# Entertainment

## Fathers' Day

### Williams And Crystal Comic Exchanges Highlights Of Film

NEW YORK (CNS) — Robin Williams and Billy Crystal team up to find a 16-year-old runaway, each believing the boy to be his biological son, in "Fathers' Day."

The lightweight plot is essentially silly — the boy's desperate mom (Nastassja Kinski) separately tells long-ago lovers Dale (Williams) and Jack (Crystal) that each is the real father — not her husband (Bruce Greenwood) — of missing Scott (Charlie Hofheimer), in hopes they will find the teen.

Of course, the movie contrives to have the two potential pops meet, agree to team up in the hunt and hit the road.

Speaking of the road, the movie, directed by Ivan Reitman, lets Williams and Crystal ad-lib in the style of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby from their "Road" movies of yesteryear.

This is good because the two comedians are in their prime and appear to enjoy working off one another and trying to crack each other up. But that isn't quite enough to result in a world-class comedy when the plotting is slack and the tone overly sentimental. And so "Fathers' Day" ends up an amusing, often pleasing comedy that falls short of its potential considering its comic star power.

Making a decidedly odd couple are disciplined lawyer Jack, in his third childless-by-choice marriage, (to Julia-Louis Dreyfuss in a small role), and leftover hippie Dale, a failed writer hoping to connect to anyone as a reason to go on.

The prospect of a son intrigues Jack but positively elates Dale, and even when the two strangers discover their former girlfriend told each of them the same thing they decide to pool their resources and find out the truth once they get Scott home.

The lad is actually not too difficult to locate — he's trailing a rock band with his disenchanted girlfriend — but he wants nothing to do with the two over-eager baby boomers who claim him as their own.

Bloating the narrative is a weak subplot in which Scott is being sought by two dopey drug dealers whose money the boy has stolen to buy his sweetie a diamond necklace. This goes nowhere and is too serious a matter to blend into featherweight comedy.

Throwaway comic exchanges between the two would-be dads form the high points of the movie as it moves predictably to an upbeat end where both men seem in a better position to truly become fathers.

The tone is all soft and cuddly as mom fesses up and everyone learns actual blood ties aren't necessary to form warm human bonds. Past promiscuity on the part of the characters is treated as simply cause for comic banter, making this film inappropriate for impressionable teen viewers.

The direction is strictly routine and, outside of the two leads, other cast members barely make an impression. One would almost conclude it would be a funnier, tighter comedy if it was structured as a two-man show, allowing Crystal and Williams to describe the situation in their differing sassy and manic styles.

As it stands, "Fathers' Day" looks unlikely to produce any offspring.

Because of intermittent comic violence, several sexual references and humorous treatment of past sexual escapades, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



CNS photo from Columbia Pictures

Bruce Willis (center) stars as Korben Dallas, a New York City cab driver caught in a futuristic adventure in "The Fifth Element." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "The Comedians" (1967)

Multileveled tragicomedy about a man (Richard Burton) who finds himself in the middle of a plot to overthrow a ruthless dictatorship in Haiti. Strong cast (Alec Guinness, Peter Ustinov, Elizabeth Taylor, Lillian Gish, Cicely Tyson and James Earl Jones), thoughtful script by Graham Greene from his own novel and assured direction by Peter Glenville result in a powerful movie about personal commitment in the context of political injustice. Some brutal violence and much tension. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Funeral" (1996)

Depression-era tale of how two Italian-American gangster brothers (Christopher Walken and Chris Penn) avenge the murder of their younger brother (Vincent Gallo). Director Abel Ferrara sluggishly probes the dark psyches of brothers trained as killers by their father but constantly rebuked for their crimes by their devout Catholic wives (Isabella Rossellini and Annabella Sciorra). Some gory violence, a sexual encounter with nudity and much rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Hobson's Choice" (1954)

Amusing British tale set in 1890s Manchester, where a smug shoe store owner (Charles Laughton) gets his comeuppance when his eldest daughter (Brenda de Banzie) marries an uneducated but talented shoemaker (John Mills) and they open a rival shoe shop. Directed by David Lean, the story of a wise daughter outsmarting her foolish dad has plenty of ironic humor, a zestful music score and a grand comic performance from Laughton. Period sexism and romantic complications. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Meet Wally Sparks" (1997)

Dreary comedy in which a trashy TV talk show host (Rodney Dangerfield) tries to discredit a Southern governor (David Ogden Stiers) whose family-values speeches are hurting his ratings. Director Peter Baldwin's low-budget, poorly edited movie is an appropriately shabby vehicle for Dangerfield's leering one-liners. Much crude sexual humor, brief nudity, some comic violence and an instance of rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Night Train to Munich" (1940)

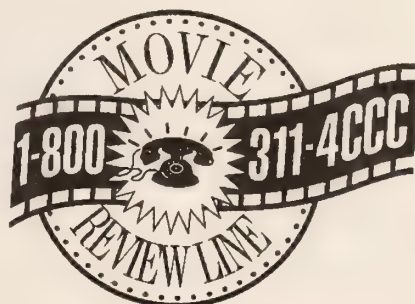
Classy British caper in which a Czech inventor and his daughter (Margaret Lockwood) are snatched from England by a nasty Nazi agent (Paul Henreid), then rescued from a heavily guarded German train by a daredevil British operative (Rex Harrison). Director Carol Reed paces the cat-and-mouse thriller with some twisty plot turns, comic byplay (notably Basil Radford and Naunton Wayne as woolly English travelers) and suspenseful action, including a shoot-out atop the Swiss Alps. Stylized violence and mild romance. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Ransom" (1996)

Fearing his kidnapped son will be killed anyway, an enraged father (Mel Gibson) spurns the FBI's advice to pay the ransom money and offers it instead to anyone who can identify the abductors (led by Gary Sinise) as he races against time to locate the boy. Director Ron Howard's taut action thriller twists and turns suspensefully, although its point-blank violence is disturbingly realistic. Several gory killings, deadly menace to a child, frequent profanity and much rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Seconds" (1966)

Middle-aged banker (Rock Hudson) fed up with his deadening routine pays a mysterious organization to provide a new identity but he finds his new life not what he expected. Directed by John Frankenheimer, it's intriguing mystery with a troubling ending, but there's a sexually exploitive sequence. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



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## People In The News

### Actor Assante Calls Himself A 'Healthy Catholic'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — He lost 40 pounds to play his latest part, but that's not why actor Armand Assante, who stars in the NBC miniseries "The Odyssey," declared, "I am a healthy Catholic — I hope." He made the comments in a telephone conference call with television writers to promote the show. The New York native, who began his acting career 30 years ago on the stage and took to the screen 20 years ago, ticked off the touchstones of his Catholic upbringing — his grade school, his high school, the church where he was wed. "The very fact of Christ — his works, his teachings — mean a great deal to me," Assante said. "To think that this man died for my sins, it's a profound thing to meditate upon."

Armand Assante stars as Odysseus in the NBC miniseries "The Odyssey." The show, based on Homer's lengthy poem, airs May 18-19.



CNS photo from NBC

### Pope Sends Message To Fatima For 80th Anniversary Of Apparition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II sent a message to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Marian apparition at Fatima, Portugal, emphasizing its enduring value. The text of the note, directed to Bishop Serafim de Sousa Ferreira Silva of Leiria-Fatima, was released at the Vatican May 13, eight decades to the day after the first apparition. "The message which the Most Holy Virgin sent to all humanity on this occasion continues to resound with all its prophetic force, inviting everyone to insistent prayer, to interior conversion and to a generous commitment of expiation for one's own sins and for those of the world," the pope said.

### Saginaw's 'Rested' Bishop Says It's Good To Be Home

SAGINAW, Mich. (CNS) — Now that Bishop Kenneth E. Untener is back from a sabbatical, "home" will once again be in a parish in his Saginaw Diocese that has invited him to hang his hat. "I ended up doing in San Francisco just what I do in Saginaw," joked the bishop. "I continue my life as a professional sponger as I go from parish to parish." Upon his return home, he resumed his temporary residence at St. Mary Nine Mile Parish in Pinconing, where he lived before his sabbatical. Ever since he sold the bishop's official residence in Saginaw after becoming bishop in 1980, he has moved every three or four months to a different parish in his 11-county diocese. In December Bishop Untener went to Menlo Park, Calif., in the San Francisco Archdiocese, for four months of reflection, prayer and writing. The move was his 54th in the past 16 years.

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# Study Finds No Ill Health Effects From Communion

LODI, N.J. (CNS) — People who receive Communion run no more risk of infection than those who don't, according to a study by New Jersey microbiologist Anne LaGrange Loving.

Health effects do not change if the communicant receives daily or only occasionally, or if the communicant takes consecrated wine as well as the consecrated bread, she said.

Loving teaches microbiology at Felician College, a small Catholic college in Lodi. She compared weekly health reports over a 10-week period by 681 New Jersey residents who participated in the study.

She said that in more than 100 years of research and debate among scientists over the possible relationship between reception of Communion and communicable diseases, hers was the first re-

corded study that compared actual churchgoing and Communion practices with the actual health history of a large number of people over a period of time.

She delivered a paper on her study May 7 at the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Miami Beach, Fla., and later made it available to Catholic News Service.

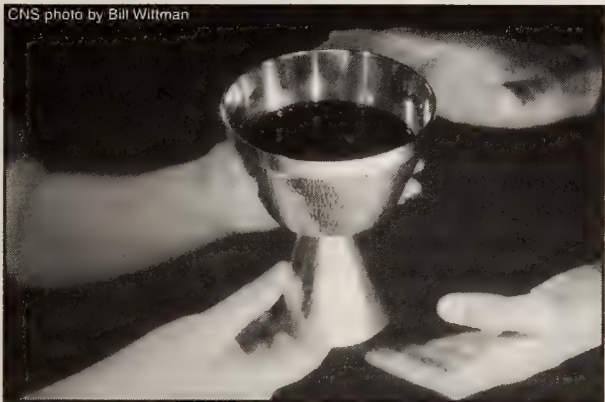
Working with her on the study was Lisa Wolf, a psychology professor at Kean College of New Jersey in Union.

Study participants included churchgoing Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox whose practices ranged from daily worship and Communion to occasional worship, with or without Communion.

Also included were more than 200 people, Christian and non-Christian, who during the study never attended church or received Communion.

Besides standard demographic data and their weekly worship and Communion practices, they were asked to record each week any medications taken and

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Communion Cup — A new study by microbiologist Anne LaGrange Loving shows that receiving the Communion host and cup does not increase risk of illness.

any respiratory, intestinal, skin, systemic or general illness problems they experienced.

"There were no differences in reported illness between those who received, those who attended but did not receive, and those who never attended church," Loving reported.

"Since there were no differences in health among these groups," she said, "it was not necessary to determine which method had been used by an individual to receive the wine — sipping from a common cup, separate cups, intinction, etc."

She said she also tested "to determine if those in religious life had a higher

incidence of reported illness."

"These individuals attended church and received the sacraments as often as daily, and some consumed the 'dregs' of the consecrated wine after all parishioners had sipped from the chalice," she reported.

"No significant differences were found for any of the health problems between those in religious life compared to other respondents."

## Marx, from page 5

to gather with other Christians united in the bond of Jesus.

I love the Catholic Church and believe her teachings with all my heart. But I know many people of different faiths who love God and their church as deeply as I love mine.

Seven years ago I became friends with Fran, a woman in my neighborhood and the mother of three children who happen to be Protestant. We discovered how important faith was to both of us and to our families. For the first time, I experience a friendship that was founded on faith. Over the years, we shared so much about our different faiths and the misconceptions we had about each other's religion. Fran's prayers and words of God's love helped me through some of my most difficult hours. Her unshakable faith and knowledge of the Bible have deeply enriched my spiritual life.

During the many conversations I had with Fran over the years at our kitchen table, in hospital rooms, on the beach or over the phone, I often felt that God was smiling on us, pleased that we transcended the stereotypes and instead focused on what united us in our faith. I am a better Catholic because of Fran's love and example.

For me, having a friend who is Catholic is a bit like putting on a pair of old shoes. They're comfortable. They feel right. We've walked on familiar and common ground together for years. Meeting a friend who isn't Catholic may be more like buying a new pair of shoes. At first they might be uncomfortable. They may be a style or color that we normally wouldn't buy. We're unsure how they'll look on us. I believe God is telling us we need to wear both kinds of shoes on our journey of faith. We need the loving and mutual support of our family of faith — its beliefs, traditions and values we have known and loved for years. But we also need the richness of other religions and cultures that reflect the diversity of the world God created.

The most effective way we can work toward the unity that God wishes for all the world's people is to be a shining example of God's love in the way we treat all peoples rather than claiming religious superiority. And one of the first places we begin this is by teaching our own through word and example to be respectful of the many ways people search for God in our world.

## Dietzen, from page 5

sume, ignorance of the law, which you reject in this case, is only one of many varieties of invincible ignorance. There may also be ignorance of the fact that I am bound by the law, whatever that law is.

For instance, if individuals exercise all the reflection, faith and prayer they can reasonably manage in the circumstances, and if they still cannot see they are bound to a particular obligation, they are in what is, somewhat indelicately, called invincible ignorance.

Their action may be objectively wrong, but they are not sinning because they cannot see that they are acting wrongly. (Those serious about understanding this may see almost any of the classical moral texts, for example, Nodin-Heinzel "Summa Theologiae Moralis, De Principiis," 1952.)

As a less sensitive example, some great non-Catholic theologians and philosophers have been, or are today, experts in Catholic doctrine. They know well the church's teaching about necessity of membership in the Catholic Church.

In spite of all their study and reflection, however, they have never come to see membership in the church as a personal moral imperative. They know the "law"; they just cannot in conscience perceive that the law applies to them.

According to the church's traditional teaching on moral responsibility, they are (again in the embarrassingly disrespectful phrase) invincibly ignorant.

Finally, these thoughts, reflected in the guidelines, are not new or revolutionary. They are simply part of the church's traditional criteria for evaluating responsibility and culpability for our moral actions.

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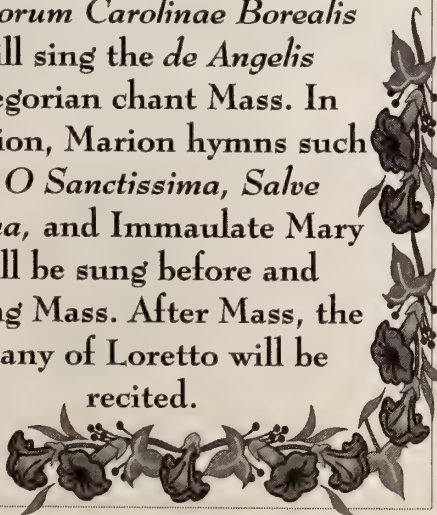
*Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

**Correction:** The April 25 edition of *The Catholic News & Herald* incorrectly gave the dates for liturgist/musician Dan Schutte's concert and workshop in Rock Hill, S.C. The correct dates are Sept. 26-27. Call (803) 327-2097 for information.



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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Vacation Bible School

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### SPLUNGE in Cincinnati

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### Ultreya

CHARLOTTE — South Charlotte area Ultreya is every fourth Sunday of the month in the St. Matthew parish Fellowship Hall from 1-3 p.m. Potluck lunch, meeting and Leaders' School are included, and baby-sitting is available. Call Teresa Sanctis, (704) 541-6850, for information.

### Women of Faith Retreat

MONROE — "Women of Faith, Hope and Love" is a May 17 retreat in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For registration and information, call Verna Reed, (704) 289-5209.

### Cancer Survivors Day

CHARLOTTE — Presbyterian Cancer Center on Caswell Road between 4th and 5th Streets hosts a Cancer Survivors Day Celebration June 1 from 4-7 p.m. on the center grounds. Anyone dealing with a diagnosis of cancer, including families, friends and healthcare providers, are invited to attend the carnival-atmosphere event.

### Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and

fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

### Women's Guild Auction

ASHEVILLE — The Women's Guild of St. Eugene parish auction is July 10. Proceeds benefit the parish expansion fund. Donations of auction items (no clothes) and food are needed. Call Charlotte Novak, (704) 258-8393, for details.

### Moms Group Meets

CONCORD — The Moms Group of St. James parish meets the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Fridays each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. For details, call Michelle Fehlman, (704) 784-3691.

### Ordination Anniversary

MOUNT HOLLY — Father John Vianney Hoover of New Creation Monastery, Boonville, celebrates the 21st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 25 at St. Joseph Church, Highway 273. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., followed by a bring-your-own picnic. Call (910) 699-4005.

### Bereavement Support Groups

CHARLOTTE — The Grief Group meets Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel parish Family Room. Anyone who has lost a spouse, parent, child, sibling or loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets Thursdays from 12-1:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel parish Family Room.

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### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — The Basilica of St. Lawrence welcomes all to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For details, call Joe or Mary Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

### Young Adults Bible Study

ASHEVILLE — A study of the Gospel of Mark for high school and college-aged young adults is every Sunday

evening in May at St. Joan of Arc Church. For time and other details, call (704) 255-0149.

### Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Viriditas: Greening Power" is a June 9-13 nature retreat directed by Sister Jo Anne Murphy, OSF, and Sister Jane Schmenk, OSF, focusing through a hands-on experience of the mountains on Hildegard of Bingen, who believed that Christ brings vitality to those in need. Cost is \$200.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" is a June 14-20 retreat directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere focusing on the origins and development of the Eucharist as explained by Luke. Cost is \$250.

"Be Still and Know that I am God" is a June 23-29 nature retreat directed by Father Dan Havron, OFM, and Sister Fran Grady, SCL, focusing on hearing the voice of God in a peaceful setting. Cost is \$250.

"The Psalms: School of Contemplative Prayer" is a July 1-7 retreat directed by Father Sidney Griffith, ST, focusing on the psalms as the prayer of ancient Israel, the prayer of Jesus and the prayer of the Church. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Inner Healing Retreat

BELMONT — "Inner Healing (Healing the Child Within)" is a May 23-25 retreat directed by Father Peter Jugis,

Mrs. Bobbie May and Rev. Mr. Hugo May and designed to illustrate the processes that lead to inner healing through teaching, reflections, meditations, sharing, a healing service, music, prayer and Mass. The sacrament of reconciliation and individual spiritual direction will also be available. Cost is \$115 per person, and registration deadline is May 19. For more information or to register, call (704) 327-8692.

### First Annual Barbecue

MONROE — The Our Lady of Lourdes parish first annual barbecue is May 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (704) 289-2773 for details.

### Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head, S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

### National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., on June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

### Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the Faith Formation Building. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

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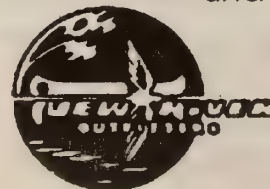


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# World And National News Briefs

## Both Volunteers, Governments Seen Needing In Aiding Poor

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Some people think more volunteering will turn the tide against poverty in the United States. Others think more government help will make the difference. But “it’s not either/or,” according to John Carr, secretary for social development and world peace at the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington. “We need a lot more creative community initiatives, and we need better and more just public policy,” Carr said in an interview with *The Catholic Standard and Times*, newspaper of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

## Catholic Leaders Urge Funding Overhaul For Illinois Schools

CHICAGO (CNS) — Catholic leaders in Illinois are urging the state to restructure its system for funding schools to make it “more just and equitable” and to guarantee access to quality education for all. The Catholic Conference of Illinois recently outlined principles it believes should guide a discussion on financing of primary and secondary education. “We need to reconsider the funding source,” said Elaine Schuster, superintendent of schools for the archdiocese and chairwoman of the Catholic

conference’s Education Committee. “Schools should not be dependent upon property taxes because that system is not an equal or fair way of offering quality education to the students of Illinois,” she told *The New World*, Chicago archdiocesan newspaper.

## Jesuit Says U.S. Hiding Evidence On Priest’s Death

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (CNS) — A priest who has read hundreds of pages of declassified U.S. government documents believes the Clinton administration has yet to come clean about the disappearance of a fellow Jesuit in the jungles of Honduras. Father James Carney, a U.S. citizen who was born in St. Louis and served for 25 years as a missionary in Honduras, disappeared in September 1983 while a chaplain with a small band of Honduran guerrillas. Many of his family and fellow Jesuits believe he was tortured and killed by the Honduran military. Among them is Father Joseph Mulligan, a Jesuit from Detroit who works with basic Christian communities in Central America. Father Mulligan, who lives in Managua, Nicaragua, has become the Jesuits’ point man on the Father Carney case.

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*Anne O. Sanderson High School, Raleigh, NC  
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teaching and lasting learning is a supportive environment. Mindy discovered this at Belmont Abbey College, and now she's passing it on to her students — gift wrapped.



**Beirut Papal Mass** — Pope John Paul II waves during Mass near a Beirut construction site May 11 in Lebanon. The pope brought his message of Muslim-Christian reconciliation into the battle-scarred heart of Beirut.

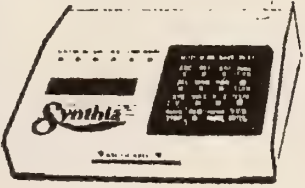
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**KINGS MOUNTAIN** — While history of a Catholic presence in the Cleveland County town of Shelby dates back to around 1884, it took until the mid-1930s for Mass to be regularly celebrated in local residents' homes. The first Catholic family in the Kings Mountain area, southeast of Shelby along Highway 74, is said to have settled there in the mid-1930s. Today, parishioners of Christ the King Church in Kings Mountain can reflect on the evangelical spirit of their faithful predecessors that brought a Catholic church home.

For a quarter-century, Catholic families living in Kings Mountain had to travel to Shelby or Gastonia for Mass and catechetical instruction. As that number of families neared 20 by 1960, Father Thomas Clements, then pastor of St. Mary Church in Shelby, began celebrating Mass in the Kings Mountain American Legion Hall.

The following year, Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh established an apostolic center in town for training newly ordained priests. On the one-acre property stood a former Associate Reform Presbyterian Church, along with other buildings to be used by the Catholic congregation for worship, educational and social purposes. A new Catholic

parish was born.

With the acquisition of the property came almost instant obstacles for the congregation. The church buildings and other edifices, having been constructed decades earlier, were suffering from disrepair. By 1965, the apostolic training center was relocated from Kings Mountain, and the church family reverted to mission status. Having sold what they could of the church grounds structures in 1973, parishioners began searching for a new, permanent spiritual home.

Local Episcopal and Lutheran congregations welcomed their Catholic neighbors to use their church facilities for Masses through the 1970s. With Bishop Michael J. Begley, shepherd of the newly founded Diocese of Charlotte, the mission continued to search for a site on which to build a new church. Having petitioned St. Joseph since 1960, when sisters from the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart arrived to teach CCD classes, the congregation continued to call on the intercession of the universal Church's pa-



tron into the early 1980s.

On the feast day of St. Joseph — March 19 — in 1981, four acres of land were purchased in town. Two decades earlier, a pair of Mission Helpers sisters had buried a medal of St. Joseph on that same piece of property, echoing the hope of local parishioners that a Catholic church would someday be built in Kings Mountain.

The congregation received financial assistance from the Catholic Extension Society, the diocese, parishioners and friends, and ground was broken for the new church in September 1982. Present at the ceremony were Father (now Msgr.) Felix Kelaher, pastor; and the Reverend Gerald Weeks, former pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, where the Catholic mission had celebrated its liturgies for a time.

The first Mass in the new Christ the King Church took place in July 1983. Forty-three families were registered as parishioners at the time. The church was dedicated on the feast day of Christ the King — Nov. 29 — that year.

Much development occurred during the pastorate of Msgr. William Wellein, who arrived to minister in Shelby and the mission in Kings Mountain beginning in late 1984. The lower level of the Christ the King facility was completed,

thus allowing space for CCD classes and other catechetical and social activities. A wall hanging of Christ the King was placed on the large brick wall in the sanctuary. The pastor also added to the landscape a statue of Jesus which he had obtained from a Wilmington movie studio while serving as pastor on the Carolina coast years earlier.

Father Carl Kaltreider was installed as pastor of St. Mary and Christ the King churches in June 1996. In addition to its strength as a faith community, church life is highlighted by the presence of the Ladies Guild, various faith formation efforts, the parish council and a newly developed Knights of Columbus joint council.

The contemporary-style Christ the King Church continues to open its doors to resident and visiting faithful in Kings Mountain. Memories of the fervent missionary efforts of Cleveland County Catholics to establish a church on their eastern border remain strong. And somewhere in the surrounding soil, perhaps, still lies a medal of St. Joseph, the saint whose intercession was called upon in the hopes of establishing a new church.



## Priest Slain; Witness Said To Ignore Cries For Help

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (CNS)** — As mourners gathered at a funeral Mass for a retired Catholic priest murdered along a New Mexico highway, questions continued about reports that several witnesses failed to respond to the priest's cries for help.

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan of Santa Fe celebrated the May 8 Mass for 62-year-old Father Armando Martinez at St. Anthony Church in Questa, the priest's home village in northern New Mexico.

Several passers-by apparently witnessed Father Martinez being chased and beaten by his assailant May 3 along Highway 4 in the Jemez Mountains.

One purported witness told a local television station that he did not stop his

vehicle because he thought two drunks were fighting along the roadside, even though a much younger man was striking an older man.

An 18-year-old woman stated in an affidavit that she and five friends were driving along the highway when an older man in bloodstained casual clothes dashed in front of her car and waved his arms. When she stopped and rolled her window down a few inches, the man yelled: "A man is trying to kill me."

The woman said the man continued shouting: "Please help me. I'm a priest. I gave him a ride from Jemez Springs and he just got out of prison. He's going to kill me. You must believe me, it's my life, it's my life."

However, the woman told authori-

ties she was scared and drove away after a younger man approached her car and told her to ignore his drunken friend. While the car sped away, a passenger reportedly turned around to see the younger man hit the older one.

Father Martinez's nude body was found along the highway the next day. Investigators said he died from head injuries caused by blunt force. His car and belongings were missing.

Shortly before the funeral, murder suspect Dennis Carabajal, 38, allegedly surrendered to police after a \$1,000 reward had been offered seeking information regarding his whereabouts.

Carabajal, a New Mexico native, was paroled in July 1996 after being sentenced to three years in the state prison

for attacking a woman and slashing her face with a carpet knife. He has a history of violent crime and drug abuse.

Law enforcement officials said a police officer thought he saw Father Martinez and Carabajal during a May 3 traffic stop outside the town of Jemez Springs.

Archbishop Sheehan described Father Martinez as a gentle and friendly person and speculated early on that the priest had been murdered during a robbery after picking up a hitchhiker.

Father Martinez had worked in the archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal and in many parishes throughout the state. He was ordained in 1961 at St. Therese Church in Albuquerque.



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## D.C. Pair Preach Respect For Diversity, Intolerance Of Hate

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Vice President Al Gore and Attorney General Janet Reno, speaking at the Anti-Defamation League's annual leadership conference in Washington, spoke out against hate crimes being committed in the United States and promoted respect and tolerance for racial, ethnic and religious differences.

Comparing the fight against intolerance to the Middle East peace process, Gore said May 20 that while much has been done, "we have not traveled nearly far enough. We have a lot of work to do."

Gore added, "People look to us (in the United States) as the example of the proposal that we human beings on the Earth have the God-given gift to rise above the differences ... to rise above the evils that are unleashed in the human spirit."

The vice president said that the two-pronged approach all Americans should follow involves "respect for differences and appreciation for diversity" while "reaching out to embrace all that we have in common."

Reno, who spoke before Gore May 20, said the Department of Justice wants to "eliminate hate crimes and make it a systemic part of the Justice Department's efforts."

Since 1989, 500 defendants have been convicted of hate crimes, virtually all of those who have been tried, she said.

Of the 400 church arsons investigated since January 1995, 187 arrests have been made in 136 of the cases — a record Reno said which was double the typical arson arrest rate.

"There is more to do but we are making some inroads," she said. "Our efforts are paying off," she said, noting that 200 FBI and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents have investigated church burnings.

The church arsons have "generated a tremendous response" around the country, Reno said, leading to her hope that Americans can erase "the hate and bigotry that is too often in our midst."

Reno said hate crimes are underreported because their victims are

reluctant to come forward. "In the past, hate crimes were not taken seriously," she said. "The victims were vilified for reporting the incident."

To bring about an upswing in the reporting of hate crimes "requires great sensitivity and great patience," she said. "If nothing is done, the victim's fears will have been vindicated."

In a question-and-answer session, Reno suggested that groups to support hate-crime victims be formed along the lines of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and groups that support victims of domestic violence.

"Be as constructive as you can" when talking with prosecutors and monitoring the course of hate crimes through the criminal justice system, Reno said. "Tell the victim every step of the way that they are doing the right thing."

Reno, in her talk, also spoke highly of the benefits of prevention, plugging legislation that would channel anti-youth violence grants directly to courts to set up their own initiatives.

Youth skinhead gangs are responsible for some hate crimes, she said, adding that while violent crime is "down significantly," it may rise again because of the projected growth in the teen-age population in the next 10 to 15 years.

Gore touched upon last year's spate of church burnings to close his remarks, noting when in western Tennessee, his home state, two churches — one white, one black, about two miles from each other — had burned about a year apart.

The cause of the white church's fire may have been electrical, and the black church was the first church to donate to its rebuilding. A year later, the black church burned due to a probable arson, and the white church responded in kind by making the first donation for the black church's reconstruction.

Neither congregation had met the other before the church burnings. But "tragedy brought the communities together and (they) might never have been brought together except for the event," Gore said. "Man intended it for evil, but God intended it for good."



Photo by JOANN KEANE

**To the tourist in everyone.** An unidentified sister shops for postcards along the Rue de la Grotte in Lourdes.

## Mildred Rankin Retires After 60+ Years Serving Mercy Community

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

BELMONT — Like Sacred Heart Convent and its Sisters of Mercy, Mildred Rankin is a fixture in Gaston County history.

No, the 84-year-old is not a member of the religious order. Rather, her connection to local lore is via the workplace: Rankin was employed at the former Sacred Heart College and the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse for more than 60 years. She recently retired and was honored with a surprise dinner May 15 where family and friends honored Rankin for her years of service and commitment to the community.

"Mildred is a special person; she's part of our Mercy family," said Mercy Sister Rosalind Picot, president of the Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina. "We become very involved in the lives of our employees and they become a part of our lives. It's more like family here than a business, and may it always be that way."

For the Mercy president, the memories of Rankin go back many years — specifically, when Sister Rosalind was a college student at Sacred Heart. At that time, Rankin worked in the dormitories at the school. "Mildred used to look out for us. She used to warn us, 'so and so is coming.' And she used to do extra little

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# Ecumenical Dialogue Stresses Christian Unity

By KATHY SCHMUGGE  
Correspondent

HICKORY — As part of a continuing ecumenical effort, Roman Catholic clergy and three other Christian denominations met May 6-7 at the Catholic Conference Center for the annual Bishops' Ecumenical Dialogue, sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

This year's topic was "Clergy Stress — Its Implications for the Church," with featured speaker Conventual Father Canice Connors, former president of the St. Luke Institute in Maryland, who has published articles and advised the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the areas of human sexuality, sexual abuse, pedophilia and other related topics. Father Connors offered basic survival tips and advice to 26 clergy and lay leaders on how to live a healthier and happier life.

Father George Kloster, ecumenical

officer for the Charlotte Diocese, has been involved with the churches' cooperative effort known as LARCUM (Lutherans, Anglican/Episcopalian, Roman Catholic and United Methodist) for 15 years, and sees a positive trend developing in recent dialogues. "Over the past few years, a mutual confidence has developed and we are now focusing on issues that we share," said Father Kloster, pastor of St. Michael Church in Gastonia. "Certainly the theme of clergy stress is one that is prevalent in the four denominations who sponsored this forum."

"We share stresses, human qualities and psychological make-up. We should not be emphasizing our differences, but our oneness," added Dr. Donald George, ecumenical liaison officer for the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference. George has been involved in the ecumenical movement for almost 30 years and has been part of LARCUM since its inception. "The greater truth holds us (Christians) together."

The Rev. Dr. Leonard Bolick, newly installed bishop for the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the conference

was an enriching experience. "It is important for Christians to be in conversation about our faith and what we believe, stating clearly how we see God," he said.

Also in attendance was the Rev. Charlene Kammerer, bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Kammerer and Bishop Bolick hope to organize another meeting among the LARCUM bishops in hopes of expanding the ecumenical effort to all levels. "We must find ways to stand united and speak words of hope in a world which desperately needs to hear that message," Bishop Bolick noted.

The Rev. Gilmer Miller, a Lutheran minister who serves on the LARCUM planning committee, feels that Christians have reached a time where they can no

longer ignore other faiths. "We are all God's people. We must work together and serve God faithfully in the various manifestations of Church." By sharing traditions and theology, individuals gain a better understanding other denominations as well as their own, he added.

The Rev. Bob Crewdson, an Episcopal representative on the planning board, would like to see the ecumenical effort go in a two-prong direction: Continuing to present speakers who address the needs of all denominations and resuming education about the various denominations for new members.

LARCUM participants see the dialogue as a way to break down barriers; where people may come together as strangers but leave as friends.

## S.C. Bishops Confess Sin Of Racism

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CNS) — Bishop David B. Thompson of Charleston joined with his brother Lutheran, Episcopal and Methodist bishops in South Carolina in confessing the "sin of racism" and asking for forgiveness.

The bishops issued a joint statement May 16 after attending a May 12-13 dialogue on race relations.

"We ask (Jesus) now to help us in our struggles to overcome the sin of racism, that powerful prejudice which pits one race against the other to the damage of all," the bishops said. "We go to each other, confessing guilt and seeking forgiveness."

The approaching third millennium of Christianity presented the bishops with a "unique opportunity" to "face up to the evil of racism totally united in the belief that God created us all in his own image and likeness, that he created us all equal and that we all have the same inalienable right," the statement said.

"No dogmas, no creeds, no Christian denominations divide us on these beliefs," it added.

"Arm in arm, heart with heart, calling upon the Lord to assist us, we must, if we deserve to be called Christian, have this love for one another, embrace each other totally and in the first belief in one

Lord, one baptism, one human family, with equal liberty and justice for all."

The statement was signed by Bishop Thompson; Episcopal Bishops Dorsey F. Henderson Jr. of Upper South Carolina, Edward Salmon Jr. of South Carolina, and South Carolina Suffragan Bishop William J. Skilton; Evangelical Lutheran Bishop David A. Donges; and United Methodist Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey.

The dialogue on race relations is part of an ongoing series of two-day dialogues among Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic and Methodist bishops and lay leaders in which the laity participate in a series of talks on the first day, and the bishops respond on the second.

Topics covered during the race relations dialogue included successful cross-racial clergy appointments, thriving integrated congregations, the appointment of blacks to leadership positions, the establishment of bishops' commissions on race relations, and programs to help congregations become more sensitive to racial differences.

Past dialogue topics have included Eucharist and interdenominational marriage. Last year's dialogue resulted in the creation of a common baptismal certificate to be used by all denominations.



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The U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument are visible in early morning light from the Iwo Jima Memorial. The memorial honoring U.S. Marines depicts soldiers raising a U.S. flag on the island during World War II. Citizens pay tribute to U.S. soldiers that have died in war on Memorial Day, observed May 26 this year.

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## Pro-Life Corner



For those who are haunted by  
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That God might gently heal  
them through the loving  
work of his Church:  
We pray to the LORD.

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### Shaping Beliefs

Americans give the following people credit for shaping their religious beliefs:

Parents 64%

Friend 9%

No one 7%

Clergy member 6%

Spouse 6%

Other 8%

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Expresses Gratitude For Warm Welcome In Lebanon

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience May 14.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Following my long-awaited visit to Lebanon, I express my gratitude to the president of the republic and to the civil and ecclesiastical authorities for their warm welcome and hospitality. In Beirut, I presided at the solemn conclusion of the special assembly for Lebanon of the Synod of Bishops and entrusted to the young people my post-synodal apostolic exhortation, titled "A New Hope for Lebanon." Young people are the hope of Lebanon and the church, and the implementation of the synod will largely depend on them. Lebanon has a long Christian tradition reflected in the presence of the Maronite Church and many other churches, both Catholic and Orthodox. Cooperation among believers, together with restoration of the centuries-long tradition of harmony between Muslims and Christians, must mark the present time of reconciliation and rebuilding after long years of conflict. Only in this way can the preservation of Lebanon's national and cultural identity be ensured. Let us pray that Lebanon, where Christ himself taught and worked miracles, will become a place of tolerance, cooperation and peace.

### Pope Sends Message To Fatima On 80th Anniversary Of Apparition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II sent a message to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Marian apparition at Fatima, Portugal, emphasizing its enduring value. The text of the note, directed to

Bishop Serafim de Sousa Ferreira Silva of Leiria-Fatima, was released at the Vatican May 13, eight decades to the day after the first apparition. "The message which the Most Holy Virgin sent to all humanity on this occasion continues to resound with all its prophetic force, inviting everyone to insistent prayer, to interior conversion and to a generous commitment of expiation for one's own sins and for those of the world," the pope said.

### In Times Of Change, Emphasize Church Teachings, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Traditional Catholic teachings must be emphasized in times of transition, Pope John Paul II told members of the southern African bishops' conference in mid-May.

The 27 bishops from South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland were on their "ad limina" visits, which bishops worldwide make every five years to report on conditions in their dioceses.

This was the South African bishops' first "ad limina" trip to the Vatican after the demise of apartheid, under which members of the country's white minority governed and suppressed the black majority.

Pope John Paul acknowledged that the country "has had to adapt to radically new social and political conditions" since then. But he urged the bishops to encourage clergy and lay people to stick to conventional Catholic teachings despite this environment of constant change.

## Guest Column

Antoinette Bosco

### Guardian Angels

Sometimes people experience coincidences which seem to them to involve the direct hand of a higher power. These incidents can't be fully explained logically or scientifically. They leave the subjects profoundly moved, believing they have been chosen for this special gift from a heavenly power.

Many of these stories point to what Catholics always have called guardian angels. When I am told an angel story the sincerity of the person who experienced heavenly help comes through so loud and clear that I can't help but be moved.

Precious Blood Sister Kathryn Ann Gunther of Dayton, Ohio, a reader of my columns, wrote to me of an experience she called her "encounter with angels."

It began when she arrived at a conference for nurses, social workers and pastoral care staff members at the state house in Dayton.

In her words: "Chaplain Nancy, who walked with me in the state house, offered to carry my purse. I have multiple sclerosis and at times find it difficult to carry anything heavy when I walk.

"Out of the corner of my eye I thought I noticed a railing on the right wall. Without looking at the presumed support, I extended my right hand and grasped the supposed railing.

"What a shock I experienced! The band on the railing I had grasped was moving faster than I could walk. Unfortunately, when I am afraid, my body becomes rigid.

"Suddenly I realized that the railing I had grasped was the banister to the down escalator. In less than a minute, my rigid body was stretched to its full length and my entire body was head-first on the banister.

"I heard Nancy scream, 'Someone help us, she can't get down!' The next moment I saw two men jump onto the escalator. When they touched me, I felt relaxed and released my hands to them. One of the men took one

arm and the second man took the other. At the same time, a third man jumped onto the escalator from the top, lifting both my legs.

"Gently I found myself carried off the escalator.

"What was so remarkable about their transporting me from the escalator is my feeling no hand contact, no sensation of skin against skin, no discomfort. It seemed as if I were floating easily and comfortably while they lifted me from the banister and carried me to safety.

"Without a doubt I knew three angels had rescued me from the escalator."

When Sister Kathryn Ann sent me her story, she pointed out that her friend Nancy maintains these were just young men, not angels, who merely happened to be there when she needed help. But "God works through human beings," Sister Kathryn Ann noted, and for her the men who delivered her from a fatal fall will always be angels.

It's good to recall that the subject of angels has been around for a very long time. St. Thomas Aquinas, in the "Summa Theologica," wrote about angels: their number and variety, their knowledge and love and their angelic sanctity and angelic sin, too.

St. Thomas referred to angels as our "angelic big brothers" and said they have much to teach us. The great intellectual master also wrote, "Some of them (angels) are friendly with that staunch friendship that endures, even heightens, throughout our weaknesses, our failures, our pettiness, our positive malice; so friendly as to be on guard for us 24 hours in the day."

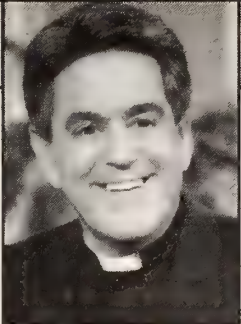
Antoinette Bosco is a CNS columnist.





### Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



#### A Child's Eye View Of Pentecost

Celebrating the children's liturgy at my parish when I was a young priest was always a daunting task, but never more so than at the Feast of the Pentecost. How does one adequately present the mystery of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to those still mastering the intricacies of tying their own shoelaces?

When I was growing up such tasks were left to the imaginative teaching skills of the parish school nuns, whose own theological explanations at the time were cautionary tales featuring this thing called the Holy "Ghost" in the role of hero. Sister Rosanne, our jubilant third grade teacher, put it this way: "There is no reason to be afraid of scary ghosts when you are alone in the dark, because God has given us the Holy Ghost who is stronger than the bad ones." Oddly enough it was a reassuring notion for youngsters scared of things that go bump in the night.

Then, somewhere along the way, the Holy Ghost became the Holy Spirit and Father Rocco took up the challenge. His homilies were magic — literally. An amateur prestidigitator and magician, he illuminated the story of the flaming tongues that settled on the heads of the disciples by waving a sparkler wand over an empty glass. Presto! The glass was filled with milk! His explanation? "We are the empty container, and the milk is the Holy Spirit." Memorable, if a bit off the theological mark.

My seminary training was far more intricate. The great theologians of Franciscan mysticism — Blessed John Duns Scotus and St. Bonaventure — viewed the Holy Spirit not so much as an entity to be defined but as a way of life. They draw our attention not to what the Spirit IS, but to what the Spirit DOES. Jesus lived and preached freedom and salvation by manifesting a power that enables us to develop and share our God-given abilities. That power in its purest form is Love.

This new way of living was both exciting and confusing to his friends. When Jesus announced that He would soon leave, His followers became fearful at the prospect of carrying on without His example and leadership. So He promised to send the Spirit who would reveal to them and sustain in them all that Jesus lived in their midst. Indeed on that first Pentecost this promised Spirit emboldened them through the ability to see as Jesus did and the courage to act as Jesus did. Not only were their own lives radically changed, but they brought joyful renewal to the lives of all they touched.

Thus was born the Church. The People of God, through the Spirit, are empowered to love as Jesus loves. And it is the child and the childlike who are most open to this power: "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)


Then it was my turn to be the teacher. Standing in front of those youngsters so many years ago, I thought of those theologians and mystics and of Sister Rosanne and Father Rocco. And I asked a question: "What do you like most about God?" One fifth-grader unhesitatingly shot back: "That's easy, He helps me do good." Out of the mouths of babes! For insight into what this Pentecost is all about, children and the impressionable child in each of us need only welcome the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love who already lives in us and among us.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Let Go, Let God," write to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the *Christophers*.

### Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



#### Catholic Witnesses at Protestant Baptisms

**Q.** My question concerns Catholic and non-Catholic godparents.

*Non-Catholics are permitted to be Christian witnesses for a Catholic baptism. How about the other way around? May a Catholic be a godparent for a child being baptized into the Lutheran Church? What is the church's position about this?*

**A.** It is possible for Catholics to do what you suggest at a Protestant baptism. Catholic understanding is that, normally, godparents at baptism should be members of the Church or ecclesial community in which the baptism is being celebrated.

One reason is that sponsors are present not only as relatives or friends of the family. They also represent that particular community of faith, that "family of believers."

As such, they commit themselves to support the child as it becomes a full member of the community in which the baptism is taking place.

However, it is also Catholic belief that a valid baptism, in any Christian faith, makes one part of the larger community of believers in Christ.

For this reason, and because there may be other ties of friendship and family, a baptized person in another church may be admitted as a Christian witness in a Catholic baptism, together with a godparent who is a practicing Catholic. This happens frequently.

For the same reason, a Catholic may do likewise for a person who is baptized into another Christian community.

These guidelines are found in the Vatican's Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism, 1993; Nos. 96-98.

**The Origin Of Water And Wine**

**Q.** As a convert, I've never learned the significance of adding water to the wine at Mass. Why is this done?

**A.** As is true so often with religious rituals, the origin of this part of the Mass seems connected with something totally unrelated to religion.

The practice of adding water to wine almost certainly has its roots in the ancient custom of adding water to alleviate the strength, or sometimes the bitterness, of wine.

This practice is still common in countries where wine is the customary daily drink.

Jews of Jesus' time did the same. At Passover meals, for example, water was mixed with the wine, as it almost certainly was at the Last Supper.

As time went on, the rite was given a variety of mystical and spiritual meanings. St. Irenaeus (second century), for example, was perhaps the first to see in the mixing of water and wine a symbol of the unity of Christians with Christ in the Eucharist.

The action was later seen also as symbolic of the water and blood which flowed from the side of Christ on the cross. (Jn 19:34)

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

### Letters

To the Editor,

My heart goes out to the parent whose unbaptized, unborn child died 13 years ago. Father Dietzen's words in the April 25th issue were excellent and convincing. Now may I add another word to it to reassure that parent even more.

First of all, God is infinitely good, merciful, and loving. With these attributes it is impossible to conceive that He would create human beings in His own image and likeness and discard them. In fact, I firmly believe that the only way anyone would be lost is through a willful and persistent rejection of God. Persons who do not fall into that category, whether Christian or non-Christian, baptized or unbaptized, born or unborn, will be recipients of eternal salvation.

Secondly, this is true as confirmed by Saint Paul, in Romans 6:23, where he says that the "wages of sin is death." If the wages of sin is death, then the unborn baby that is dies (or is killed) pays for the original sin that He is conceived with. This is possible because Christ through his death has pre-earned for us such forgiveness. These unborn children who die or are killed fall into the same class as the Holy Innocents who also did not receive sacramental baptism.

Therefore, I dare say that child who died without baptism has, after death, flown straight into the arms of the Father to be happy forever. And guess what other surprises await us in heaven!

**Matthew Thekkekandam**  
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Bishop Curlin:

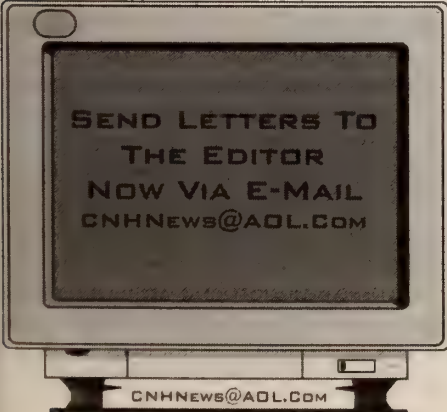
Heartfelt thanks for your check of \$51,277.24 representing the contribution of the Diocese of Charlotte to the 1997 Collection for the Church in Latin America. Our Committee for the Church in Latin America is most grateful for this assistance.

As you know, our purpose is to provide aid to those projects whose thrust will permit the Latin Americans to help themselves. May God bless our concerned U.S. Catholics who — under the able guidance of their bishops — are bearing true witness of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Latin American countries.

Begging a place in your Masses and prayers for our work on behalf of the Church in Latin America, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

**Most Rev. Raymundo J. Peña**  
Bishop of Brownsville  
Chairman, Committee for the Church in Latin America

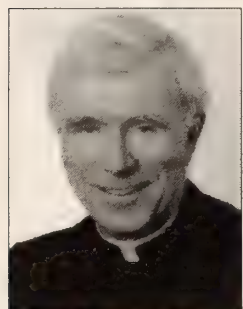




## Professor Of Church History To Speak At Oratory Seminar

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Father Joseph Komonchak, professor of church history at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., is the featured speaker for the 1997 "Visions in Faith" seminar at the Rock Hill Oratory from June 15-18.

Father Komonchak will address the continuing impact and directions of Vatican II Council for the American church. He offered the following preview of his presentations:



Father Joseph Komonchak

"Over 30 years of have passed since the close of the Second Vatican Council, the watershed event in the history of 20th century Roman Catholicism, which, precisely because of that

eventful character, remains subject to various and even contradictory interpretations and evaluations.

"We will discuss recent efforts to reconstruct 'what happened at Vatican II' and then review the reception of the Council into the life of the church, with special reference to the church in the

United States." He also encouraged those attending to bring a copy of the Vatican Council II documents.

Father Komonchak brings his experience as a parish priest and college teacher in New York, as well as his education at the Gregorian University in Rome and Union Theological Seminary in New York. Since 1977 he has taught in the Department of Religion and Religious Education at Catholic University.

*The New Dictionary of Theology*, as well as the English edition of the *History of Vatican II*, are the chief editorial works by Father Komonchak. He also is the author of *Foundations of Ecclesiology* for the Lonergan Workshop and continues to work on books and articles on the preparation of Vatican II and on John Courtney Murray.

"Visions in Faith" is open to all with special emphasis for pastoral leaders, adult learners, catechists and educators.

Tuition for all sessions of the seminar is \$100. Room and board is \$115. The sessions for "Visions in Faith" are scheduled for 4 p.m. and evening 7 p.m. to encourage commuters.

For information, contact Sarah Morgan at The Oratory, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731-1586, or call her at (803) 327-2097.

## May Queen Would Radiate Beauty At Any Age

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — May queens are like brides — they are always beautiful. Perhaps there is a special grace which magnifies their own natural beauty.

Mary Elizabeth McGurk was May queen for the Mother's Day May procession held by the parish of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

She was, it goes without saying, beautiful. But McGurk doesn't fit the stereotype of the young, girlish May queen. She is 90.

The auburn hair she had as a teen has turned to gray. The measured pace of the procession which wound around the cathedral is her natural gait.

"I feel like I have been so honored," McGurk said after the ceremony. "I've waited years for it. I thank the Blessed Mother for giving me this day."

"It was magnificent, and I'm sure my mother in heaven is looking down. How happy she would be because she named me after our Blessed Lady."

McGurk, who is still an active member of the cathedral parish, has shared an apartment with her daughter, Helen, for 26 years.

"My mother, Genevieve McKinley Taylor, lived with us too," McGurk said. "She was 103 years and seven months old when she died. I have her rosary hanging by my bed."

Next to the 1997 May procession, her most memorable procession was at Our Lady of Victory Parish in 1921.

The parish always had grand May processions with all of the girls in the

school wearing white dresses and the entire neighborhood turning out to watch.

That year, "Mary Grogan was May queen," she said. "Mary was tall and attractive and looked like a May queen. She had a court of four girls; I was one of them. Mary was my friend, and I was pleased to be in her court."

McGurk attended John W. Hallahan High School (class of 1925) and worked for a time before marrying George Aloysius McGurk. George has been dead for 40 years, and she has outlived her other two children, George and Joseph.

One thing that has kept her going is community work.

Early in her marriage, when St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children was located in West Philadelphia, McGurk founded an auxiliary to help the Bon Secour Sisters in their work with the children.

She also has been a Gray Lady volunteer with the American Red Cross and a volunteer at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital. McGurk is still an active member of the Little Sisters of the Poor auxiliary.

The cathedral was filled to capacity for the crowning of the Blessed Mother statue, to which Catholics from throughout the archdiocese had been invited.

"Together we have rolled back the clock for one brief moment," said Brian Gail, a May procession planning committee member who offered a pre-benediction reflection in the cathedral. "We are, the church today, the way we were. We are the church that again will be."

## St. Therese Of Lisieux May Soon Be 'Doctor Of Church'



St. Therese of Lisieux, photographed here as a young woman, may become the 33rd doctor of the church. She would become the third female to receive the designation, which is given to church figures who have made important contributions to explaining the faith and whose teachings are of true holiness.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower," may soon be recognized as one of the "big" of church history, becoming the 33rd "doctor of the church."

The Discalced Carmelite order and the French Diocese of Bayeux, which includes the city of Lisieux, formally presented the final request to the Vatican Congregation for Sainthood Causes in February, said Carmelite Father Simeon Tomas Fernandez.

The request included a 950-page "positio," or position paper, detailing the great influence the French Carmelite has had on Catholic spirituality in the 100 years since her death.

The documentation included statements of support from about 50 national bishops' conferences, including the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Father Tomas, the official promoter of the effort.

The bulk of the material, he said, is

focused on her life, her suffering and death at age 24 from tuberculosis, her writings — especially her spiritual biography — "her importance for people today" and her "charism as a doctor, a master of spirituality."

St. Therese would become the third female doctor of the church. St. Teresa of Avila was proclaimed a doctor in September 1970 by Pope Paul VI. A month later, he conferred the same honors on St. Catherine of Siena. No new doctors have been proclaimed since.

The honor is given to great church figures who made important contributions to explaining the faith and whose teachings were accompanied by true holiness.

The process includes obtaining a favorable opinion from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has been given, Father Tomas said May 15. The next step is a discussion and vote by a nine-member special commission of theologians at the saints congregation.

The opinion of the theologians will be presented to Pope John Paul II, who makes the final decision regarding the proclamation, Father Tomas said.

"I believe, from rumors I have heard, that the opinion will be given to the pope before the end of June," Father Tomas said.

An official at the saints congregation would not comment on the schedule of meetings, explaining, "these things are secret."

Another rumor is that Pope John Paul will make the proclamation in Paris in late August when he joins young people for the celebration of World Youth Day.

"Many people are saying this, but who knows if it is true? You have to ask the pope," Father Tomas said.

The original eight doctors of the church lived, taught and wrote in the first six centuries of Christianity. Four represent the Western tradition: Sts. Ambrose, Augustine, Jerome and Gregory the Great. Four others represent the Eastern tradition of Christianity: Sts. John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzen and Athanasius.

## Western Region Hosts Catholic Quiz Bowl

WAYNESVILLE — Nine teams from five parishes of the western region of the Charlotte Diocese met on April 27 at St. John Church for a Catholic quiz bowl.

Two high school teams — St. John and St. Margaret from Maggie Valley — competed against one another. Seven middle school teams, comprising fifth-through eighth-graders, went head-to-head during the afternoon of competition.

In the high school division, the St. Margaret team edged out St. John's for a close victory.

The middle school division featured a team from St. Joseph Church, Bryson City; two teams from St. Joan of Arc, Asheville; a team from the Basilica of St. Lawrence, Asheville; a team from St. Margaret, Maggie Valley; and two teams from the host parish.

The St. Lawrence squad won the middle school finals over the two St. John teams, having posted a near-perfect score on their way to the playoff rounds.

Judges for the contest were Father Ray Hourihan, pastor of St. John Church; Father Eric Houseknecht, administrator of St. Margaret Church; Father Jim Byer, priest in residence at St. Margaret Church; Sister Mary Ruth, director of St. Joseph Academy, Maggie Valley; Rev. Mr. Robert Dotson, permanent deacon at St. John Church; Richard Wolf, western region faith formation director; Linda Dilger; Joan Surber; and Cris Ammons, director of religious education at St. John Church.

Moderators were Mike Lodico, teacher at Tuscola High School; and Helen and Jack Gordon of the Basilica of St. Lawrence.



# Entertainment



CNS photo from Spelling Films

Andy Garcia (right) portrays an unseasoned district attorney who tests the honor of his father (Ian Holm, left) in "Night Falls on Manhattan." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Night Falls On Manhattan

NEW YORK (CNS) — The career-making case of a novice attorney returns to haunt him when he is elected district attorney in the brooding drama, "Night Falls on Manhattan" (Paramount).

A New York street cop for a decade while he slogged his way through law school at St. John's, Sean Casey (Andy Garcia) is still wet behind the ears as an assistant district attorney when the opportunity of a lifetime lands at his feet.

Morgenstern (Rob Leibman), the fiercely ambitious D.A., cunningly selects Sean to prosecute a vicious drug dealer (Sheik Mahmud-Bey), who killed three cops in a shoot-out and nearly murdered a fourth, veteran cop Liam Casey (Ian Holm) — Sean's highly respected father.

With the electorate riveted by the sight of handsome Sean questioning his own recovering father on the witness stand, the verdict is a foregone conclusion, despite defense attorney Sam Vigoda's (Richard Dreyfuss) claims that his client actually shot in self-defense as the cops were dirty, on the take, and set to take him out in favor of a better offer from a rival drug dealer.

When the guilty-on-all-accounts verdict comes in, Morgenstern's re-election is assured — until a stroke incapacitates him, propelling local hero Sean into the D.A.'s chair.

At this point the story really takes off as Sean discovers his father and his longtime partner (James Gandolfini) may well be corrupt, that the cop-killer's sentence may be overturned and that Sean's marriage proposal to a beautiful lawyer (Lena Olin) on Vigoda's team is jeopardized by newly discovered incriminating evidence each is eth-

ics-bound to reveal despite devastating consequences.

As he did in "Serpico" (1973) and "Prince of the City" (1981), director Sidney Lumet finds his characters mired deep in moral dilemmas for which there are no facile answers.

And he elicits superior performances from Garcia's too naive Sean, more so from street-smart cop father Holm, and even the somewhat shrill D.A. Leibman, who is hell-bent on crushing all political opponents. The situations and characters come across as grittily realistic (if you overlook that a rookie attorney would hardly be handed a major case involving his own family).

Slowly, almost sullenly, a dark tale of idealism clashing with moral expediency unreels as innocence is corrupted and inevitable compromises are reached.

The narrative does turn melodramatic in sections, but whenever it seems fully predictable, a more unexpected route is taken, which keeps viewers involved in the changing dynamics at hand.

As is often the case, however, the romantic subplot is weak and seems worked into the script just as a respite from the almost all-male cast of characters. Garcia and Olin as two opposing lawyers torn between love and loyalty to their ethical code seem strangely passionless in their scenes together.

The plot twists at the end are well-written and should provide some fairly solid dramatic entertainment for those interested in thoughtful, morally complex tales.

Due to brief violence, an implied premarital affair, recurring profanity and much rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Daylight" (1996)

A former medical emergency worker (Sylvester Stallone) single-handedly attempts to rescue a dozen trapped survivors when a tunnel connecting Manhattan to New Jersey collapses at both ends following a fiery explosion. Director Rob Cohen's formula disaster movie works up considerable concern over the fate of the frightened victims as their peril mounts from fires, flooding and collapsing supports. Some charred corpses, accident-related fatalities and occasional profanity.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Heavy" (1996)

Slow-paced character study set in a rural New York tavern whose aging owner (Shelly Winters) hires a young part-time waitress (Liv Tyler) who soon fascinates the owner's overweight, slow-witted son (Pruitt Taylor Vince) but only irritates the tavern's regular waitress (Deborah Harry). Writer-director James Mangold develops the slight situation in a fashion some will find ponderous, though others may appreciate for focusing on the tenuous nature of human relationships. Sexual situations, excessive drinking and occasional rough language.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Losing Chase" (1996)

Recovering at home from a nervous breakdown, a hostile mother (Helen Mirren) of two little boys initially resents, then comes to love the patient young woman (Kyra Sedgwick) hired to care for them, though their closeness creates problems for the wife's hapless husband (Beau Bridges). Kevin Bacon directs a sensitive and very human story of juvenile and adult characters trying to cope with the ravages of chronic depression. Some sexual innuendo, occasional profanity and an instance of rough language.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "One Fine Day" (1996)

Frantic romantic comedy in which two overworked single parents (Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney) meet one morning and decide to alternate baby-sitting shifts in order to finish crucial job assignments due that day. Director Michael Hoffman relies on star power to carry an otherwise predictable story

whose chief merit is showing children as the real victims of economically stressed one-parent families. Sexual references and minimal profanity.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

### "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996)

Headed by its bold captain (Patrick Stewart), the 24th century Starship Enterprise battles an on-board invasion by killer aliens while racing back to the year 2063, where a crisis on planet Earth could terminate humankind. Director Jonathan Frakes weaves together two separate stories for a sci-fi tale of old-fashioned adventure jazzed up with futuristic visuals. Some stylized violence and fleeting sexual innuendo.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Stephen King's Thinner" (1996)

Steadily losing weight because of a Gypsy's curse, a frantic lawyer (Robert John Burke) takes increasingly desperate measures to get the curse lifted. Directed by Tom Holland, the thin premise soon turns into a formula revenge-themed horror story with nasty Gypsy stereotypes. Some gory violence, brief sexual innuendo, fleeting nudity, occasional profanity and recurring rough language.

The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

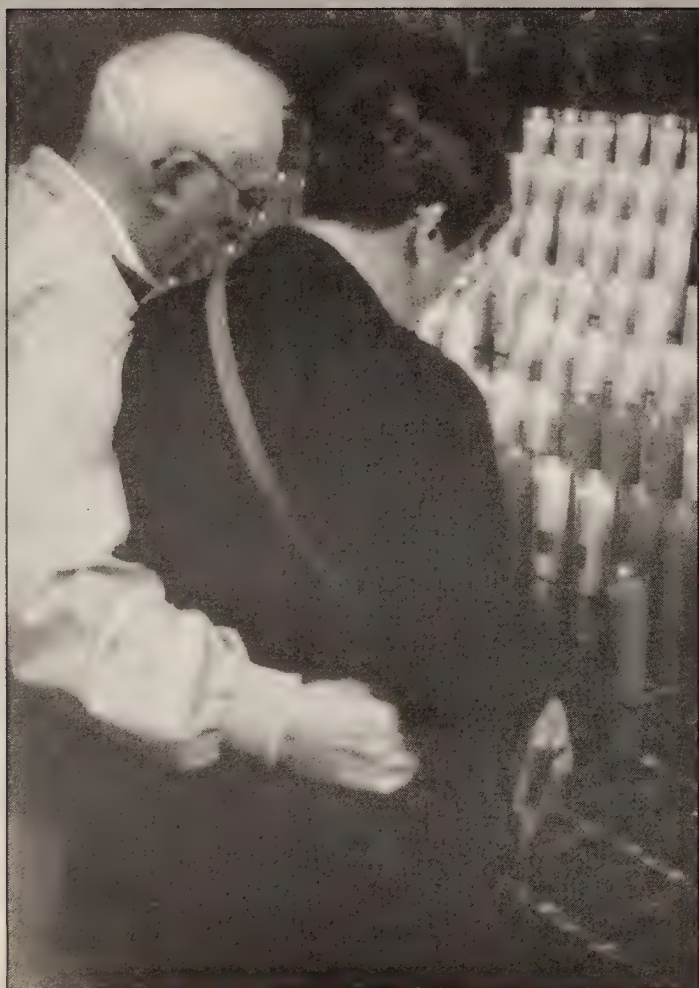
### "Swingers" (1996)

Lame look at the egocentric lives of several young men (Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn and Ron Livingston) whose search for work in Hollywood seems limited to party-going and bar-hopping looking for show biz contacts and available women. Director Doug Liman tries to give a comic tone to the aimless proceedings but the material is too thin to be amusing and the characters are too wrapped up in themselves to be interesting. Sexual situations, heavy drinking and much rough language with some profanity.

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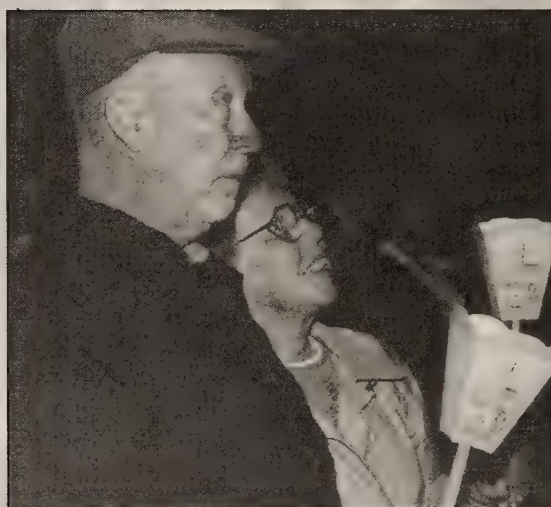


## Bishop Leads Pilgrimage To Marian Shrines Of France



*Bishop William G. Curlin recently served as spiritual director for a group of 50 pilgrims from the Diocese of Charlotte. Visiting shrines in Paris, Lisieux, Chartres, Toulouse, and Lourdes in France, the group took in many of the holiest sites in France before concluding with a visit to the shrine of the Black Madonna in Montserrat, Spain.*

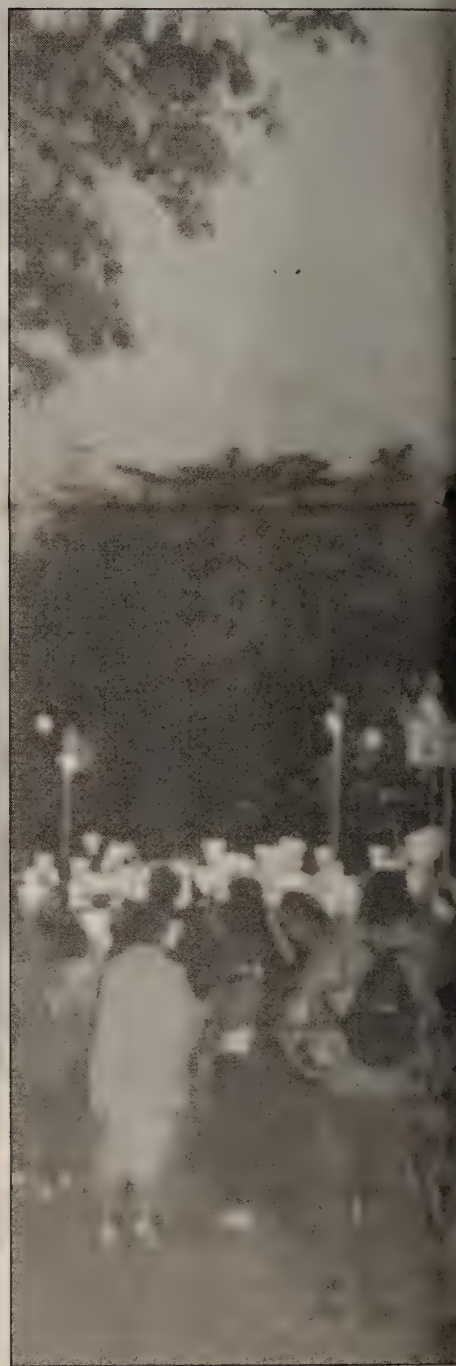
*Edgar and Eileen Blanchette of Charlotte light a candle during one of the shrine visits.*



*Elsworth and Bernadette Zimmerman of West Jefferson during the candlelight procession in Lourdes.*



*Mary Klinker of Charlotte fills a bottle with the waters of Lourdes. Many people return home with bottles and jugs of the healing waters. The waters from the spring unearthed by Bernadette flow from the spring to the many faucets along the grotto walls. Water flows from the spring at a rate of 122,400 litres a day.*



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Richard and Loraine Cox renew their marriage vows at the Toulouse Church of the Jacobines, a gothic cathedral constructed 700 years ago. An interior chapel contains the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas.



Photos by Joann Keane



## People In The News

### Pope Celebrates 77th Birthday With Children At Rome Parish

ROME (CNS) — Before members of St. Athanasius Parish launched 77 red balloons in the sky in honor of Pope John Paul II's birthday, a young member of the parish asked the pope what his birthday promise was. "To be good," the pope responded to the delight of the 300 children spending Pentecost Sunday with their bishop, the pope. As the pope entered the parish meeting room May 18, the children sang the Italian version of "Happy Birthday," followed by "Sto Lat," the Polish birthday song.

### McMorrough Named Editor Of New Catholic Miscellany

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CNS) — Jordan B. McMorrough, associate editor of the *North Texas Catholic* in Fort Worth, has been named editor of *The New Catholic Miscellany* in the Charleston Diocese.

With a circulation of about 26,500, the *North Texas Catholic* is about the same size as the *Miscellany*. McMorrough was with the Fort Worth paper for five-and-a-half years. He holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of North Texas.

"I'm looking forward to visiting parishes this summer and getting a better feel for the diocese," McMorrough said.

"With our technology tools and our staff," he said, "we're real close to being one of the top national papers."

### Father Drinan Retracts '96 Comments On Abortion Bill Veto

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jesuit Father Robert F. Drinan has withdrawn comments he made a year ago saying that although he opposes abortion, he believed President Clinton was right to veto a bill that would have banned partial-birth abortions. Father Drinan, a former Massachusetts congressman and faculty member at Georgetown University Law Center, issued a statement May 12 retracting points made in opinion pieces he wrote for the *National Catholic Reporter* and *The New York Times* last May and June, respectively. "I withdraw those statements and any statement that could be understood to cast doubt on the church's firm condemnation of abortion — a doctrine that I totally support," the priest said.

### Belgian Franciscan Released, Thin But Unharmful, In Zaire

ASSISI, Italy (CNS) — A Belgian Franciscan priest kidnapped in Zaire was released unharmed after he was forced to walk for 11 days in the southern Zairian forest, the Franciscan order reported. Father Raoul de Buisseret, pastor of the mission at Lukonzolowa, was released the morning of May 16 "in good condition," according to a press release from the Franciscan general chapter, which was meeting in Assisi. "He is tired, thin from the long walk in the forest, but states he was treated humanely by his kidnappers," the press release said.

## Pope Meets With Mother Teresa, Blesses New Superior

By CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II personally blessed the new superior general of the Missionaries of Charity May 20, but he gave the place of honor to the order's founder, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

After lighthearted greetings, the 77-year-old pope offered the 86-year-old Mother Teresa the seat directly in front of his desk, the same seat occupied by visiting cardinals, bishops and heads of state.

Sister Nirmala Joshi, the 62-year-old nun elected head of the Missionaries of Charity in mid-March, sat nearby during the half-hour meeting.

"She is now superior general," Mother Teresa told the pope, introducing her successor. "I am completely free."

Sister Nirmala told the pope, "when you were very sick we prayed for you."

The new superior, who had been head of the contemplative branch of the Missionaries of Charity, asked the pope how he was feeling.

"I am well," he answered. In 1996 he had several bouts of stomach ailments and underwent an appendectomy in early October. "God bless the new superior general and all the sisters," the pope said as the women left his private library.

Vatican television showed pictures of Mother Teresa in a wheelchair at one of her order's Rome convents earlier in the day. However, at the Vatican she walked into the papal library and stood talking until the pope offered her a chair.

Mother Teresa has had heart problems and was hospitalized in serious con-

dition earlier in the year. She was given oxygen upon her arrival May 16 at Rome's airport.

The doctor who cared for her at the airport told reporters that although she was tired, there was no cause for worry.

After two days of rest at the Rome convent, Mother Teresa met May 18 with Francesco Rutelli, the mayor of Rome.

He called her "an unstoppable little motor" who had "the same energy she always has had."

Mother Teresa was able to secure the mayor's promise that restoration work would be done on her order's facility at the historic St. Gregory Church on the Celian Hill, and he also said he would try to help the Missionaries of Charity expand their homeless shelter near Rome's central train station.

Rutelli presented Mother Teresa with a thick pile of city transportation passes, which will allow the 100 or so sisters in Rome to ride the buses, subway and trams for free for the next year.

Mother Teresa was scheduled to preside over ceremonies May 23 and 24 for



Mother Teresa of Calcutta told Pope John Paul II during a Vatican meeting May 20 that she is "completely free" now that Sister Nirmala Joshi has been elected to succeed her as superior general of the Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa introduced Sister Nirmala to the pope during the meeting.

members of her order. If her health permits, she is to fly to Poland May 25 or 26 for vows ceremonies there and to attend the International Eucharistic Congress. She also plans to go to the United States before returning to India.

## 76-Year-Old Receives Master's Degree From Catholic College

IRVING, Texas (CNS) — Donovan Derby almost quit — twice.

Both times, friends encouraged Derby to continue pursuing a master of theology degree in the wake of his wife's death. Now, after three years of dogged perseverance, the 76-year-old has become the second-oldest student to graduate from the University of Dallas, a Catholic college.

Derby wasted no time applying his newfound knowledge. While his classmates were walking across the stage to receive their degree May 18, Derby was in New Mexico, helping the poor.

"When my wife passed on, I felt a tremendous void," Derby said. "Although I didn't know exactly what I would do, I knew I needed answers. I've found some of the answers over the last three years. Now I can go on to complete the mission that I believe God has laid out for me."

Derby's internal strife began in 1993, shortly after he began a hard-earned retirement, when his wife of almost 50 years died.

"My wife and I had both facilitated groups in adult religion at St. Elizabeth

in Plano, and in that work I had many unanswered questions about the Catholic faith. I think pursuing a master's degree in theology was the saving grace of my life."

Derby promptly enrolled in the University of Dallas Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies, a program that gives students a broad background in the Catholic faith. He found his new academic life to be rigorous.

"I had to learn how to study again," Derby said. "Many a night I stayed up late, reading assignments, researching and preparing papers. I almost quit twice, but my friends urged me to keep pursuing the degree."

When he finally finished the feelings were bittersweet, he said because he felt sad to leave something that he had been "so closely bonded with for three years."

Douglas Bushman, director of the university's Institute for Religious and Pastoral Studies, said few students exhibited the kind of fervor with which Derby approached his studies.

"He saw a three-year program stretched out before him and during our initial meeting, he asked if there was any

way the degree could be earned in less time," Bushman said. "I told him that wasn't really possible. Then he said, 'At my age, I don't even buy bananas unless they're ripe.'"

Although many students immediately begin applying their studies after graduation, Derby's plans have a unique twist. Derby was not able to receive his degree at the official ceremony because he moved to New Mexico a week before graduation to work at border missions run by the Catholic Church.

If all goes as planned, Derby will help run several sparsely populated Catholic parishes that serve the border area. The parishes, which cover thousands of square miles, are served by only three Catholic priests, who travel from parish to parish like modern-day circuit riders.

Derby encourages others who find themselves in similar life situations to also consider the academic path.

"It's not easy to go back to the classroom," he said. "It's difficult to think of an elderly man choosing a new career. But it's good discipline and it pays off in many ways. I thank God for it."



## For Tonight Host, Cleanliness Next To Godliness In Joke Department

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jay Leno has been in comedy nearly 30 years — he was voted funniest boy in his high school graduating class — and he says he knows how to keep from stepping over the line into bad taste.

In a telephone conference call in May with reporters to commemorate the fifth anniversary of his hosting "The Tonight Show," Leno said that when viewers write saying they are offended by one of his jokes, "I call the people and apologize to them."

A criticism Leno says he has heard continuously since taking over the helm of "The Tonight Show" from Johnny Carson is that he's not "edgy" as he was in his earlier days doing stand-up comedy across the country.

To that Leno pleads guilty.

"You're in people's homes every night," said the comic, who is the son of an Italian-born Catholic father and a Scottish-born Presbyterian mother. "People need to get comfortable with you. People need to trust you."

Leno said he depends on his studio audience's reactions to inform him whether he's stepped over the line.

In an interview with *Broadcasting & Cable*, a trade magazine, Leno elaborated on his approach.

"You have to have a sense of who is watching and who you are going to hurt. The best philosophy is be kind, be kind, be kind," he said.

He makes sure his comedic targets are fair game.

"I don't think we pick on the president any more than we pick on any other political leader. I used to get 'Why are you always picking on Bob Dole?' Whoever's in the paper — and the president is in the paper — you do because people laugh at it," Leno said.

"I don't do jokes about Chelsea (Clinton). I don't do jokes about Hillary (Rodham Clinton) unless Hillary has done a particular political thing. I don't do jokes about Hillary as a woman."

In the conference call, Leno said his parents' influence keeps him from using salty language.

Leno, in his recent autobiography, "Leading With My Chin," said his mother would never tolerate "anyone who took the Lord's name in vain," her son included.

"I remember being home in the mid-1980s, watching the Roberto Duran-Sugar Ray Leonard fight on TV with my dad," he recalled. "One of the fighters took a fall." Leno, excited by the turn of events, used Christ's name in vain.

"I heard what I thought sounded like hoofbeats approaching: 'thump thump thump thump.' The whole house was rattling," he wrote. "I wondered: 'What's that? An earthquake?'"

"Then suddenly: BONNNK! My mother hit me on the head with a pot. The last time that happened was when I got caught ditching high school."

She told him: "Not in this house! ...

You'll not say that in this house!"

"I felt a dent in the side of my head!" Leno added.

In the book he also said that except for comedy clubs, "I've never been fired from a job in my life. That was something I never needed my parents to see."

Both of them lived long enough, though, to see Leno succeed Carson in the host's chair of "The Tonight Show" on NBC and weather the withering criticisms early in his tenure on the program.

Leno is self-deprecating. As for being host, "it's not particularly hard," he told reporters in the conference call. "It's very time-consuming."

His involvement with the show is more than the one hour he spends on camera. "I make the most money on this show," Leno said. "So I'm the first one here and the last one to leave."



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# Thousands Gather At Funeral For Slain Officer



*Baltimore police carry the casket of slain officer Lt. Owen E. Sweeney Jr. at funeral services May 12 in Baltimore. The Catholic officer was shot in the back during a routine call.*

By STEFANI MANOWSKI

BEL AIR, Md. (CNS) — The mournful sounds of bagpipes and police commanders calling their officers to attention outside a Bel Air Catholic church punctuated an emotional two-hour farewell to Baltimore City Police Lt. Owen E. Sweeney Jr.

Nearly 3,000 law enforcement officers, family, friends and fellow parishioners gathered at St. Margaret Church in suburban Baltimore for a May 12 funeral Mass celebrated by Cardinal William H. Keeler for the fallen officer.

Sweeney was shot in the back May 7 during a routine call in Baltimore. It was the city's first police killing in four years.

The death of the 47-year-old veteran police lieutenant not only shocked the parish community where he had belonged since 1988, but also served as a harsh reminder that the tragic fallout of violence reaches well beyond the Baltimore City limits.

"Our innocence fades away a little bit every time something like this happens," said Father Thomas Malia, associate pastor of St. Margaret's.

"It's a real tragedy," said Pauline Kempleton, a St. Margaret parishioner for 20 years. "We've never had anything like this happen in our parish or in Bel Air."

To those who knew him, Sweeney was a humble public servant, always willing to help his neighbors in any way he could. He had been on the police force for almost 29 years and was preparing to retire.

Pat Faherty, who went to school with Sweeney at Our Lady of Fatima in Baltimore, said he "did what he could to help people, but never needed the limelight. He never needed that recognition."

There was not enough room in the 1,000-seat church to accommodate all

the mourners, and hundreds gathered outside, standing silently as they listened to the sounds of the Mass brought to them through an outside loudspeaker.

Sweeney's police cap was brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory and placed on the church ambo. Following Communion, the eulogy was given by Baltimore City Police Sgt. John Slowinski, a family friend.

"He was there for his officers without hesitation," Slowinski said. "He made a difference in our lives and he will be missed."

"Life has changed; it has not ended," said Cardinal Keeler, who told the grieving family and fellow officers that "it is coming together in Communion, love and prayer that Owen remains with us."

Calling the slain officer a hero, Baltimore City Police Commissioner Thomas Frazier noted that "his dedication to duty is exemplified by his supreme sacrifice."

Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening also attended the funeral but did not speak at the Mass.

A funeral procession made up of 96 motorcycles and 675 cars traveled the 18 miles from Bel Air to Sweeney's burial site in Timonium.

The funeral came just three days after Cardinal Keeler and other Catholics joined leaders of other faiths in an event described as the nation's first interfaith service in appreciation of law enforcement.

The May 9 service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen drew some 600 law enforcement officers and included readings from the Bible, Hebrew Scriptures and the Koran.

Msgr. Jeremiah F. Kenney, judicial vicar and vice chancellor for the archdiocese who organized the service, read

the peace prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and expressed his appreciation for those who put themselves at risk each day for peace and justice.

"Thank you, ladies and gentlemen of law enforcement, for not being apathetic, for being involved," Msgr. Kenney said. "Thank you for being our heroes."

During the hour-long service, Chief William Harrison, president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police, and Sheriff James Aluisi, president of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association, placed two books listing the names of fallen officers on the altar. A color guard procession included law enforcement representatives from across the state.

"It's about time somebody did something like this," said Agent Donna Staffer of the Baltimore City Police Department. "It's especially meaningful to us today because of Lt. Sweeney."

Staffer, a Lutheran who attended a Catholic college, said she would like to see the service hosted by a different denomination each year.

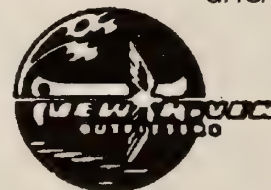
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More than 300 guests, including parents, faculty, alumni and friends, attended the event in the BMHS gymnasium. Fine dining and live music also highlighted the fund raiser, dubbed "Puttin' on the Glitz."



Members of the Bishop McGuinness High School junior class offered to prepare and serve two dinner parties as auction items at the "Puttin' on the Glitz" fund raiser in late April.

Students attending BMHS assisted in the proceedings by selling raffle tickets, serving guests and displaying auction items. They also contributed items to the auction, such as baby-sitting services.

More than 300 items were collected for the auction, including fine furniture, vacation packages, Carolina Panthers tickets, a special pass to see the inside world of NASCAR racing, and VIP parking for a BMHS student.

"The support we received from both the parent community and the community at large was phenomenal," said Colleen Lopina, BMHS' director of development. "The event was a great success, and plans are already underway for next year's auction."

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# Third-Grader Megan O'Malley Is Nation's Top Reader

By JOE BOLLIG

BONNER SPRINGS, Kan. (CNS) — Last summer when an arsonist set fire to Sacred Heart Church in Bonner Springs, destroying the elementary school's basement library, the last thing on anyone's mind was seeing a student win a national reading award.

Then along comes 9-year-old Megan O'Malley.

The third-grader from Sacred Heart School was named 1997's national reader by Reading Is Fundamental. Called RIF, it is the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit children's literacy program.

She was named from 400,000 children nationwide who took part in the annual reading program and earned an April 22-25 trip to Washington, which included a visit to the White House to meet first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

As for her school's library, other Catholic schools and some public libraries in the area have donated books to Sacred Heart, bringing its new collection to 6,000 volumes. Right now it's a library on wheels; carts filled with books are rolled into the gymnasium when needed.

The road to being named the nation's top reader started for Megan last fall when the Sacred Heart School librarian, Clyde Lingelbach, enrolled students in the annual RIF program.

For two weeks the students had to read at least 30 minutes each day and record their accumulated times until they completed a list of reading assignments. Megan was the first to finish, taking five-and-a-half accumulated hours to do it.

For her promptness Lingelbach chose Megan as Sacred Heart's RIF reader, then she was named the state's reader. Next, former Miss America Tara Holland from Overland Park, Kan., chose Megan's name at random as the national winner.

Megan's father, Kelly, was notified by telephone of his daughter's good fortune. Later that day he broke the news to the rest of the family at the local Dairy Queen.

Kelly and Susie O'Malley describe their daughter as a "readaholic." She has a dresser drawer full of books, and the family has shelves groaning under the weight of books in their basement.

Mom and Dad taught Megan to read. But sister Katy, a ninth-grader at Immaculata High School in Leavenworth, got her started learning her first words.

"My first word was 'cat,'" Megan told *The Leaven*, newspaper of the Kansas City Archdiocese. "I was in preschool, like age 3 or 4, and my sister Katy taught me my second word, 'fat.' Katy would take things out of the refrigerator and say, 'This is fat,' and spell the words to me so I could read them."

Among her first books were the usual children's fare. But now Megan has graduated to more sophisticated literature. Her two favorite books are "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott, and "Forever Angels" by Susana Weyn.

Megan's teacher, Jennifer Diel, said RIF couldn't have picked a better representative. "Megan is a wonderful reader," she said. "She is an excellent reader and perfect for this."

But reading isn't all Megan does. She plays basketball, is a Brownie, enjoys dancing lessons, plans to take piano lessons, and spends time with the family's two horses and three dogs.

The Washington trip was an adventure, said Megan, who was accompanied by her mother, her father, sister Katy and Lingelbach. Sisters Susan and Kelli stayed home.

At the White House they were greeted briefly by Mrs. Clinton in the East Room; President Clinton was not on hand because he had just returned from surveying flood damage in the Midwest.

The White House visit was recorded for television, according to Megan. "Mrs. Clinton said, 'Hi.' and she whispered because she was on TV," she recalled. "She asked me what book I had, and I held it up. She said, 'Oh, that's neat.'"

The O'Malleys also visited members of the Kansas congressional delegation. Travel-weary Megan fell asleep in the office of Rep. Vince Snowbarger, a Republican from Olathe.

Megan also received a \$500 U.S. savings bond, a bag of books, a dictionary and a magazine subscription. Her school will receive a collection of books and \$250 to purchase more books, and librarian Lingelbach was also honored for his involvement in RIF.

"I'm going to enter next year and make a poster, too," Megan told *The Leaven*.

"You want to go back to see the Clintons?" an amused Lingelbach asked.

"Sure," she said. "They already know me."

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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Corpus Christi Celebration

HIGH POINT — Bishop William G. Curlin leads a Corpus Christi celebration at 3 p.m. on June 1 at the Maryfield Nursing Home, 1315 Greensboro Rd., High Point.

## Family Life Commission Forum

GREENSBORO — Forum III of the St. Paul the Apostle Church Family Life Commission presents "The More We Know," a session featuring representatives from the Medicare and Social Security offices, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. Call (910) 294-4649 for details.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Grief Support Group

WINSTON-SALEM — The St. Leo the Great Church grief support group meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. For information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

## Catholic Singles

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Singles of Charlotte II is a social and spiritual group (not a dating service or support group) for singles aged 30-50. Events are held on a weekly basis and are open to newcomers. Call Kathy Baldo, (704) 552-2401, for information.

## SPLUNGE in Cincinnati

SPLUNGE (Special People Living Uniquely Nourishing Growthful Experiences) will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 13-19. The inner-city service experience provides youth ages 15 and up with the opportunity to serve the poor, hungry and those with special needs. Participants will broaden their understanding of inner-city life through experiences while discussing, exploring and living the Gospel challenge. Previous participants may not attend. Space is limited to the first 25 applicants (five from any one parish). Early registration fee, due by June 5, is \$150 per person. From June 6-June 30, the cost is \$160. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by June 30. For registration and information, call the Diocese of Charlotte's Office for Youth Ministry, (704) 523-2118.

## Cancer Survivors Day

CHARLOTTE — Presbyterian Cancer Center on Caswell Road between 4th and 5th Streets hosts a Cancer Survivors Day Celebration June 1 from 4-7 p.m. on the center grounds. Anyone dealing with a diagnosis of cancer, their families, friends and healthcare providers, are invited to attend the carnival-atmosphere event.

## Young Adults Bible Study

ASHEVILLE — A study of the Gos-

pel of Mark for high school and college-aged young adults is every Sunday evening in May at St. Joan of Arc Church. For details, call (704) 255-0149.

## Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head, S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

## National Charismatic Conference

STATESVILLE — A bus has been chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., on June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

## Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the Faith Formation Building. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

## Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Development Director Elected to NCSC Board

WASHINGTON — Jim Kelley, director of development for the Diocese of Charlotte, was recently elected to the vice presidency of the National Catholic Stewardship Council board of directors. The NCSC, founded in 1962, is a professional association fostering an environment in which stewardship is understood, accepted and practiced throughout the Church. Kelley is one of four newly elected officers who will serve the council during a three-year term.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Viriditas: Greening Power" is a June 9-13 nature retreat directed by Sister Jo Anne Murphy, OSF, and Sister Jane Schmenk, OSF, focusing through a hands-on experience of the mountains on Hildegard

## Living Rosary Brings Church Community Together



By KATHY SCHMUGGE

Correspondent

NEWTON — Following the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church on May 11, three parishioners carefully unpacked a 50-foot handmade rosary and placed it on the barren field behind the church. In a steady stream, approximately 150 children, teen-agers and adults converged upon the field. Coming from different directions, they were drawn together by a common goal: To give honor to the Blessed Virgin on Mother's Day through a "living rosary."

Guided by their faith formation teachers, the youngest participants took their place, standing near the bead they were to become and silently rehearsing their assigned prayer. The few open beads were quickly filled by teens and adults until the rosary was complete.

At 12 noon, the rosary was transformed from pieces of wood held together by string into a living, breathing and loving prayer. The significance of the starting time brought back memories for some adults who recalled praying the mid-day Angelus prayer as children.

Sixth-grader Mark Mette read the mysteries and their scriptural references as a reward for his perfect attendance in faith formation. Meanwhile, the young children, in their soft and sometimes barely audible voices, prayed Hail Marys. Their parents and grandparents stood close by, listening and praying with them.

Meg Barrett, faith formation teacher and coordinator of the event, got the idea of a living rosary from an issue of *Columbia* magazine. "I did not want the rosary to be something that is taught in first or second grade and forgotten," she said. "I wanted to bring it to life, where the children could touch it and be part of it alongside their family."

The event was a memorable experience for eighth-grader Chris Gilfillan who, as a member of the youth group, helped put the large rosary together with its designer, Ray Feltz, a youth minister. "The living rosary was special to me because it involved people of all ages, not just the young or the old," said Gilfillan, who also illustrated the glorious mysteries on signs held up during the rosary.

Youth minister Peg Manus hoped the experience would lead to continued participation in church life. "When you get the youth involved early, giving them a sense of belonging to the faith community, they will probably feel more comfortable to serve again (in ministry)," she said.

This day in May brought a diversity of age and ethnic groups together in like a large family united in prayer giving thanks to the Blessed Mother, who leads the faithful to her son.

of Bingen, who believed that Christ brings vitality to those in need. Cost is \$200.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" is a June 14-20 retreat directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere focusing on the origins and development of the Eucharist as explained by Luke. Cost is \$250.

"Be Still and Know that I am God" is a June 23-29 nature retreat directed by Father Dan Havron, OFM, and sister Fran Grady, SCL, focusing on hearing the voice of God in a peaceful setting. Cost is \$250.

"The Psalms: School of Contempla-

tive Prayer" is a July 1-7 retreat directed by Father Sidney Griffith, ST, focusing on the psalms as the prayer of ancient Israel, the prayer of Jesus and the prayer of the Church. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## Bishops' Spokeswoman Praises Partial-Birth Abortion Vote

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Senate's May 20 approval of a ban on partial-birth abortions "reflects our nation's moral consensus that this barbaric procedure has no place in a civilized society," said the U.S. bishops' pro-life spokeswoman. The vote to ban the procedure except to save the life of the mother was 64-36, not enough to override President Clinton's expected veto if all 100 senators vote. In that event, 67 votes would be needed for an override. The bishops' spokeswoman, Helen Alvare, said while the vote reflects America's opposition to abortion, "we are dismayed at the number of senators who continue to support partial-birth abortion, relying on claims decisively rejected by the medical community."

## Oregon Legislature To Approve New Vote On Assisted Suicide

SALEM, Ore. (CNS) — The Oregon Senate appeared likely to approve a bill to send the state's assisted-suicide law back to voters for a new look. Under House Bill 2954, OK'd May 13 in a close

tally on the House floor, voters would again consider the Oregon Death with Dignity Act in November. Lawmakers admitted that their decisions will have worldwide impact. "I'm afraid today's death with dignity could become tomorrow's duty to die," said Rep. Bryan Johnston, D-Salem, just before the House approved the legislation 32-26 in a sometimes tearful session.

## Former College President Works For Land-Mine Ban

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After 17 years as a college president in Vermont, Mercy Sister Janice E. Ryan has moved to Washington to campaign for a global ban on anti-personnel land mines. She recently joined the U.S. Catholic Conference as a full-time volunteer to help mobilize Catholic support in the United States for a ban. Americans need to be made aware, she said, "of the humanitarian crisis that is being caused by 110 million land mines in the ground around the world, waiting to explode." Those mines kill or maim some 25,000 people a year, she said.



CNS photo from Reuters

**Prisoner Beks For Mercy.** A man being held at a military camp near Kinshasa airport in Congo, formerly Zaire, begs for his life. Soldiers loyal to ousted President Mobutu Sese Seko were being rounded up in the capital city, in one of the latest violent episodes in Africa's Great Lakes region.

## Coalition Forms To Back Child Health Bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A bipartisan children's health insurance bill is being backed by a coalition that represents tens of millions of people, though it does not include the most prominent Catholic agencies that have been lobbying for such legislation. Co-sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the bill would provide basic health care coverage for the estimated 10 million children who are ineligible for Medicaid but whose families cannot afford private insurance. It would finance the program with a tax of 43 cents per pack of cigarettes, one-third of which would go toward deficit reduction. Although the U.S. Catholic Conference and Catholic Charities USA are vocal advocates of providing such services to children, both were missing from the list released May 13 of 150 organizations making up the Campaign for CHILD Health Now, in support of the Hatch-Kennedy Child Health Insurance and Lower Deficit Act.

In mid-May, the 27 bishops were on their "ad limina" visits, which are made every five years by bishops worldwide. They report on conditions in their dioceses to the pope and to members of the Roman Curia. Archbishop Wilfrid F. Napier of Durban and Archbishop Lawrence P. Henry of Cape Town saw Pope John Paul II alone during their first days in Rome, then went on to speak separately with officials in charge of Vatican diplomatic affairs, missionary work and issues involving justice and peace. "The concern I keep raising with everyone is about our young people," Archbishop Napier said in an interview. "With the end of apartheid, after a period of hope and expectation, young blacks are not finding the jobs and opportunities they had believed they would find, and they are becoming disillusioned."

## Italian Nuns Who Run Hospital Beaten By Zairian Soldiers

MILAN, Italy (CNS) — In the confusion surrounding the takeover of Zaire's capital, two Italian nuns who run a maternity hospital were beaten and threatened by government soldiers. But Sister Fausta Beretta said she, two other Italian nuns and close to 200 women patients and their newborns were saved by a woman in the last stages of labor. "A young woman began to scream. She was having labor pains and the baby was about to enter the world. The soldiers were frightened and ran away," said Sister Beretta, a member of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament.

## South African Bishops Tell Pope Of Post-Apartheid Changes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops from South Africa updated Vatican officials on changes, not all for the better, in their country since the end of apartheid.

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# Parish Profile

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**Vincentian Father Robert J. Prior**

Parochial Vicar:  
**Vincentian Father Manh Nguyen**

Priest in Residence:  
**Vincentian Vincent H. Finnerty**

Permanent Deacon:  
**Rev. Mr. Vincent Shaw**

Masses: Sat.: 5:30 p.m.; Sun.: 8, 10 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; Vietnamese Mass: 2:30 p.m.; Spanish Mass: 7 p.m.

Number of Parishioners: 800

Number of Households: 370

**GREENSBORO** — The parish of St. Mary was established to support increasing numbers of Greensboro area Catholics during the late 1920s. Today, the 800-family parish joins four other Greensboro churches to compose one of the highest concentrations of Catholics in the Charlotte Diocese.

At the invitation of Bishop William Hafey of Raleigh, sisters of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul order arrived in Greensboro from Baltimore, Md., to staff a school in 1928. The school opened its doors to a dozen children on its first day of opera-

tion; within several days following, the number exceeded 100.

With the establishment of the school came the founding of a new Catholic mission in Greensboro. The church family was soon thereafter given parish status. Largely comprising African-American parishioners, the congregation celebrated its first Mass in Sept. 1928 in the same edifice that housed the school. Josephite Father Charles Hannigan, a missionary priest known for building

churches, was founding pastor.

The present church, with the Blessed Mother as its patron, was constructed in 1936 and was dedicated in November of that year.

In August 1939, the first priests of the Congregation of the Mission to minister at St. Mary Church arrived, thereby beginning a pastorate that continues today. The order of priests, also known as Vincentians, was founded in France in 1625 by St. Vincent de Paul, who also co-established the order of sisters that arrived in Greensboro in 1928 to staff a

Catholic school.

With the dawn of the 1950s came a name change for St. Mary parish. In 1948, Bishop Vincent Waters granted a request that the parish be called Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The church was officially known as such until 1972, when again the parish was placed under the patronage of St. Mary.

The St. Mary community played a role in the building up of the church in western North Carolina during the '50s and beyond. In 1951, the priests of the Greensboro parish began ministering to the mission congregation of Reidsville. Their pastorate lasted in Reidsville until 1968, when the territory of Holy Infant Church was given parish status.

Dwindling enrollment forced the parish to close its grammar school in 1972. The buildings, however, have remained a part of the parish landscape, serving as a parish center and host to a variety of ministerial and social activities, including those of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the SHARE food ministry program, Montagnard refugee outreach, faith formation and Knights of Columbus.

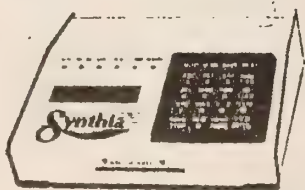
Multiethnicity highlights parish life as well, with an influx of Montagnards, Vietnamese and Spanish Catholics having been welcomed into this Greensboro congregation. The weekend Mass schedule includes liturgies in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The Vincentian tradition continues at St. Mary parish, through the pastoral ministry of Father Robert Prior, pastor since Sept. 1996; Father Manh Nguyen, parochial vicar and celebrant of the parish's Vietnamese Mass; and Father Vincent Finnerty, priest in residence and diocesan director of Hispanic ministry. About 800 parishioners compose the St. Mary family of faith.



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Photo by Joann Keane

**New brother in faith.** Bishop William G. Curlin carries Peter Alexander Kotson following the baptism of the ten-month-old inside St. Patrick Cathedral. Peter and his parents, John and Mary Margaret Kotson of Helena, Montana, were in Charlotte for the celebration of Bishop Curlin's fortieth anniversary to the priesthood.

## Catholic News Heralds National Awards

DENVER — *The Catholic News & Herald* was recognized for excellence in journalism with recognition in the form of three press association awards during the national convention of the Catholic Press Association.

Associate Editor Joann Keane was presented two awards for excellence in editorial writing, and shares a third with designer Jeff Rothe in the category of best use of art and graphics. The awards were announced May 23 at the annual CPA convention in Denver.

Keane received second place honors for best editorial on a local issue for *You Oughtta Know*, a focus on the raw lyrics found in the songs of Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Alanis Morissette. Judges said the editorial "serves as a warning to parents, urging them to help their children find artists who uplift rather than offend."

Keane also won an honorable mention in the category of best editorial on a national or international issue for her tongue-in-cheek look at last summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta. *The unOfficial® Guide To The Summer Games®* focused on the crass commercialism surrounding the 1996 Olympiad.

Photography by Keane and design by Rothe were awarded third place in the best use of art or graphics category for the cover of the newspaper's 1996 Diocesan Support Appeal edition. *The Catholic News & Herald* competed with all diocesan newspapers in the U.S. and Canada in this open category. The cover included a poignant photograph of chil-

dren presenting flowers to Mother Teresa during her visit to Charlotte in June 1995; while an inset photo showed Bishop William G. Curlin during a solemn moment of a priestly ordination. Judges said there was "Great use of color here — the deep blue conveys both warmth and dignity. The cover illustration, carefully cropped, struck an evocative tone. The logo was also well done."

Keane, who also serves as director of communications for the Diocese of Charlotte, received a 1996 Certificate of Merit from the Catholic Communication Campaign for *A Celebration Of Faith With Mother Teresa*, and top honors with her 1994 best of show award from the Extension Society for photography.

*The Catholic News & Herald*, which serves 46 counties in western North Carolina, has a circulation of approximately 39,000. The diocesan newspaper now holds seven CPA awards in its six years of publication. During the 1993 convention, Keane accepted two awards for photography. In 1994, *The Catholic News & Herald* was recognized with writing honors for best personality profile and best feature writing categories.

CPA membership includes 167 diocesan newspapers, five U.S. Catholic newspapers, 13 Eastern-rite publications, eight diocesan newspapers in Canada, two Canadian national newspapers, and four other Canadian diocesan newspapers. It also includes 250 U.S. magazines, and 22 Canadian magazines. Circulation for all U.S. and Canadian publications is 26,790,289.

## St. Matthew Parishioner Views Ministry As Answer To Calling

By MIKE KROKOS  
Editor

CHARLOTTE — In an era when the average career of a youth minister is a year and a half, Bill Martin is an exception.

The St. Matthew Church member, who oversees the parish's Confirmation program, has been consistently involved in youth ministry since 1958. Martin was recently recognized for his untiring commitment at the annual Diocesan Youth Conference, where he received the "For God and For Youth" Award, a national honor bestowed on adults who have dedicated themselves to God and His Church in the

area of youth ministry.

"I base my service on Matthew 25:31-47: '...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me ...,'" Martin said. "I believe that (passage) says it all. People are always waiting for things to do, and there is so much right here in front of us."

"Through our baptism, we are all called to serve," he added.

A native of Pennsylvania, Martin



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## Vocations Update

Father Frank O'Rourke

Greetings and peace!

Prevalent among my thoughts today is the privilege of inviting, encouraging and supporting those who hear the call of the Spirit to say "Yes" to the priesthood. It is a beautiful ministry that challenges me to be what I hope to call others to be: servants of the Lord.

I am especially privileged to announce that two of our seminarians will soon be ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Charlotte. They are Rev. Mr. Arturo DeAguilar, who attended St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla., and Rev. Mr. Walter Ray Williams, who completed his studies at the North American College in Rome.

### Arturo DeAguilar

In his native Mexico, Arturo studied for the priesthood through middle school, high school, college and one year of theology. He then took some time away from the seminary. That period of exploring other possibilities and broadening his experiences brought him to the United States, where he worked at and later helped manage a horse farm in southern Florida.

During that time, Arturo realized the depth of his call to priesthood and began a dialogue with the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Charlotte. A summer experience working with Father Joe Waters, pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Taylorsville, exposed him to the great need we have for priests in this diocese. Being bilingual enables him to serve as a bridge between English- and Spanish-speaking communities.

Through his variety of ministerial work as a seminarian and transitional deacon, he has revealed himself to be a capable leader who approaches ministry with an openness and respect for others.

### Walter Ray Williams

Ray's life and call to the priesthood have been most interesting. Baptized and raised in the Episcopal Church, he earned his undergraduate degree in history from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., spent more than a half-dozen years in Nepal teaching English as a missionary, and worked for six months at a refugee resettlement camp in Austria before return-

ing to his native Asheville to expand his studies.

A man who has had interest and participation in a journey of faith all his life, Ray was welcomed into the Catholic Church in September 1990. His desire to invite others to a deeper faith experience and a conviction of the truth found in the Catholic Church are at the heart of Ray's vocation.

With family roots that have grown deep into North Carolina's soil, Ray has a great love for his home state. He looks forward to returning "home" to be a parish priest.

Unite your prayers with mine for Arturo and Ray as they take another step in faith. Like all of our seminarians, their life experiences are varied, yet it was the same voice they heard calling them into priesthood. As diocesan vocations director, it is my special joy to join Bishop Curlin in inviting you to participate in the ordination of these two dedicated men on June 14 at St. Patrick Cathedral at 10 a.m.

### Seminarians' Summer Plans

This year, our seminarians can be found working in parishes, hospitals, diocesan ministries, universities and enrichment programs that equip them for special ministries. The following appointments are made with the approval of Bishop William G. Curlin:

**David Brzoska and Frank Seabo** — Holy Trinity Church and Hispanic Ministry, Taylorsville

**Dean Cesa** — St. Charles Borromeo Church, Morganton

**Christopher Davis and Shawn O'Neal** — Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem

**Joseph Long Dinh** — CPE Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte

**Duc Duong and Tien Duong** — UNC-Charlotte

**Christopher Gober** — Media Center and Tribunal, Catholic Center, Charlotte

**Brad Jones** — St. Francis of Assisi Church, Lenoir

**Matthew Kauth** — St. Aloysius Church, Hickory

**Bryan Lamberson** — CPE, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

**Matthew Leonard** — Basilica of St. Lawrence, Asheville

**Charles Messler** — St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind.

**Luis Osorio** — St. Francis of Assisi Church, Jefferson

**Peter Pham** — St. Joan of Arc Church, Asheville

**Joseph Tran** — Development Office and Tribunal, Catholic Center, Charlotte

Matthew Buettner, Stephen Doering, Matthew Ritter and Brandon Schmitz will spend their summers working in the marketplace.



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## Living Faith Leads Man To Youth Ministry Calling, from page 1

began his youth ministry service while at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre. Over the years, his call to ministry has included assisting parishes in Maryland, New Jersey and North Carolina. He moved to Charlotte in 1985, initially attending St. John Neumann Church before St. Matthew parish was formed in September of that year.

Msgr. Joseph Kerin, pastor of St. Mark parish in northern Mecklenburg County and former pastor of St. Matthew, worked closely with Martin for 11 years. He said the youth minister demonstrates a commitment to Christ and the Church. "When St. Matthew was formed, Bill helped with the religious education program and later helped start our confirmation program," Msgr. Kerin explained. "One of his joys in life is reading theology and Scripture. Bill has a thirst for learning and enjoys calling youth to a higher learning."

While Masses for the new parish were initially held at the Tower Place Cinemas on Highway 51, the first catechism classes were taught in the rectory. "There were six to eight kids, and we all sat on the floor," Martin recalled.

Since those early days at St. Matthew, Martin (who received a master's degree in pastoral studies through the Loyola Institute of Ministry program in New Orleans) has continued to be active in youth ministry, teaching catechesis and continuing to oversee the parish's confirmation classes with a team of adult facilitators. A few years ago, Martin also established a peer ministry program through which young adults who have been confirmed make a commitment to return and assist the confirmation class the following year. Many peer ministers lead discussions in the classes after being trained. This year, nearly half of the 150 students being confirmed have committed to help next year.

In his four decades of ministry work, Martin has seen America's youth evolve. "Kids are much more aware today. They

are more challenged and threatened, and much less secure," he said.

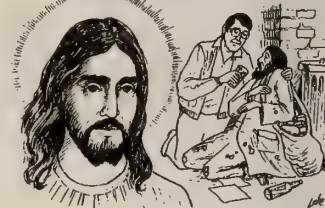
The most rewarding thing as a youth minister, he noted, is watching young people grow in their understanding of the Lord and "having kids see the Church as the people of God and the body of Christ," not just another organizational structure. "We want them to understand what the Church is," Martin added.

Msgr. Kerin called Martin a "unique person" who has a special gift that allows him to connect with youth. "Bill has a good understanding of young people and a perpetual optimism," he said. "When there is a crisis, it's amazing how many kids will go to him (for assistance)."

Martin, who will turn 61 in July, credits his family and faith for his longevity in youth ministry. "I've always received encouragement from my wife, Barbara, and our five kids," he said. "She is a woman of deep spirituality, and definitely my rock."

"You must put your trust in the Holy Spirit," he added. "Everything is ultimately up to Him."

## Love One Another



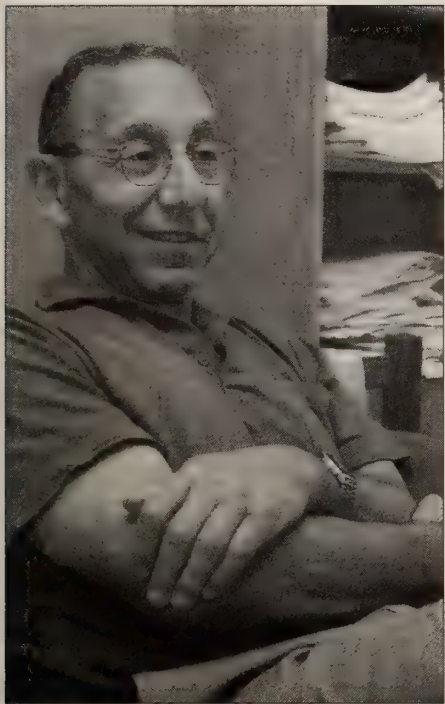
Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. (John 15:9-13)"



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# Child Holocaust Survivors Remember Catholic Rescuers



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Shlomo Breznitz, professor of psychology at Haifa University in Jerusalem, wrote a book about the time he and his sister spend hiding from Nazis at a Slovakian convent of the Sisters of St. Vincent.

**By JUDITH SUDILOVSKY**  
JERUSALEM (CNS) — When they were children during World War II, Dina Wardi's grandparents were saved by a group of Italian priests and nuns.

Wardi, an Israeli psychologist, spoke of when her grandparents took their children and grandchildren back to Italy to meet the people who had saved their lives. The nuns gave Wardi and her older sister charm bracelets with images of saints. As soon as they left the convent, her sister took off the bracelet, said Wardi.

"To me it looked pretty, but I took it off, too," Wardi said. "Then my grandmother told us she used to go to church and pray, and I asked her if she was saying Catholic prayers. When she told me she was saying the words to Jewish prayers I felt relieved she hadn't believed in the Catholic prayers. It is not a rational feeling," she said.

In recent years child survivors of the Holocaust have begun to make their stories public. Some speak of gratitude and a feeling of connection to Catholicism, keeping medals of saints that remind them of people who rescued them.

"A very integral part of the identity of these children saved by Christians is this duality, where the Christian part remains in them in varying degrees and forms," said Wardi, who now serves as senior supervisor of AMCHA, an organization that provides support to Holocaust survivors and their families.

"They never feel completely like they belong only here, only to the Jewish people; there is always a part in them which does not really belong. They remain in between two worlds because they don't belong in either."

As with all Jewish child survivors of the Holocaust, those rescued by Christian institutions experience pangs of guilt for having survived and not having gone through the concentration camps. Many also have guilt feelings because, for a time, they practiced Catholicism, and they feel they betrayed their religion, their parents and their family, said Wardi.

For some of the survivors' children and grandchildren, like herself, it is hard to accept that their grandmother prayed to the Virgin Mary or their grandfather was an altar boy, she added. "Nobody talked about these child survivors, but everybody knew they existed," she said.

"In general, Israeli society now is a little more open on the collective level. Maybe there is an indirect connection to the establishing of ties with the Vatican — people feel less hostility and are willing to talk about this. But for many of the second generation, it is not easy to accept that their mother has been keeping a cross for 50 years."

Psychotherapist and social worker Sima Weiss, director of the AMCHA in Tel Aviv, said this subject is just now coming to the forefront because many of the child survivors have finished raising their families, are reaching retirement age, have more time to reflect on their past and are finally opening up.

Shlomo Breznitz, now a professor of psychology at Haifa University, wrote a book, "Memory Fields," about the years he and his older sister spent in a Slovakian convent of the Sisters of St.

Vincent. His mother survived Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp, although his father did not.

His mother was so grateful to the nuns for having saved Breznitz and his sister that she did not force her children, especially her daughter, to stop going to church. Within a short time after their mother's return, however, they chose to stop going.

"The mother superior was a very special person, very courageous," recalled Breznitz, who was 9 years old at the time. Despite several searches by Nazi soldiers, the nun never turned over the four Jewish children entrusted to her care. On the other hand, a nearby Carmelite convent immediately handed over the Jewish children hiding there during the first Nazi search, he said.

"At some point, I was devastated by all this and sought comfort in religion, and I became a very devout little Catholic. I did everything we were supposed to do and even volunteered for things. I was an altar boy. I was trying to be as devout a Catholic as I could in order ... for my parents to come back and to survive," said Breznitz, who has three grown children whom he has told about his childhood.

But when his mother came back, he said, he quickly slipped back to his former norms and "everything changed." He no longer felt the need to go to 5 a.m. Mass. Still, for a while after the war he would run after Jewish boys in his village, taunting them with chants of "Jew, Jew."

He said he later joined a Jewish youth group and was very comfortable there, "although the first year or so I must have been quite mixed up. It all depends on the context you are in. I was fortunate that my mother came back and she was very warm and accepting. I felt very secure, protected, loved," he said.

"The one thing that still is with me (from that period) is that I love choral music more than anything else," he added. "I don't know if that thrives on those memories, but that is the music I love the most."

Scripture	
Readings for the week of June 1-7	Readings for the week of June 8-14
Sunday: Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26	Genesis 3: 9-15 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 Mark 3: 20-35
Monday: Tobit 1: 1, 2: 2, 1-9 Mark 12: 1-12	2 Corinthians 1: 1-7 Matthew 5: 1-12
Tuesday: Tobit 2: 9-14 Mark 12: 13-17	2 Corinthians 1: 18-22 Matthew 5: 13-16
Wednesday: Tobit 3: 1-11, 16 Mark 12: 18-27	Acts 11: 21b-26, 13: 1-3 Matthew 5: 17-19
Thursday: Tobit 6: 11, 7: 1, 9-14, 8: 4-7 Mark 12: 28-34	2 Corinthians 3: 15- 4: 1, 3-6 Matthew 5: 20-26
Friday: Hosea 11: 1, 3-4, 8-9 Ephesians 3: 8-12, 14-19 John 19: 31-37	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15 Matthew 5: 27-32
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Bishop William G. Curlin

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Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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| <b>May 31 — 6 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>St. Phillip the Apostle Church, Statesville                                | <b>June 7 — 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Baccalaureate Mass<br>Bishop McGuinness High School<br>Holy Family Church<br>Clemmons                                      |
| <b>June 1 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Mass<br>St. Patrick Cathedral<br>Charlotte  | <b>June 8 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Retirement of Parish<br>Debt Ceremony<br>St. John Neumann Church, Charlotte  |
| <b>2 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>St. Patrick Cathedral<br>Charlotte  | <b>June 3 — 7 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Monroe  |
| <b>June 4 — 7:30 p.m.</b><br>Baccalaureate Mass<br>Charlotte Catholic High School<br>St. Gabriel Church<br>Charlotte | <b>5 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>St. Peter Church<br>Charlotte  |
| <b>June 6 — 10 a.m.</b><br>Dore Academy<br>Graduation  | <b>June 14 — 10 a.m.</b><br>Priestly Ordination of<br>Rev. Mr. Walter Ray Williams and Rev. Mr. Arturo De Aguilar<br>St. Patrick Cathedral<br>Charlotte |

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Jesus May Have Met Mary After His Resurrection, Says Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience May 21.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we have seen that she was intimately associated with her son in all the events of his life and mission. On Easter morning, the risen Lord first appeared to the women who had stood by him faithfully at the foot of the cross. While the Gospels make no mention of an appearance of Jesus to his mother, Christian reflection and piety have lovingly described such an encounter. Because Mary was perfectly united with Christ in his sacrifice on Good Friday, it was also fitting that she should be the first to experience his Easter glory. The Blessed Virgin Mary was a privileged witness and participant in the whole Paschal Mystery: from her son's death on Calvary (cf. Jn 19:25) to the completion of his saving work in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (cf. Acts 1:14). May Mary's joy at the Resurrection, with its promise of hope for all humanity, ever find an echo in our hearts!

I thank the young men and women of "Up With

People" for their presence and for their generosity in donating the proceeds of their performances in Rome to the construction of a hospital in Albania for children suffering from heart disease. I also welcome the participants in the course sponsored by the NATO Defense College, and I encourage them in their efforts to support international security and peace. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, including the pilgrims from England, India, Indonesia, Canada and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Emphasizes Rediscovery Of Bible As Key To New Evangelization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Rediscovery of the Bible is the key to the church's new evangelization efforts in modern society, Pope John Paul II said. "There are too many faithful who remain deprived of a vital encounter with sacred Scripture and who fail to nourish their faith with the richness of the Word of God," the pope told Italian bishops May 23.



## Guest Column

Amy Welborn



### Taking Stock as the School Year Ends

Another year over and done with.

Another school year of hundreds, maybe thousands of algebra problems, hours that add up to days of athletic practices, laughing, crying, sleeping, eating.

How did it go?

You might have started the year off with a lot of confidence, high expectations and hopes for yourself. "This is the year I'm going to get organized," you said. "I'm going to set my priorities and feel good about myself for once instead of always having regrets about not doing my best."

Perhaps you're one of the lucky few who met or exceeded your own expectations. But more than likely, you're like most others in being a little bit disappointed with what you've accomplished.

Your grades may not be what you thought. Chemistry was harder than you ever imagined. And the so-called "logic" of geometry never made a lick of sense to you, while the reading in English class just kept multiplying — page after page of words.

Maybe you had every intention of keeping good notebooks this year, but you'd lose papers and leave things at home when you needed them at school or forget worksheets at school that you were supposed to do for homework.

Everyone tells you that if you just organized your time better, you could get everything done, and you really meant to do that this year. Get home, relax, study, eat, then study some more. No fun stuff until you had your work done, you told yourself.

But there you'd be at the end of your day, 10:30 at night, looking at books yet to be opened. What happened?

You didn't mean to watch all of that TV show, but it got so interesting that you just had to see what happened. You were only going to go onto one website to check out some information on Mayan civilization, but you ended up surfing instead. Then one of your friends

called, and by the time the conversation ended you were too wiped out to do any serious work.

If you're even a little disappointed in your performance this year, take a minute before summer starts and consider the following things:

You may not have met your ideal, but I'll bet you've improved from the year before this. It may not seem like it, but you probably are just a little more mature, self-disciplined and serious. You're not where you should be, but take heart by looking at how far you've come.

Don't give up. You may not have made huge strides, but that doesn't mean you should give up completely. Keep up that determination, and don't lose hope. Next year will be better if you make the choice for it to be.

Focus on your good qualities. OK, you made a few less-than-stellar grades. But you're still a person of good humor, warmth and compassion. Your friends appreciate you, your parents love you (and in case you didn't know it, that's what their nagging means: They love you!) for everything you are.

Finally, take it all to God.

Let God reassure you how much you're loved. Your grades or wins-losses record don't define you as a person. (God defined you as a person and wants you to use the gifts and talents you've been given to bring peace to your own life and light into the lives of others.)

But God knows that you are much, much more than your grades and doesn't want you to get discouraged.

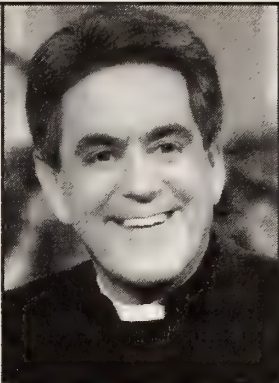
So take heart, have a good summer, learn from your mistakes. Never give up!

Amy Welborn is a CNS columnist.



### Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



#### Style, Substance And New Ideas

In my years as a priest and university teacher, a fair share of my time has been spent trying to capture the attention of a congregation or class. I have spent more time as a listener, a member of the audience with a personal and professional interest in communications. After a speech or sermon, I have wondered how some speakers reach out and grab attention while others never touch you, let alone move you.

I can still remember one of the first to make an impression on me while I was growing up. He was the archbishop of my hometown diocese in Erie, Penn. — John Mark Gannon. I was 11 years old the first time I heard him speak to a large gathering of diocesan school children in St. Peter Cathedral.

At that time, much of the pomp and courtliness of pre-Vatican liturgy was still in vogue. The archbishop processed down the aisle in the full regalia of a prince of the church — a 15-foot red silk

*capa magna* with ermine collar trailed behind him and was lifted at the edges by six pageboys. Talk about making an entrance! Standing in front of the main altar without the benefit of microphone or manuscript, he proceeded to hold his young audience in the palm of his hand.

He began simply with a rhetorical question: "What is it that you will do once you have finished grade school?" And then a long silence, as he peered into the congregation seemingly expecting each of us to respond. He continued: "You might be thinking, 'Oh, I'll go on to high school and then maybe college.' Good, that would be very good. But then what will you do?" Again the intense silence. "Perhaps you are thinking, 'Then I will become a doctor, or a fireman, or a movie star. I'll surely marry and have children of my own, if I don't become a priest or a religious.' All very fine, yes, very fine and good. But after that, I ask you, what will you do?" This time the long pause was deafening. Six-hundred

youngsters sat hushed and without a clue about where he was going. "Well, let me help you. You will, my dear children, become an old person and, like all who come to the end of life, you will die."

We young listeners were now riveted to a thought that none of us had yet considered. Then, walking slowly toward the altar, the archbishop pointed one finger to the heavens and whispered, "Then what will you do?" Silence. Dropping his hands to his sides, he gave us one last look, and crossed the sanctuary to his throne and sat with his head bowed.

Theatrical? Decidedly. Effective? You bet! Here was a man who knew his audience. His personal presence and eloquent style took a few words and held 600 young souls suspended in the midmorning air of a sacred space. Archbishop Gannon had presence, eloquence and magnetism. And he had something else: a powerful idea. He made each of us consider something that had just been a strange, vague concept — our own mortality. Style caught my imagination, but it was the substance of this earth-and-soul-shaking notion of life, death and eternity that stayed in my memory.


Oliver Wendell Holmes said that a "mind stretched by a new idea never goes back to its original dimension." I think good speakers — and listeners — would agree.

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### Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



#### Conditions for Marriage Annulment

**Q.** *Two local politicians are attempting to obtain annulments. Both of these characters are divorced and remarried out of the church, and apparently are trying to legalize their actions. I have reviewed the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Code of Canon Law and can find nothing about annulments. Yet we know annulments exist. Is this each bishop's prerogative? Or do they still come from the Vatican?*

**A.** Both of these individuals seem to have had tragically messed up lives. I assume you are happy and grateful that, at whatever late date, they are trying to heal what can be healed and somehow return to the practice of their faith.

However, your reading of the cat-

echism and canon law, I must say, leaves a great deal to be desired. If you're as knowledgeable as you say you are, you know that a declaration of nullity by any diocesan tribunal (normally not the Vatican) means that something essential for a valid marriage was missing from the beginning of that marriage.

The catechism spells out very carefully what those essentials are: They include intentions for a permanent life commitment to their partner, willingness to have children, total fidelity to one's spouse in sexual and other areas of their life together, freedom from any force or fear that could make a free and voluntary marriage impossible, and so on.

In addition, marriage consent must be a "human act." This means an act that is conscious and emotionally mature, a genuine human commitment to a "part-

nership of the whole of life," as canon law and the catechism speak of marriage.

When any of these essentials are lacking, says the catechism, the church can declare a marriage null. No true, valid marriage, as we understand marriage to be, ever existed.

Procedures for all this are spelled out in canon law.

As you see, the catechism not only speaks of what makes a marriage null and void, but addresses directly the church's process for granting annulments. (see especially Nos. 1625-1654)

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*Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

### Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



#### Family Role Models And Heroes

Earlier this month Andrew's cousin Gilbert celebrated his 80th birthday. Gilbert is on a remote branch of our family tree. We're not sure, but we believe that Gilbert's great-grandfather is Andrew's

great-great-grandfather. Gilbert is a scrappy, muscular man with a wide, gentle smile and full head of hair. Doris is an energetic, loquacious woman whose looks defy her 70-plus years by at least 15 years. They have been part of our lives for only seven years. Yet, Gilbert and Doris have become important family figures for us. Their story has become part of our story.

We drove down to Belleville, about five hours away, for the celebration. It was a rich gala affair that began with a Communion prayer service with family members and close friends. At the end of the service, friends and family gave testimony to Gilbert. One man shared how, growing up without a father, Gilbert was a father figure for him and other kids in the neighborhood.

Listening to the testimonies, we remembered another gathering in Belleville six years ago to celebrate Gilbert and Doris' 50th wedding anniversary. As a gift to them, we brought our camcorder and conducted interviews with dozens of guest at the gala. A remarkable thing occurred during these interviews. Though we didn't know Doris and Gilbert well at the time, we came to know their essence through the many stories people shared with us.

We discovered through these stories that Gilbert and Doris are heroes. Listening to story after story, we gained a sense of who they are. There were many stories of Gilbert's younger days as a professional boxer. However, most of them

were about a helping hand, a listening ear — compassion and Christ-like charity. We heard from many that Gilbert and Doris have been role models for them.

Six years later, the stories continue. As they posed for snapshot together, Doris threw her leg over Gilbert's. There was a glimpse for us of a younger who love each other passionately. As Doris gently kissed Gilbert on his cheek, it was clear that the fire was still alive. Then we got a glimpse of ourselves decades from now.

Though we can't seem to remember where our branches connect on our family tree, Gilbert and Doris Lyke have made a direct connection with us as family, role models, and heroes.

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# Charlotte's Mint Museum Of Art To Exhibit North Carolina Frescoes Of Ben Long June 14-Aug. 24

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Fresco artist willing to create large scale project for free; only cost is the price of the materials. Apprenticed seven years under master artist Pietro Annigoni. Experience includes painting frescoes for the chapel of the ancient Dominican Monastery at Monte Cassino and other churches in the Florence area of Italy. Contact: Ben Long.

Dialing Ben Long's telephone number today would assuredly produce a busy signal, as the North Carolina native is as well-known and in heavy demand for his oil portraits and frescoes in France and Italy as in America. But in 1972 what wasn't the case.

"It took me two years to secure a fresco site in the United States," stated Long. "The first problem was that no one knew what a true fresco was. The second problem was when you described the complexity of what was needed to begin the fresco project, most rejected the proposal."

It took the interest of an Episcopal minister, Faulton Hodge, in a surprising corner of the world, Beaver Creek in the North Carolina mountains, to find a taker on the fresco offer. From his initial North Carolina fresco, a modest 6 1/2 by 3 feet work entitled *Mary Great with Child*, to the three 23 by 18 feet frescoes serving as a triptych in the lobby of the corporate headquarters of NationsBank, Long is fueling a revival of *buon affresco*, or true fresco.

The North Carolina Frescoes of Ben Long, organized by Charlotte's Mint Museum of Art, will present the drawings and studies employed in the creation of Long's frescoes at five sites within the Tar Heel state. The exhibition, June 14-Aug. 24, is sponsored by NationsBank.

Selected drawings, oil sketches and cartoons include scenes from *The Mystery of Faith* (1975) at St. Mary Episcopal Church in Beaver Creek; *The Last Supper* (1980) at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Glendale Springs; *The Agony in the Garden*, *The Ascension* and *The Pentecost* (1988-89), a 35 by 44 foot fresco for St. Peter Catholic Church in Charlotte; the NationsBank Corporate Center triptych (1992) and the fresco in tribute to police in the lobby of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Law Enforcement Center (1996). Also featured will be a cutaway panel demonstrating the true fresco process with its four layers of lime and sand plaster and the techniques, tools and brushes involved.

A fresco begins with preliminary drawings made with pencil, charcoal or conté on paper. Numerous sketches of elements within the proposed design are often produced. These lead to creating watercolor and oil studies to explore concepts employed in the design. Cartoons, full-scale drawings to be transferred to the rough plaster surface, are the final step prior to painting the *intonaco*, or final layer, of lime and sand plaster.

True fresco involves the mixing of

ground earth pigments with pure water, applied to a still-damp lime plaster surface or wall, and absorbed. As the plaster dries, the absorbed pigment is chemically sealed within a layer of calcium carbonate that encases the pigment within a durable surface. The chemical reaction also contributes another unique characteristic of true fresco — its glow. The fresco surface not only reflects ambient light, but appears to contain its own light within the plaster and pigment.

The quick drying plaster dictates that the artist must work with speed and a resolute hand as fresco is less forgiving of mistakes. Errors are cut away and the process started again. The end result is an artform that offers expressive depth and power that is not found in other forms of painting. "Most of my preliminary sketches come from my imagination," stated Long. "As I begin to mentally focus on them, I decide on a certain type or individual that I might hink perfect for a particular figure within a composition. I do not hold myself to the absolute reality of the model."

"I am always interested in the tension that exists between a figure and the space that surrounds it," said Long. "I am also fascinated with the amazing and ephemeral qualities of gesture and movement and person and place."

With each fresco comes a purpose. For the fresco at St. Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Charlotte, Long hoped to inspire people to pray, as the Renaissance painters attempted to do. For the secular tribute to the Charlotte police, Long stated, "Paintings have always enhanced communities. The police fresco is meant to be community friendly. My hope is that it makes the Law Enforcement Center more welcoming to the public coming in so they won't feel frightened."

As do all figurative artists, Ben Long struggles with presenting art in any form of realism that is not "just a rehashing of something done extremely well in the past."

"You really try to find an aesthetic and present it with the proper amount of honesty and power so that it reads and carries its own weight and is, in fact, an art form," said Long.

"These days, I think that when an artist is particularly dealing with realism or figurative work you have to be careful not to be illustrative or too particularly narrative. In my own work, I have long been interested in the great scope of human ambiguity — that ambiguous quality that deals with how I feel about the ruthless, modern regard for things. It's an ambiguity that expresses an uncaring emotion and yet also at the same time is hopelessly caring. If it has enough of a magnetism to it, the viewer will be able to respond to a work with his or her own thoughts and reactions. "The guidelines within the art of true fresco are strict. To control the medium is extremely difficult. I still pay attention to the undying rules within the medium that

cannot be betrayed without jeopardizing your picture," said Long. "On occasion, I have tried to stretch it technically here and there. Sometimes it worked well, at other times it didn't."

"Fresco is a marvelous medium because it is so grand," remarked Long. "It is the highest form of public art. It lives on with the wall, becoming a living part of it. It has its own special light, an inner glow that comes from the medium itself."

On June 15 at 3 p.m., artist Ben Long and fresco painter Chuck Kapsner, an associate of Long's since 1973 when they first met in Florence while studying under Pietro Annigoni, will illustrate the fresco process through slides of seven Ben Long frescoes produced in North Carolina as well as frescoes the pair

painted in Italy. Kapsner served as crew chief for Long's North Carolina fresco projects. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

The Mint Museum of Art is located at 2730 Randolph Road, 1 1/2 miles south of downtown Charlotte. Hours are Tues. 10 a.m.- 10 p.m., Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students and free for children 12 years old and younger and Mint members. Free days include Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the second Sunday of each month. For taped highlights, call (704) 333-6468 or call the museum at (704) 337-2000. E-mail address is News2@mint.uncc.edu. The Mint Museum of Art's home page is <http://www.mintmuseum.org>

## Our Lady of Knock Shrine: Story Of Mary's Visit Draws Pilgrims

KNOCK, Ireland (CNS) — On Aug. 21, 1879, 15 people witnessed the apparition of Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the evangelist on the gable of the church in the western village of Knock.



A statue of Our Lady of Knock, donated in 1880 by a woman thankful for the recovery of her eyesight, rests on the grounds behind the basilica of the shrine in Knock, Ireland.

In the center of the wall, a lamb stood in front of a large cross on an altar, while angels shrouded in bright light hovered overhead.

Testimonies taken from witnesses by two separate official church commissions were considered "trustworthy and satisfactory."

In the 1960s, Italian sculptor Ferri created white marble statues of the apparition from Carrara marble. The statues are housed in a new chapel in Our Lady of Knock Shrine, built by Polish architect Andrzej Wejchert in 1979.

A small part of the original wall of the church in Knock remains intact and is inset on the Apparition Chapel wall.

Eighteen individually carved holy water fonts are situated in front of the chapel.

Pope John Paul II visited Knock in 1979 during his visit to Ireland.

Shortly after the papal visit, government authorities built an international airport to service pilgrims visiting Knock Shrine.

More than 1.5 million pilgrims journey to Knock each year, compared to 4 millions who visit the Marian shrine in Lourdes, France.

### Diocesan School Board Openings:

The Diocese of Charlotte School Board has four board member positions to be filled. The term is for three years. The Board is responsible for proposing policies to Bishop Curlin to enact in governing 17 schools. The Board meets monthly from Sept.-June on agreed upon dates from 6:30-9 p.m. The Board meetings are held in a different school each month. Interested applicants should send by June 20 a letter and resume detailing parish and/or school involvement and state why you would like Bishop Curlin to appoint you to serve on the Diocesan School Board. Please send information to: Dr. Michael Skube, Superintendent of Schools, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.



# Entertainment



CNS photo from Universal Pictures

Characters study the movements of cloned stegosaurus in "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," the Steven Spielberg sequel kicking off summer movie releases. The U.S. Catholic Conference said the film has new special effects but is largely uninspired. The USCC classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## The Lost World: Jurassic Park

NEW YORK (CNS) — They are meaner than ever, but this time around the dinosaurs don't seem to have as much bite in the so-so sequel, "The Lost World Jurassic Park" (Universal).

It's been four years since the original was released and quickly became moviedom's all-time top money grosser.

Universal persuaded Steven Spielberg to direct Michael Crichton's sequel novel, and the technological advances in special effects and computer imaging are evident on screen. Scenes with the beasts and their human prey together look more believable.

But the novelty of the original premise — that dinosaurs can be genetically re-created from fossilized DNA — now seems old hat, and the revelation that another, previously unmentioned colony of dinos was thriving on an uninhabited neighboring island is just a simple way of getting the story back in an identical groove: humans arrive, dinos attack.

Resuming his role as sardonic

mathematician Ian Malcolm, Jeff Goldblum is only willing to return to the danger zone because his paleontologist girlfriend, Sarah (Julianne Moore) is already there, alone, unconvinced she is in mortal danger.

Ian arrives to rescue her, unaware his young daughter (Vanessa Lee Chester) has smuggled herself along for the ride. A photographer (Vince Vaughn) and operations specialist (Richard Schiff) complete the quartet who promptly find Sarah happily studying noncarnivorous dinosaurs on the island's relatively safe perimeter.

Out of the skies, however, arrives the theme-park corporation's band of mercenaries determined to capture and exploit the fabulous animals for gain. They do indeed snare and cage a few, but when idealistic Sarah releases them, the expected occurs: rampage!

Now the hunters are the hunted and the only communication equipment lies in the center of the isle, deep in tyrannosaurus rex and velociraptor territory.

Getting off to a serviceable start in which a little girl is surrounded by chicken-sized dinosaurs when the family yacht stops on the deserted isle, the movie plods along for a good while before jolting the audience with the first of numerous attacks by the vicious creatures.

The narrative is a formula presentation of these action set-pieces in which terrified humans dash or are devoured by the marauding monsters. In between there is dreary dialogue, but the characterizations remain bare-bones, so one does not desperately care about the individuals' fates since they haven't really

been individualized beyond good-guy, bad-guy. Ditto for the dinos; they have no personality, only appetites.

As the endangered child, Chester appears to be in a state of shock, which is scarier to see than some of the animal attacks, and should remind parents this movie is far too intense for sensitive younger children.

Some of the scenes of danger are well-staged (the occupied trailer teetering over a cliff to oblivion, and raptors clawing at a tin hut where Sarah and the child are trapped inside) but the sustained sense of tension and excitement does not register as strongly in the sequel.

Unlike the original, this time a mad mama dino and her baby do arrive state-side in most dramatic fashion, on board a ship with all hands on deck — and nothing else. Needless to say, the giant reptile makes quite an impression as unfortunate citizens of San Diego get underfoot during its tour of the town.

There are some nasty maulings and occasional gore, but much is left to the imagination, but with ear-piercing sound effects that make the off-screen deaths seem even more horrific.

The movie is sure to draw in a huge audience, but its paltry characterizations and formulaic narrative make it a largely uninspired sequel.

Because of recurring violent deaths and much intense menace, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

The following are capsule reviews of movies recently reviewed by the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

### "Addicted to Love"

A heartbroken astronomer (Matthew Broderick) and a vengeful photographer (Meg Ryan) join forces to wreck a romance between their ex-flames (Kelly Preston and Tcheky Karyo). Director Griffin Dunne's overly contrived romantic comedy has a distinctly dark side, but relies heavily the appeal of the rejected pair as they predictably turn to each other. Brief comic violence, fleeting shadowy nudity and references to pre-marital affairs. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Brassed Off"

British production set in a depressed 1992 Yorkshire mining town where the mine's band leader (Pete Postlethwaite) insists the group carry on with their music sessions in hopes of winning a national band contest. Writer-director Mark Herman's spirited drama goes overboard in its indictment of Tory social policies, but is otherwise a winning, warmly human story of a working-class community coping with economic ruin. Brief sexual innuendo, fleeting locker-room nudity, minor violence and intermittent rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Ponette"

French production in which a 4-year-old French girl (Victoire Thivisol) whose mother has been killed in a car crash is confused by adult attempts to comfort her with platitudes about heaven because she adamantly expects her mother will return to her. Writer-director Jacques Doillon convincingly captures a toddler's innocent perspective but the film's preoccupation with the tearful child's abject misery becomes tiresome. Subtitles. Conflicting ideas about God and the afterlife. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Sprung"

Mindless low-budget sex comedy about an African-American couple (Tisha Campbell and Rusty Cundieff) who move in together, then break up because of nasty friends (Paula Jai Parker and Joe Torry), but ultimately get back together. Also directed by Cundieff, there is nothing original or amusing here and, though there's occasional talk of love, the action is focused mostly on sex. Exploitative sex scenes, explicit sexual references, rough language and profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



THE CATHOLIC  
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# A house for the church

By Father Paul Schmidt  
Catholic News Service

**M**any priests have had their ego boosted when a toddler greeted them in church with the startling words: "Hi, God!"

dressed in special clothes and seemingly in charge, is the one whose house it is.

Eventually we learn that the God we meet in church is invisible — and slightly more awesome than the pastor!

For Catholics, the place known as

the house of all God's children, open and welcoming" (No. 1186). How sad that modern barbarity and vandalism often make it necessary to lock the doors.

The building we call a church is also a place where the church, which is the body of Christ, assembles to pray and celebrate. This is the meaning of the expression "a house for the church."

We who believe in Christ are the church. The four walls around us merely "signify and make visible," in the catechism's words, "the church living in this place, the dwelling of God with people reconciled and united in Christ" (No. 1180).

We come to church to be initiated

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into the community by baptism and confirmation; nourished with the bread of life; married and buried.

So the church building becomes a treasure house of memories.

Sociologists tell us that the parish church of our childhood leaves us with experiences and memories which we cherish — and sometimes rue — all our lives. That's why the destruction of a church by fire or earthquake or wrecking ball is so painful.



CNS photo from Sunrise Trinity

Children learn at an early age that the place their parents take them on the weekend is "God's house." It is perfectly logical that the person they see every week,

a church includes the presence of Jesus, God's Son, in the tabernacle.

Architecture and art help us sense the holiness of the place. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, they "show Christ to be present and active in this place" (No. 1181).

The catechism adds, "A church must also be a space that invites us to the recollection and silent prayer that extend and internalize the great prayer of the Eucharist" (No. 1185).

So, you might say, the building itself should pray — on the exterior and the interior.

If the building serves many uses, it should provide some space for quiet and prayer so that we can come to church to say hello to God. For, as the catechism says, "the church is



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visible church is a symbol of the Father's house toward which the people of God is journeying and where the Father "will wipe every tear from their eyes" (No. 1186). The church is a kind of "heaven on earth."

To make this point, medieval cathedrals had a sculpture of the Last Judgment at the front door to serve as a reminder that the person entering would have a foretaste of heaven amid the stone and stained glass inside.

The church building is God's house and our house. It is an out-of-the-ordinary place, yet very close to us.

The church is a home — one that relates to our ordinary homelife; one related, as well, to the home where we hope to spend our eternity.

(Father Schmidt is the director of Priests Personnel for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.)

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**Think of a church building that you treasure. What about this place moves you?**

"It would be my own parish church, St. Casimir's. It was my father's church, the church I grew up in, where my children attended the parish school and I'm still a member.... The church has statues and relics from Poland which are meaningful not only spiritually but also for the sense of roots they give me." — Linda Shulor, Kenosha, Wis.

"The church building that moved me most was a simple church built in the 12th century in Salzburg, Austria. It had lovely stained glass, and on the Christmas Eve I was there it was lit entirely by candles, and the music was harpsichord. There was no heat, and we were bundled up in our coats. It was a beautiful Mass, an experience I will never forget." — Ann Synan, Iowa City, Iowa

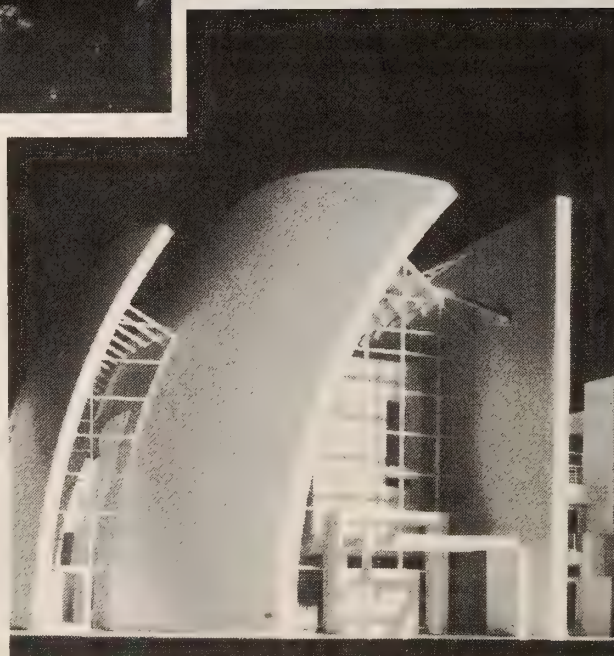
"It's the church I'm attending now.... The altar and the crucifix are the focal points that help create (a) prayerful space. It's an open space, full of light." — Bob Freund, Kenosha, Wis.

An upcoming edition asks: Why do you think the Bible, which is ancient, can still connect with your modern life? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



## In a Nutshell

- A church building is "a house for the church." Its role becomes clear when the church community gathers.
- Medieval cathedrals had a sculpture of the Last Judgment at the front door — a reminder that the person entering would have a foretaste of heaven amid the stone and stained glass inside.
- The church building is a place for holiness.



Church of the Year 2000, Rome, Italy, by Jock Pottle/Esto Photographics

The building may or may not have architectural merit. The living church of people may have moved out of the neighborhood long ago. Yet the building holds so many memories that we can hardly bear to see it go.

The catechism mentions another meaning of the church building, its "eschatological significance." "The



# A holy place called a church

By Father Herb Weber  
Catholic News Service

A teen-age boy started a fire in the servers' sacristy of St. Peter's Church where I am now pastor on Thanksgiving 1991. While it was fortunate that the fire was contained to that section of the building, smoke damage throughout the rest of the church was extensive.

That was a couple of years before I was assigned to the parish in Mansfield, Ohio. But from many discussions with parishioners, I can attest to the fire's impact.

For nearly six months Sunday Masses were held in the school auditorium. When folks finally returned to the church building, there was incredible joy and excitement. For many it was like seeing a long-lost friend again.

St. Peter's was built in the early part of this century, a mixture of Romanesque and Renaissance architecture. With brilliant stained-glass windows, artistic paintings throughout and white marble statues, it is a place regularly visited by people of all religions.

The fire gave St. Peter's parishioners an opportunity to review the importance of any church building.

What they said could be summed up in these words: "It's a holy place."

What makes this building a holy place?

For some, the church is holy because of the holy events that have taken place in it. Those holy events primarily concern celebrations of sacraments: baptism, marriage, first Eucharist, even reconciliation.

I find it amazing how many sons and daughters of the parish who now live

elsewhere have chosen to be married here, not simply because of the church's beauty, but because it is the "place where our family celebrates" these events.

For others, the sense of a holy place is that it provides comfort and solace.

Although the servers' sacristy (and any other place that might invite an arsonist) are locked all day, St. Peter's is open from morning until evening.

parish assemblies there.

The church building's role becomes clear when the church community gathers. A full church and a festive liturgy have a special power for any participant.

As I reflect on the special ownership of this church building by this parish, I also think back to St. Thomas More, the university church where I spent 10 years.

St. Thomas More was as different as



CNS photo by Bill Wittman

Dozens of people stop by to pray and meditate. For them the building is a quiet place offering refuge from the outside world's craziness.

The building also stands for a commitment to faith. In repainting and cleaning the church after the fire, the present generation had a little taste of what their ancestors went through in constructing the building.

The price paid — in money and energy — to provide such a building is itself a symbol of commitment to faith.

Yet again, this church building is regarded as a holy place because the

possible in architecture and decor from St. Peter's. But it too was a holy place.

There were no statues or paintings there except for a modernistic carving of Jesus on the cross. Instead of stained-glass windows, there was tinted glass with no images. The seats were moveable chairs, gathered around the altar. It was not a place that attracted tour buses looking at art, as happens at St. Peter's.

Yet young folks prayed there night and day. Many times notes were left in the petition book by troubled college students, indicating their joy at finding this safe haven



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for a confusing time in their lives.

Sunday celebrations had a special joy and festivity as people enthusiastically gathered around the eucharistic table.

I recall the night the Persian Gulf War began — Operation Desert Storm. Someone came to my office to say that there were students in church and that maybe I should see if they needed attention.

I found 15 or 20 young men and women scattered around the church. Some were huddled together in muted prayer. Others sat alone. A few were crying.

**"I found 15 or 20 young men and women scattered around the church. Some were huddled together in muted prayer. Others sat alone. A few were crying."**

After talking to a number of them, I invited all to the altar for prayer. Afterward, some continued to stay in the holy space because they simply didn't want to go back to their rooms.

That was a reminder to me of how much people need a holy place to come to.

Certainly the church body is greater than the building, and without a doubt people will always have differences regarding the types of buildings that inspire them.

What can be said universally, however, is that the church building is called to be a place where one can dwell in the holiness that is experienced as humans encounter God.

(Father Weber is pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Mansfield, Ohio, and a freelance writer.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Walls have ears," it's been said. But do walls also speak?

If church walls spoke, they'd tell what kind of "place" this is — a place where:

—A community of God's people gathered with the grieving parents of a child who died.

—Young couples celebrated the start of a new life together.

—Priests helped to re-ignite hope for individuals in crisis.

For while a church is a building — a physical structure with strength, permanence and beauty, and the message its design and art convey — it isn't "only" a building.

Church walls would have stories to tell about:

—Newly arrived people in search of welcome.

—People with a troubling situation who simply sought support and understanding, and

—Those whose roots here nourished them with happiness.

The walls of this building would echo the sounds of the silence people often want when earnestly seeking God. And they would echo the clamor of teens setting out together to serve the poor and the loud noise of the Sunday community singing out the Eucharist's "Great Amen."

David Gibson  
Editor, Faith Alive!

# Where the early Christians worshiped

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

If there was one thing early Christians did not have to worry about, it was church architecture. A distinctive building would have called unwelcome attention to themselves.

In the Jewish culture where Christians originated, they were shunned as intolerable heretics.

In the Roman world in which the Christians later flourished, they were an illegal sect that refused to worship the gods of the state. As such the Christians were liable to capital punishment.

The early Christians worshiped in the privacy of their own homes. Actually this was not too bad. Their congregations were small, and the people got to know and love each other. The atmosphere was intimate, conducive to strong community bonds and to the sense of belonging.

Gathered around a common table where all social and economic distinctions vanished, the early Christians

prayed. They felt involved in what took place. Far from being mere spectators, they actively participated in the liturgy.

In Rome, the early Christians were quite literally an underground movement. They gathered in catacombs, which were subterranean cemeteries. This may seem like a morbid setting, but it was not.

Were the catacombs churches? Well, they were places the Christian community assembled.

Many of the people buried in the catacombs had been martyred because of their faith. These heroic men and women were now feasting at the heavenly banquet. And for those who now gathered there, the Eucharist joyfully anticipated what awaited them.

This means that the early Christians felt close to their victorious brothers and sisters who had died. A strong sense existed of what we call the communion of saints, the fellowship of all the baptized, alive or dead.

When in the fourth century the emperor Constantine became a Christian, he legalized Christianity. Then the

Christians no longer had to hide. Constantine and subsequent rulers donated royal palaces, basilicas, for worship. This was not an unmixed blessing.

Of course, the religious freedom was greatly welcome. But gathering in these huge and often awesome buildings, some worshipers tended to get lost in the crowds; the sense of community, togetherness, was sometimes dulled.

Today, newly built churches frequently try to reflect, through their architecture, Vatican Council II's emphasis on the church as the pilgrim people of God. Pews often are grouped in a semicircle around the altar to aid the people's active participation in the liturgy and their sense of community.

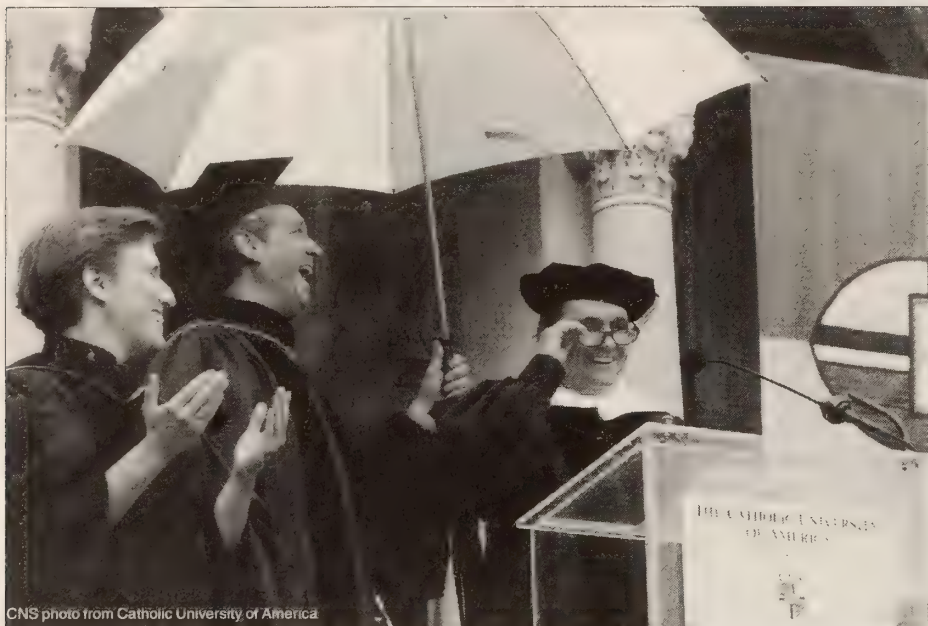
Together in this place, people listen and respond to the word of God. Together they share in the gifts transformed into the body and blood of the risen Christ.

Inside a church, people are a vibrantly alive, personally involved community of worship.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)



## People In The News



CNS photo from Catholic University of America  
Comedian Bob Newhart cracks up Carmen Nanko and Father Robert Friday with a joke about the rain falling on the graduation ceremony at The Catholic University of America.

### Despite Downpour, Comics' Dry Wit Brightens CUA Graduation

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As he stepped to the podium to address the graduates of The Catholic University of America in Washington, actor and comedian Bob Newhart heard a collective cry from the class of 1997 — “Hi, Bob!” “With all I’ve accomplished, and I’m going down in history for ‘Hi, Bob,’” Newhart replied in his famous deadpan comic delivery. Rain showers poured down as approximately 1,400 degree candidates, their families and friends gathered May 17 on the east side of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the university’s 108th annual commencement exercises.

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## First-Grade Artist Wins \$10,000 For Catholic School

DUBUQUE, Iowa (CNS) — Most artists are long gone before their works of art begin to bring in the big bucks.

Not so for 7-year-old Michael Burbach, whose drawing of a smiling monster recently won \$10,000 for his school and an all-expense-paid trip to Florida for his family.

A first-grader at St. Anthony School, Michael won the prizes by placing first in a national art contest.

It all started last fall, when Michael's parents, Tony and Mary Burbach, spotted the magazine ad, “Enter and Make a Monster Smile,” sponsored by M&M/Mars Candy Company. And so Michael started drawing.

When the family, which also includes son Tony, 13, and daughters Elizabeth, 11, and Annie, 4, recently returned home from a Florida vacation, they received a letter announcing that Michael had won the contest.

“The kids were jumping around and screaming as I read the letter aloud,” Mary Burbach told *The Witness*, Dubuque's archdiocesan newspaper.

“They were thrilled about the school getting the money, but they were just as thrilled to find out that we'd be going back to Florida so soon,” she said.

Michael, who unfortunately didn't make a copy of his drawing before sending it in, described his monster as “real fat with huge eyes, a big smile, stripes, with bugs made of candy wrappers flying all over him.”

His classmates have been patting him on the back and his mailbox has been filling up with cards of congratulations.

“He's really special, and we're all very proud of him,” said Lori Hermesen, principal.

According to his teacher, Jill

Hohmann, Michael is an expressive child who takes his art seriously.

Mary Burbach said the encouragement of Elaine White, Michael's mentor with the school's Gifted and Talented program, has helped him immensely.

School officials are planning to buy materials for that program, including art supplies and computer software. The money will also be used for the school's art appreciation program, for new books for the media center and for a new computer scanner.

Another talented member of the family, Elizabeth, also just won the citywide Earth Day poster contest.

“I really think Michael got his start by observing Elizabeth,” his mother said. “He would watch her draw by the hour.”

Michael's grandfather, Paul Frommelt, is especially proud of his grandson. As director of educational development for the Dubuque Archdiocese, his responsibilities include informing people of the importance of generously supporting Catholic education.

“I've been fund-raising for Catholic schools all my life,” he said, “so learning that my grandson was responsible for his school receiving such a generous gift was quite a thrill.”

He said he and his grandson, whom he affectionately calls, “Spike,” have always shared a special rapport.

“Actually he reminds me a lot of myself at that age,” he smiled.

When Michael is asked what he thinks about all the fanfare around him, the pint-sized artist just shrugs his shoulders.

“I think he's getting a little tired of the attention,” quipped his mother.

“Michael stays enthused as long as something interests him,” she said, “but to him this is old news and now he's

### Pope Formally Declares Blessed Edith Stein Will Become Saint

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II formally declared that Blessed Edith Stein will be made a saint at a date still to be named.

The pope's declaration came during a late May consistory, a gathering for high church authorities that usually takes place before any canonization. In this case, the meeting concerned the sainthood causes of Blessed Stein and Blessed Hedwig.

Pope John Paul II is to canonize Blessed Hedwig in Poland during his May 31-June 10 pastoral visit.

Canonization for Blessed Stein in Poland “has been ruled out, because it is too soon,” according to Carmelite Father Simeon Tomas Fernandez, her official promoter.

Blessed Stein was born in 1891 in what is now Wroclaw, Poland, and died in the Auschwitz death camp near Krakow. The pope's upcoming trip starts in Wroclaw and ends in Krakow.



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Dear Friends,  
Our Lady is calling a second Marian Conference to Greenville, and we give praise and thanks to Jesus for this great grace! The conference will be at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, in the main concert hall, on August 1 and 2. Hours on Friday are 4:30-9 p.m. On Saturday, the conference hours are 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Speakers, vocalists, the Mass and rosary are part of each day.

David Parkes, the well-known singer from Ireland who's pro-life song, "Let Me Live," is heard all over the world, returns as Emcee for the conference. Fr. Stephen Barham, one of the most sought-after Marian conference guests in the U.S., is our Friday night keynote speaker. Fr. Barham developed four programs for KNXT-TV in Fresno, California, and has appeared regularly on EWTN. Jane Rice, renowned vocalist, also from California, returns to delight and soothe us all with her clear, angelic voice as she sings many of our treasured Marian hymns, as well as her own composition, "Padre Pio, Your Children Love You." Greenville's own Fr. Paul Williams, OFM, will celebrate the opening Mass on Friday. We love his down South'ern homilies, and you will soon understand why his Sunday Masses are being broadcast on radio!

Who doesn't remember Donna Cori Gibson at "An Evening for Our Lady" at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church? She accompanied Matthew Kelly, one of the dynamic and captivating speakers from the 1995 Greenville Marian Conference when Matthew returned for his second speaking engagement in South Carolina in May of 1996. Donna, coming to us from Auburn, Washington, will again lead us in Our Lady's Musical Rosary. Larry and Mary Sue Eck, editors of *Medjugorje Magazine*, and organizers, for years, of Marriage Encounter weekends, also return. A number of people who were very moved by Larry and Mary Sue's "Hands of a Priest" original poem, which they shared with us at our last conference, called afterwards to inquire about getting copies of their beautiful poem.

New to the Greenville Marian Conference this year will be Char Vance, coming in from Louisiana, and also among the most sought-after of Marian conference speakers. She may best be described as the "Erma Bombeck" of the circuit. Inspire you, she will, but scheduled as the late Saturday afternoon speaker, you may well find yourself chuckling all through our dinner hour. Char's powerful, moving, and as she tells it, humorous, conversion story, was featured on television's "Unsolved Mysteries" and "The Geraldo Show."

Bud MacFarlane Sr., who speaks across the U.S. churches and conferences, is also new to Greenville. The Mary Foundation distributes his widely acclaimed "Marian Apparitions Explained" audiotape. Bud, who comes to us from New Jersey, is considered an expert on the subject and has spoken in Columbia, S.C. Those of you who have read the Catholic best-seller fiction book, "Pierced by a Sword," written by his son, Bud McFarlane, Jr., may like to know that the fictional character of Tom Wheat bears a close, real life resemblance to Bud Sr.

Fr. Robert Faricy, SJ, is a professor of spirituality at Gregorian University in Rome and is widely respected as a lecturer, author and theologian. It is a special grace and honor that Father Faricy has accepted the invitation to travel from Rome to attend this conference. Fr. Faricy will be the main speaker Saturday evening and will conclude the conference with a healing service.

There will be an Adoration chapel during the conference, as well as opportunities for confession. The Peace Center will not provide food vendors and food cannot be brought into the concert hall. Therefore, conference packets will include information about nearby food establishments for lunch and dinner, or you may choose to bring your own food and picnic on the grounds outside the Peace Center.

I believe that a Marian conference is an evangelical tool used by Our Lady to win hearts and souls for her Son. It is something that must be experienced to fully understand. Many of those who heard of the last conference, afterwards, have said, "If I had only known what it was, I would have been there!" Please pray about supporting this effort about support this effort — with your presence, and as a conference patron. Conference patrons may be an individual or a commercial business who makes a donation of \$200 or more to the conference. Individual patrons receive mention in the program and reserved seating, may request up to four tickets and will be given PATRON conference pins. Commercial business patrons may have one-quarter page ads printed in the program (similar to those in Sunday bulletins). Donations to MMIC, Inc. are tax deductible.

Finally, please keep the success of this conference in your prayers. Please pray for those working for the conference, the speakers and vocalists, and for those who plan to attend — that they may be guided and protected by Our Lady and the heavenly court of angels and saints for the glory of God. God bless you. Thank you all for your encouragement and support. In Christ's Peace and Love,

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## High Schools Prepare For Commencement Exercises

Graduating candidates of the Diocese of Charlotte's two high schools will attend baccalaureate Masses with Bishop William G. Curlin presiding and will be conferred their diplomas during upcoming commencement exercises in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

For the graduating seniors of Charlotte Catholic High School, Bishop Curlin will preside as principal celebrant and homilist at a 7:30 p.m. Mass on June 4 at St. Gabriel Church.

The CCHS commencement ceremony will take place the following evening, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Ovens Auditorium. Class valedictorian Kristen Grauman and class salutatorian Lorraine Elliot will address the graduates in speeches. Mercy Sister Paulette Williams, principal, will present the graduates while Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, and Dr. Charles LeBlanc, superintendent of the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools system, will confer the diplomas.

On June 7 at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Curlin will celebrate the liturgy for the graduates of Bishop McGuinness High School at Holy Family Church in Clemmons.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for June 8 at 2 p.m. at the Stevens Center in downtown Winston-Salem. The graduation speaker is Father Jim Scherer, a marriage and family therapist and certified clinical social worker from the Archdiocese of Atlanta who currently works in Greensboro. Officiants will be Father West; Dr. Michael Skube, diocesan superintendent of schools; and George Repass, principal.

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# Stolen Religious Vessels May Face Auction

By J.J. SMITH

HAMBURG, N.Y. (CNS) — Possible legal ramifications have stopped a small suburban Buffalo police department from giving stolen chalices and other religious vessels, recovered two years ago, to the Diocese of Buffalo.

Hamburg town attorney Richard G. Boehm is going to the state court for some guidance on how it should deal with the property, said Det. Sgt. Thomas Biersbach of the town's police department.

Boehm needs to do that because the American Civil Liberties Union has threatened to sue the town if it donates the items to the diocese, Biersbach said.

In May 1995, Hamburg police seized 200 religious artifacts from Gary A. Heinaman, 58, when he was caught breaking into a Franciscan friars' residence.

The artifacts, valued at about \$240,000, were found in a car being used by Heinaman, who had escaped from a South Dakota prison where he was serving a 10-year sentence for burglarizing churches there.

All the items were believed to have been taken about a month before Heinaman's capture when he was breaking into churches and synagogues in New York and Pennsylvania, according to Biersbach.

Police recovered chalices and chal-

ice bases and stems — many inscribed with names — ciboriums and ciborium covers, patens, 31 silver plates, plus Christian and Jewish artifacts from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Heinaman, who is serving a 7- to 15-year sentence for the latest thefts, has refused to cooperate in returning the items, Biersbach said. When his sentence is complete, Heinaman will be returned to South Dakota to finish his original sentence as well as face escape charges, he added.

In the two years Hamburg police have held the items, 150 have been returned to their proper owners, but the department's storage space is limited and they can't keep the items forever, the detective said.

Normally, the would have been sold at auction along with other unclaimed evidence, but because of the items' nature, the Buffalo Diocese asked they not be sold.

"The Hamburg Police Department was very gracious; they listened to our concerns and decided not to sell them," said Msgr. David Lee, diocesan communications director.

The police considered donating the items to the diocese, and Bishop Henry J. Mansell said he is willing to accept them and pass them on to the missions, Msgr. Lee said.

"I felt it was a great idea, but legal

ramifications have made it impossible to do at this time," Biersbach said.

"I would hate to see this property go to auction, but it's not going to be left to the police department," he added.

In the meantime, while police wait for court instructions, rightful owners can claim their property, Biersbach said, by calling the police department's detective bureau at (716) 648-5118.

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LENOIR — Franciscan friars arrived in Caldwell County in 1932. Through their pastorate which lasted until 1960, a number of western North Carolina Catholic communities were ministered to, among them the congregation that came to be known as St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lenoir.

Bishop William J. Hafey invited the Franciscan Fathers of the New York Province to provide missionary resources in the western half of the Raleigh Diocese. Property in central Lenoir was purchased in December 1932, and the house which resided on it became St. Francis Friary.

In January 1933, three Franciscan missionaries gathered in the friary chapel with a four-member congregation to celebrate the first Mass in Caldwell County. Later that month, Bishop Hafey assigned the Franciscans to ministerial work in Statesville, where a friary was established in 1940.

The friars traveled to more than a half-dozen other counties in those early years as well, establishing stations in Blowing Rock, Boone and the Wilkesboro area.

In Lenoir, the friary chapel soon be-

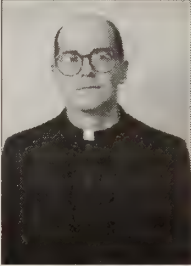
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isted for three decades in the area.

In 1972 the Diocese of Charlotte was established, and ministerial care of St. Francis of Assisi Church shifted from the Raleigh Diocese. The church underwent renovation work during that period to conform to the new liturgical standards set by the Vatican II Council.

With continued parish development have come new additions for the St. Francis of Assisi family during the past 25 years, including a new residence for its pastor acquired in 1996.

Expansion of the parish has also included ministerial outreach. The Lenoir Soup Kitchen, founded decades ago at St. Francis of Assisi, now exists as an independent service to the community. A number of St. Francis parishioners volunteer at the soup kitchen as well as at the Yokefellow Christian Service Center.

A variety of parish organizations and programs provide parishioners of various age groups with service and social opportunities. Ecumenism is also a highlight of parish life, as St. Francis of Assisi Church joins with local Episcopal and Lutheran churches in Advent services and summer vacation Bible school sessions for children and adults.

Appointed pastor in July 1994, Father Michael Buttner ministers to the 185 families at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

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If you become unable to live on your own, how important would it be to live in a Catholic facility?

Looking ahead, what services and ministries may you need from your parish?

Looking ahead, what services may you need from your community?

What transportation needs do you have that are not being met?

What transportation needs are likely to develop as you age?

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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Church Rummage Sales

**LENOIR** — St. Francis of Assisi hosts a church rummage sale Aug. 23. Items and volunteers are needed. Call the church office, (704) 754-5281, for more information.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The 1st Annual St. Leo the Great Church Rummage and Bake Sale is June 14 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bishop McGuinness High School. Proceeds benefit the choir's 1998 pilgrimage to Rome. For information, call the church, (910) 724-0561.

## 50+ Club Installs Officers

**CHARLOTTE** — Newly elected officers of the St. John Neumann Parish 50+ Club are: President — Joanne Halgas; Vice-President — Walter Lesko; Treasurer — George Kocher; Secretary — Walter Karasiewicz. An Installation Lunch will be served Tuesday, June 10 at 12 p.m. at Idlewild Country Club, preceded by a short meeting at 11:15 a.m. There is no regular meeting June 11. For information, call Anne McIntyre, (704) 545-5046.

## Pro-Life Yard Sale

**GREENSBORO** — A Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Pro-Life Yard Sale is June 14 at the Knights' clubhouse, 2780 Horse Pen Creek Rd., Greensboro, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Right-to-Life activities. Donated items are still needed. For more information, call Larry Lisk, (910) 852-5014, evenings.

## RAIN Golf Tournament

**CHARLOTTE** — The 2nd Annual Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) Golf Tournament is Sept. 29 at Raintree Country Club. Teams of four as well as individuals are encouraged to register. Tournament highlights include 36 holes of golf, food and prizes. Call Marge Aultman, (704) 846-0781, for more information.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

**CHARLOTTE** — A prayer group open to everyone regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, or HIV/AIDS status meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at St. Peter Church. For information, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Vacation Bible School

**GREENSBORO** — The St. Paul the Apostle Church Bible School is June 16-20 from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Call (910) 294-4696 for further details.

## Faith Formation Program

**HICKORY** — The Education Commission of St. Aloysius Church hosts a summer adult education video series by Dr. Scott Hahn, noted convert, evangelist and professor, beginning June 11 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Video Room. Dr. Phil Blosser, professor of philosophy at Lenoir-Rhyne College, is facilitator. Baby-sitting reservations can be made by calling Holly Day, (704) 495-1182.

## Family Life Forum

**GREENSBORO** — Forum III of the St. Paul the Apostle Church Family Life Commission presents "The More We Know," a session featuring representatives from the Medicare and Social Security offices, from 7-9 p.m. on June 18. Call (910) 294-4649 for further details.

## Grief Support Group

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The St. Leo the Great Church grief support group meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room A for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. For information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

## Catholic Singles

**CHARLOTTE** — Catholic Singles of Charlotte II is a social and spiritual group (not a dating service or support group) for singles aged 30-50. Events are held on a weekly basis and are open to all newcomers. Call Kathy Baldo, (704) 552-2401, for more information.

## SPLUNGE In Cincinnati

**SPLUNGE** (Special People Living Uniquely Nourishing Growthful Experiences), an inner-city service experience for youth ages 15 and up, will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 13-19. Previous participants may not attend. Space is limited to the first 25 applicants (five from any one parish). Early registration fee, due by June 5, is \$150 per person. From June 6-June 30, the cost is \$160. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by June 30. For a registration form and more information, call the Diocese of Charlotte's Office for Youth Ministry, (704) 523-2118.

## Moms Group

**CONCORD** — The Moms Group of St. James parish meets the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Fridays of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Summer planning is underway. For details, call Michelle Fehlman, (704) 784-3691.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**ASHEVILLE** — The Basilica of St. Lawrence welcomes all to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the parish office, (704) 252-6042.

**BELMONT** — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Belmont Abbey Chapel, located behind the abbey church and monastery. For more information, call (704) 399-2701.

**CHARLOTTE** — St. Thomas Aquinas Church hosts Eucharistic adoration every Friday in the chapel from



**WINSTON-SALEM** — Fourth-grade students from St. Leo the Great School received a welcome from their state representative, Theresa Esposito, on a recent trip to Raleigh. The students observed the State House in session from the visitors' balcony. After the session, Esposito, who is a member of St. Leo parish, took them on a guided tour of the government complex.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (704) 549-1607 for more information.

Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at St. Gabriel Church. Contact Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for more information.

Eucharistic adoration is at St. Matthew Church each Friday following the 9 a.m. Mass and lasting until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass. Call Pat Gundaker, (704) 366-9687, or Bernice Hansen, (704) 846-2958, for details.

**HIGH POINT** — Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For details, call Joe or Mary Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Fatima Pilgrimage

The 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima under the spiritual direction of Father Edmund McCaffrey, pastor of Holy Family Church in Hilton Head, S.C., is July 21-Aug. 5. Cost from New York is \$1,499, which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. For information and reservations, call Kathleen Potter in Charlotte, (704) 366-5127.

## National Charismatic Conference

**STATESVILLE** — A bus has been chartered from Statesville and Charlotte who will attend the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

## Adult Study Group

**CHARLOTTE** — An adult study group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to discuss The Catechism of the Catholic Church and sacred Scripture at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in the Faith Formation Building. For details, call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563 (home), or (704) 365-5490 (work).

## Engaged Encounter

**HICKORY** — The next Engaged

Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

**HICKORY** — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (910) 845-5081.

## Living Waters Retreats

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "Viriditas: Greening Power" is a June 9-13 nature retreat directed by Sister Jo Anne Murphy, OSF, and Sister Jane Schmenk, OSF, focusing through a hands-on experience of the mountains on Hildegard of Bingen, who believed that Christ brings vitality to those in need. Cost is \$200.

"In the Breaking of the Bread" is a June 14-20 retreat directed by Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene LaVerdiere focusing on the origins and development of the Eucharist as explained by Luke. Cost is \$250.

"Be Still and Know that I am God" is a June 23-29 nature retreat directed by Father Dan Havron, OFM, and sister Fran Grady, SCL, focusing on hearing the voice of God in a peaceful setting. Cost is \$250.

"The Psalms: School of Contemplative Prayer" is a July 1-7 retreat directed by Father Sidney Griffith, ST, focusing on the psalms as the prayer of ancient Israel, the prayer of Jesus and the prayer of the Church. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## Catholic Schools Lend A Hand To Flood Victims

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Money to aid victims of the floods that devastated the upper Midwest continued to come in, most of it in checks from adults but some in batches of pennies, nickels and dimes from schoolchildren. Catholic Charities USA, which manages the U.S. Catholic bishops' Upper Midwest floods relief program, reported from its Alexandria, Va., headquarters that as of May 20, \$143,000 in donations had been sent directly to the agency. Jane Gallagher, Catholic Charities director of disaster response, said the money will be distributed to the Dioceses of Fargo and Bismarck, N.D., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Crookston, St. Cloud and New Ulm, Minn.

## Focus On Millennium, Archbishop Foley Tells Journalists

DENVER (CNS) — The upcoming millennium marks the anniversary of the "biggest story in the history of the

world," Archbishop John P. Foley told a gathering of international Catholic journalists. "Have a special concern for the approaching year 2000," said the archbishop, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, during a May 21 address to members of the International Catholic Union of the Press. Archbishop Foley told UCIP members, attending their annual meeting May 18-21 in Denver prior to the Catholic Press Association's national convention, that "the celebration of the year 2000 makes sense only in the context of a Christian world view."

## North Koreans Starve As West Stands By, Says Caritas Director

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite continual appeals from the North Korean government for food aid to prevent massive starvation, many Western governments have chosen not to respond, said a Catholic relief agency official. "At times, there is a 'let them starve' mentality," said Kaethi Zellweger, director of international cooperation for Caritas Hong Kong. Zellweger, who briefed officials at Caritas Internationalis about the ongoing emergency in North Korea, said many governments seem content to blame North Korea's communist regime for the famine. "But people are starving," she told reporters May 22 at the Vatican offices of Caritas Internationalis, the umbrella organization for national Catholic charities.

## Spirit Seminar

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is June 9, 16, 23, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at St. Matthew Church. Registration is \$10.00. For information contact Rev. Mr. Keith Kolodziej at (704) 541-6765.



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**Part-Time Youth Minister:** Position available at **Our Lady of Mercy Parish.** Some experience working with middle and/or high school students is desirable. Youth Minister would be part of the Parish team and work in collaboration with the director of faith for-

mation. Interested applicants may send resumes to: **Youth Minister Search Committee, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 1919 S. Main st., Winston-Salem, NC 27127**

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# 1997 Summer Mass Schedule

## Diocese of Charlotte

### ANDREWS

**Holy Redeemer**, 32 Aquone Road, (704) 321-4463.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M.-T. & Sat.; 4 p.m. F.; (Sun.) 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.

### ARDEN

**St. Barnabas**, 109 Crescent Hill Drive, (704) 684-6098.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M., T., F.; 7 p.m. W.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

### ASHEBORO

**St. Joseph**, Park Street and Wainman Avenue, (910) 629-0221.

(Daily) 8:15 a.m. M., W., F.; 12:15 p.m. T.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:45, 11:15 a.m.; 1 p.m. (Spanish); (Holy Days) 12:15, 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m. (bilingual).

### ASHEVILLE

**St. Eugene**, 1 Culvern Street, (704) 254-5193.

(Daily) 8 a.m. M.-F.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m., (Holy Days) 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 7:30 p.m.; Spanish Mass 7 p.m.

**St. Joan of Arc**, 919 Haywood Road, (704) 252-3151.

(Daily) 8:30 a.m. M, T, F; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) - 8:30 a.m.; 7 p.m.

**The Basilica of St. Lawrence, D.M.**, 97 Haywood Street, (704) 252-6042.

(Daily) 12:10 p.m. M- F.; Sat.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 9, 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

### BISCOE

**Our Lady of the Americas**, 105 Hyde Street, (910) 428-3051.

(Sun.) 9:30 a.m.; 2 p.m. (Spanish), June-August.

### BLOWING ROCK

**Church of the Epiphany**, Galax Lane, (704) 264-8338.

(Sun.) 8:30, 10 a.m.

### BOONE

**St. Elizabeth**, 259 Pilgrims Way, (704) 264-8338 & 264-6347.

(Daily) 8:15 a.m. T, F, 12:15 p.m. W, Th.; (Sat.) 5:15 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 12:15, 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

### BREVARD

**Sacred Heart**, 4 Fortune Cove, (704) 883-9572.

(Daily) 9 a.m. T. - F.; (Sat.) 4:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 10:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.

### BURNSVILLE

**Sacred Heart**, Summit Street, (704) 689-3719.

Wed. - noon.; (Sun.) 11:30 a.m.

### BRYSON CITY

**St. Joseph**, Main Street, (704) 488-6766.

(Daily) \*varies, call first; (Sat.) 7 p.m. June-Aug.; (Sun.) 9, 11:15 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7 p.m.

### CANTON

**Immaculate Conception**, Newfound Road, (704) 456-6707.

(Sun.) 8:30 a.m.

### CHEROKEE

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Lambert Ranch Road, (704) 497-9755 & 488-6766.

(Sat.) 5 p.m. June - October; (Sun.) 9 a.m.; (Holy Days) 5 p.m.

### ELKIN

**St. Stephen**, 101 Hawthorne Drive, (910) 835-3007.

(Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 11:15 a.m.

### FRANKLIN

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 150 Maple Street, (704) 524-2289 & 369-8131.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M, W, F, Noon T, Th; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 9, 11 a.m. June-Oct.; (Holy Days) noon; Vigil - 7 p.m.

### HAYESVILLE

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**, Hwy. 64, (704) 837-2000.

W. 5 p.m.; (Sat.) 4 p.m.; (Sun.) 9

a.m.

### HENDERSONVILLE

**Immaculate Conception**, 2087 7th Avenue West, (704) 693-6901.

(Daily) 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. M.-F.; 9 a.m. Sat.; (Sat.) 4, 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 7:30, 9, 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m. (Spanish); (Holy Days) 8:30 a.m.; 12:10, 7 p.m.; Vigil - 5 p.m.

### HICKORY

**St. Aloysius**, 902 Second Street N.E., (704) 327-2341.

(Daily) 7 a.m. T., Th.; 12:10 p.m. W., F.; 8 a.m. Sat.; (Sat.) 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 12:10, 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

### HIGHLANDS

**Our Lady of the Mountains**, 315 N. 5th Street, (704) 526-2418.

(Daily) 9 a.m. W., F.; (Sat.) 7 p.m.; (Sun.) 9 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7 p.m.

### HIGH POINT

**Christ The King**, 1505 East Kivett Drive, (910) 884-0244.

(Daily) 12:15 p.m.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.; (Holy Days) 12:15 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**, 500 Montlieu Avenue, (910) 884-0244.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M.-F.; (Sat.) 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 10 a.m.; noon; (Holy Days) - 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

### HOT SPRINGS

**Chapel of the Redeemer**, Hwys. 25 and 70, (704) 622-7366.

(Daily) 11:30 a.m. M-Sat.; (Sun.) 10:30 a.m.

### JEFFERSON

**St. Francis of Assisi**, Main and Ivy Streets, (910) 246-9151.

(Daily) 7 a.m. M., T., W.; 7 p.m. Th.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 9 a.m.; Spanish Mass (2nd and 4th Sun.) 1:30 p.m.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN

**Christ the King**, 714 Stone Street, (704) 739-3214.

(Sun.) 8:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7:30 p.m.

### LENOIR

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 1025 College Avenue S.W., (704) 754-5281.

(Daily) noon W., Th., F.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 6:30 p.m.

### LINVILLE

**St. Bernadette**, Hwy. 105, across from Grandfather Mountain Golf Club, (704) 898-6900.

11:00 a.m. W.; (Sat.) 4:30 p.m., June-Sept.; (Sun.) 11:15 a.m.; (Holy Days) 11:00 a.m.

### MAGGIE VALLEY

**St. Margaret**, 1422 Soco Road, (704) 926-0106.

(Daily) 8 a.m.; (Sat.) 4 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m. June-October; (Holy Days) 9:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

### MARS HILL

**St. Andrew the Apostle**, 100 West Brook Street, (704) 689-3719.

(Daily) 9 a.m.; (Sun.) 9 a.m., (Holy Days) 7 p.m.

### MURPHY

**St. William**, 109 Andrews Road, (704) 837-2000.

(Daily) 9 a.m. T.-F.; (Sat.) 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 11 a.m.

### NORTH WILKESBORO

**St. John Baptist de la Salle**, 275 C.C. Wright School Road, (910) 838-5562.

(Sat.) 7 p.m.; (Sun.) 9 a.m.; \*Daily and Holy Days as announced.

### SAPPHIRE VALLEY

**St. Jude**, Hwy 64 (seven miles past the Post Office.) (704) 743-5717.

(Daily) \*call first; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.

### SPARTA

**St. Francis of Rome**, Hendrix Road at Highland Drive, (910) 372-8846.

(Daily) 5:30 p.m. W.; 8 a.m. Th.; (Sun.) 11:15 a.m.; Spanish Mass (1st and 3rd Sun.) 1:30 p.m.

### SPRUCE PINE

**St. Lucien**, 503 Summit Street,

(704) 765-2224.

(Daily) 9 a.m. T., F.; 7 p.m. W.; (Sun.) 9 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.

### SWANNANOVA

**St. Margaret Mary**, 102 Andrews Place, (704) 686-3243.

(Daily) noon - M., W., F.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) \*call for schedule.

### SYLVA

**St. Mary**, 22 Bartlett Street, (704) 586-9496.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M., W., F., Sat.; 5:30 p.m. T., Th.; (Sun.) 9, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.

### TRYON

**St. John the Baptist**, 600 Laurel Avenue, (704) 859-9574.

(Daily) 8:30 a.m.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) \*as announced.

### WAYNESVILLE

**St. John the Evangelist**, 409 Church Street, (704) 456-6707.

(Daily) 9 a.m.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 5:30 p.m.

### Diocese of Raleigh

#### BUXTON

**Our Lady of the Seas**, Hwy. 12, 1/4 mile north of Cape Hatteras School, (919) 995-6370.

(Daily) W, Th, 8 a.m.; (Sat) 7 p.m.; (Sun) 8:30, 10 a.m., 5 p.m., June-Labor Day.

#### CAROLINA BEACH

**Immaculate Conception**, 6336 Myrtle Grove Road, (910) 791-1003.

(Daily) 9 a.m. W, Th, F.; T. Novena 6:40 p.m., 7p.m. Mass.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 10 a.m.

#### CASTLE HAYNE

**St. Stanislaus Kostka**, 4849 Castle Hayne Road, (910) 675-3116.

(Daily) 8 a.m.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 10:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7 a.m.; noon, 5:15, 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

#### EDENTON

**St. Anne**, 207 North Broad Street, (919) 482-2617.

(Daily) T, Th, F, noon, W, 7 p.m.; (Sat) 7 p.m., (Sun.) 8, 10:30 a.m.

#### ELIZABETH CITY

**Holy Family**, 1453 North Road Street, (US Hwy. 17 N.), (919) 338-2521.

(Daily) 8 a.m. M, 6:30 p.m. W, 12:15 p.m. Th., 8 a.m. F.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 10 a.m.; (Holy Days) 8 a.m.; 7 p.m., Currituck Station, Hwy 168 (Sun) 8 a.m.

#### HAMPSTEAD

**St. Jude the Apostle**, (at Topsail Jr./Sr. High School), 273 US Hwy. 17 N., (910) 259-2601.

(Sun.) 9 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7 p.m.

#### HAVELOCK

**Annunciation**, 246 East Main Street, (919) 447-2112.

(Daily) 8 a.m.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 9, 11:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) 7, 8:30 a.m.; Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

#### JACKSONVILLE

**Infant of Prague**, 214 Marine Boulevard, (910) 347-4196.

(Daily) M, T, TH, F, 9 a.m.; W 7 p.m. (Sat.) 5 p.m., Spanish 7 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 10 a.m., noon; (Holy Days) 7, 8:15 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

**KILL DEVIL HILLS**

**Holy Redeemer**, 1206 North Virginia Dare Trail, (919) 441-8115.

(Daily) 8 a.m. M., T., F.; (Sat.) 5, 7 p.m., June-Labor Day; (Sun.) 8, 10 a.m.

#### NAGS HEAD

**Holy Trinity**, Hwys. 12 & 158, Whalebone Junction, (919) 441-8115.

(Daily) W 7 p.m.; (Sat.) 6, 7:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 9 a.m., June-Labor Day; Spanish Mass - (Sat.) 7:30 p.m.

#### NEW BERN

**St. Paul**, 3005 Country Club Road, (919) 638-1984.

(Daily) 8 a.m., F 9 a.m.; (Sat.) 5 p.m., Spanish 7 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 9:45, 11:30 a.m.; (Holy Days) noon, 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 6 p.m.

#### OCRACOKE

**Annunciation**, Ocracoke Fire Hall, (919) 441-8115.

(Sat.) 4 p.m., June-Labor Day.

#### PINEHURST

**Sacred Heart**, Hwy. 211 and Dundee Road, (910) 295-6550.

(Daily) 8:30 a.m.; (Sat.) 4:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., (Holy Days) 8, 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.

#### SHALLOTTE

**St. Brendan the Navigator**, 5101 Ocean Highway West, (910) 754-8544.

(Daily) M,T, Th, F 9 a.m.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 10:15 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Vigil - 5 p.m.

#### SOUTHERN PINES

**St. Anthony of Padua**, 160 East Vermont Avenue, (910) 692-6613.

(Daily) M, T, W, F 8:15 a.m., Th 5 p.m.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 9, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.; Vigil - 5 p.m.

#### SOUTHPORT

**Sacred Heart**, 5269 Doshier Cutoff S.E., (910) 457-6173.

(Daily) 9 a.m. M.-F.; (Sat.) 5 p.m., June-Labor Day; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

#### SURF CITY

**St. Mary Gate of Heaven**, 420 North Topsail Drive, (910) 675-2336.

(Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 11 a.m.

#### SWANSBORO

**St. Mildred**, 616 Sabiston Drive, (910) 326-4370.

(Daily) 9 a.m.; (Sat.) 4, 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Vigil - 5:30 p.m.

#### WASHINGTON

**Mother of Mercy**, 112 West Ninth Street, (919) 946-2941.

(Daily) 8:30 a.m. T, W, Th, F.; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 7:30, 10:30 a.m. Spanish 4:30 p.m.; (Holy Days) 8:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

#### WILMINGTON

**St. Mark**, 1011 Eastwood Road, (910) 392-0720.

(Daily) 8 a.m. M-F; 9 a.m. Sat.; (Sat.) 6 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 11 a.m.; Spanish 5 p.m. (Holy Days) 8 a.m. 7 p.m.; Vigil - 7 p.m.

**St. Mary**, 412 Ann Street, (910) 762-5491.

(Daily) 7:30 a.m. M- F; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 8:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 9 a.m.; 7 p.m.; **Catholic Student Center**, UNC-Wilmington, 4802 College Acres Drive, (910) 791-7167.

(Sun.) 10 a.m. at Catholic House; (Holy Days) noon, 6:30 p.m.; Vigil - 6:30 p.m.

#### WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

**St. Therese**, 209 South Lumina Avenue, (910) 256-2471.

(Daily) Call ahead; (Sat.) 5:30 p.m.; (Sun.) 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m.; June-Labor day; (Holy Days) 8 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.

#### Diocese of Charleston

##### BEAUFORT

**St. Peter**, Lady's Island Blvd. #802 W., (803) 522-9555.

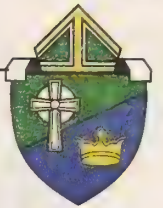
(Daily) 8 a.m., M-Sat.; (Sat.) 5 p.m.; (Sun.) 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.; (Holy Days) 8 a.m.; noon, 6:30 p.m.; Vigil - 6:30 p.m.

##### BLUFFTON

**St. Andrew**, off Hwy. 278, (803) 784-2943.



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Photo by Joann Keane

**Finishing touches.** Erin Leonard offers a helping hand to Kristy Hoffman prior to the commencement exercises for the graduates of the Bishop McGuinness class of 1997.

## Bosnia Visit Yields Universal Insight For Charlotte Reporter

By **JIMMY ROSTAR**  
Staff Writer

**CHARLOTTE** — The war in Bosnia-Herzegovina may be over, but for a Charlotte journalist, its reality remains as a vital lesson to the world.

Steve Crump, whose work in television has depicted humanity's extremes, says the 43-month war in the former Yugoslavia offered a mind-boggling perspective of how political, cultural and personal differences can continue to set the stage for a theater of divisiveness and hate.

His take on the war comes from first-hand experience: In March, he went to Bosnia at the invitation of the United States Information Agency to help establish independent print and electronic news outlets in three cities of the war-torn country. The assignment gave Crump an opportunity to share Western insight with the journalistic community in the region.

And while the U.S.-mediated Dayton peace accords officially ended the

war in November 1995, Crump says the conflict's effects linger in the minds and hearts of many — including himself.

"I'm sure with time it will ease a bit, but there's not a day that I don't think about something I did or saw over there or walked away with," he explains. "This outweighs anything I've ever seen in terms of ... the environment of devastation."

That devastation, he adds, is not limited to the demolished city buildings and the shell-pocked countrysides. "People are willing to work together in some ways," he says, "but at the same time the wounds are very deep."

An assignment reporter with WBTV in Charlotte for 11 years, he also produces independent news projects that have taken him to South Africa, Ghana and more than a dozen U.S. cities.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Crump is the product of 12 years of Catholic education, and a graduate of Eastern

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## Bishop Urges Graduates: Continue To Live In Faith

By **MIKE KROKOS**  
Editor

Graduates of both Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Charlotte were recently urged to continue living faith-centered lives as they begin their journey into adulthood.

"Ask God to give you what He wills for your peace and happiness," Bishop William G. Curlin told seniors at Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem and Charlotte Catholic High School during baccalaureate Masses last week. "Jesus promised to help those who put their trust in Him."

The diocesan shepherd delivered the baccalaureate homily to 148 Charlotte Catholic seniors June 4 at St.

Gabriel Church. On June 7 at Holy Family Church in Clemmons, 72 Bishop McGuinness graduates were encouraged to continue patterning their lives around their faith as well.

"The primary goal of a Catholic school is identical to the goal I professed when I became your bishop: 'to help you find God in yourself and one another,'" Bishop Curlin noted. "If you believe God lives in you, you must believe He lives in those around you."

Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, and Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent of schools, conferred diplomas at the graduations.

During commencement exercises June 5, Mercy Sister Paulette Williams, CCHS principal, told graduates their diploma represented more than academic values and academic success: "It represents many hours of service and many opportunities for a lived faith experience. I think the key word is 'opportunity.' That is what Charlotte Catholic has provided — opportunities to grow in faith, and opportunities to share in faith. Let the calling of your name be a reminder of your baptismal commitment to bring Christ into the world."

Kristen Lorraine Grauman was Charlotte Catholic's valedictorian, and Maria Lorraine Elliot was salutatorian. In her speech, Grauman spoke of the connectedness of the Class of 1997. "Many of us came together as strangers and have grown to be close friends," she said. "This shows that within us, we have an accepting nature, and a willingness to nurture one another. We have gathered for school Masses and retreats, we've

done service projects each year. Within us, we have God's holy presence. Within us, we have a giving spirit. We can look beyond ourselves and see the needs of others."

Grauman also encouraged her classmates to take the best of what is within them and use it to help form their future. "I urge you to look within you to discover who you are and what truly matters to you," she added.

BMHS senior Allan Charles Huebner was honored as valedictorian, and Mark Joseph Nalavanko was saluta-

torian. In his address at commencement exercises June 8, Nalavanko encouraged members of the Class of 1997 to pursue

their dreams. "Be confident in your abilities, and be ready and willing to challenge yourself," he said. "It's the challenges in life that bring out the most in a person's potential. There's no reason to think life is only meant to be endured. Striving for your own, individual excellence is what it's all about."

Father Jim Scherer, a marriage and family therapist and certified social worker from the Archdiocese of Atlanta who currently works in Greensboro, was the BMHS graduation speaker.

In closing the baccalaureate Masses, Bishop Curlin offered a prayer to all graduates: "God grant you His peace always. Wherever there is nobility of character, Wherever there is greatness of spirit, Wherever there are all those things that make for goodness and light, there may you always find your home."

For Charlotte Catholic and Holy Trinity Graduation photos, see page 3.

**As a father is kind to his children,  
so the LORD is kind to those who  
honor him.**

**He knows what we are made of;  
He remembers that we are dust.**

*Psalm 103: 13-14*

*Happy  
Fathers'  
Day*





## Journalist Hopes First-Hand Look Leads To Understanding, from page 1

Kentucky University. He's worked in television in Georgia, Florida, Kentucky and Michigan, as well as North Carolina.

In recent years, the parishioner of Charlotte's Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church has received two Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences — the most recent in February 1997 for coverage on WBTV of the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church burning in June 1996.

Crump's recognitions further include a Gabriel Award, presented last year by the national Catholic broadcasters association Unda-USA, for an independent piece on black photographers who shot the American civil rights movement.

While conducting journalism training in Bosnia's capital city of Sarajevo and the towns of Tuzla and Banja Luka to the north, Crump visualized another documentary.

"I was trying to seize an opportunity of a lifetime," he says, "not only as a journalist, but as somebody who has always had a great deal of curiosity."

A result of that interest is "Healing of a Nation," a half-hour program scheduled to air on Charlotte's PBS affiliate, WTVI, on June 23 at 8:30 p.m.

The documentary chronicles Bosnia

as a region still torn between its need for internal reconciliation and the continuing tension between its people. "The conflict put neighbor against neighbor, but with the peace friendships are renewed — part of the effort of mending the pain," says Crump.

With just under 8,000 U.S. military troops still stationed in poverty-ridden Tuzla at the time of filming, the program suggests that the experience and aftermath of war have weighed heavily on the international peacekeeping factions as well. A Catholic priest — chaplain of the military tent city in Tuzla — mentions men and women in their late teens being faced with "questions of ultimate reality."

Crump agrees with the minister's sentiment, adding that the American presence could lead to growth not only for Bosnia's inhabitants, but for the troops, too. "I think in some respects, people will leave with more questions than answers," he says.

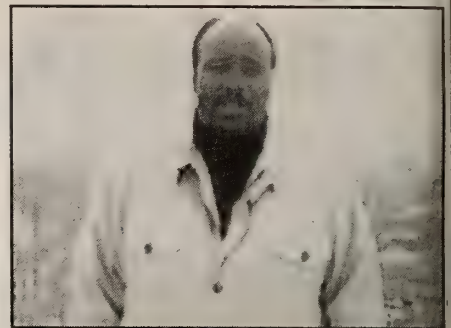
Questioning is an element of the faith that continues to play a vital role in Bosnia's mending. Amidst that scarred landscape of locales both urban and rural are a number of places of worship lying in various stages of destruction, victims of random and intentional acts of

violence.

During one segment of the program, a Catholic congregation gathers for Mass while a blown-out stained glass image of the crucified Christ serves as a silent witness to the damaged surroundings. Near Tuzla, Muslims join for worship in a newly built mosque that replaces a 300-year-old structure lost in the war.

Such resiliency marks the hope of the collective Bosnian population, while issues of refugees, war criminals and sectarian hostilities still threaten an at-times fragile peace. Pope John Paul II's visit to Sarajevo in mid-April, just days following Crump's departure, further underscored the ongoing blend of the dangers of ill will and the call for peace in Bosnia. Almost two-dozen mines were discovered along the pope's motorcade route in the capital's streets; later, the pontiff celebrated Mass for a welcoming crowd of 50,000.

For Crump, the complexity of the Bosnian conflict provided occupational insight. "As a journalist," he says, "you're always taught not to take a stand; you're taught to remain in the middle."



Charlotte reporter Steve Crump recently spent a month in Bosnia to help establish independent print and electronic news outlets in three cities of the war-ravaged country. He also produced a documentary chronicling his visit that airs June 23.

You're taught not to point fingers unless someone is so blatantly wrong.

"But, in some ways, being (in Bosnia) evokes a certain amount of humanity. It inspires a certain amount of understanding, and perhaps it leads people to question why the violence happened and what people can do to better understand each other."

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THE CHANCERY

June 13, 1997



Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again, we are about to participate in the annual Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father. The 1997 collection theme, "Proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever," reflects the theme of the first year of preparation for the Jubilee. As we prepare for the new millennium and a new springtime of holiness and service, let us join the Holy Father in his mission to serve as a "witness to human dignity, a witness to hope, and a witness to the conviction that the destiny of all nations lies in the hands of a merciful Providence" (1995 address to the U.N. General Assembly).

Our contributions to this special collection enable Pope John Paul II to respond to victims of disaster, to continue his pastoral care for the Church, and to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. With our support, he can continue to bring God's love to all nations.

In preparation for the Third Millennium, we are challenged to strengthen our commitment to a deeper pursuit of holiness, wider community participation and a stronger witness of faith. Please give generously to support the works of the Holy Father when the collection is taken in our diocese the weekend of June 28-29.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mauricio W. West*

Very Rev. Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
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Cathedral



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Matthew 5: 38-42

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Matthew 8: 5-17



# Bishop Curlin And Fellow Jubilarians To Be Honored

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin is among 10 priests serving in the Diocese of Charlotte celebrating their priestly jubilees while another retires from active duty in 1997. Parishioners from the 46-county diocese are invited to join in the yearly celebration at a special Mass June 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte.

William G. Curlin was born in Portsmouth, Va., and moved with his family to the nation's capital at age 9. During high school, he began to explore the possibility of a vocation. He entered Baltimore's St. Mary Seminary in 1951, and on May 27, 1957, was ordained into the priesthood by the late Cardinal (then Archbishop) Patrick O'Boyle of Washington.

For 37 years, Father Curlin practiced his priestly ministry in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. With assignments as assistant pastor and pastor of five parishes, he also served as archdiocesan director of vocations for men; as director of a seminarian house of formation at The Catholic University of America; as director of a program for inner-city elderly people; and as founder of the Mount Carmel House for homeless women.

In December 1988, Father Curlin was ordained as auxiliary bishop of Washington and regional bishop of an area in southern Maryland. His ministry brought him to North Carolina in 1994, when in April of that year he was installed as the third shepherd of the Diocese of Charlotte. Bishop Curlin celebrates 40 years a priest in 1997, during the jubilee of the diocese he now serves.

Celebrating his 60th anniversary is Benedictine Father Bernard Rosswog, a monk of Belmont Abbey whose ministerial work in North Carolina surpasses a half-century. Ordained on June 13, 1937, Father Rosswog has served within western North Carolina as pastor, rector of Belmont Abbey College and Cathedral, and teacher.

Msgr. Arthur Duncan celebrates his 50th anniversary this year. Ordained into the priesthood of the Raleigh Diocese on May 1, 1947, he has ministered as pastor to a number of Tarheel parishes. In addition, he served as director of the Home Missions Apostolate's Western Division, as a diocesan consultor and as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Also celebrating his 50th anniversary is Msgr. Anthony Kovacic, a native of Bizeljsko in the former Yugoslavia. Ordained on April 6, 1947, in Rome, he has served as pastor in parishes throughout North Carolina, as a diocesan consultor and as director of the permanent diaconate. Although retired, Msgr. Kovacic continues to serve

as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Redemptorist Father Francis Sands, currently parochial vicar of St. James Church in Concord, is another 50th anniversary honoree. He was ordained on June 22, 1947, in a New York Redemptorist seminary. Among his years of priestly service was pastoral work in Puerto Rico for nearly a decade. He arrived in Concord in March 1996.

Msgr. Joseph Kerin, who commemorates 40 years as a priest in 1997, was ordained on May 30, 1957, in Wilmington, N.C. From North Wilkesboro to Tryon, Winston-Salem to Charlotte to Huntersville, he has served as pastor in several parishes. He also served as the Diocese of Charlotte's second chancellor, and last month was appointed pastor of the diocese's newest parish, St. Mark Church in Huntersville.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Murphy is also being honored for 40 years as a priest. Ordained on June 8, 1957, in Wilmington, Del., he served as a minister and teacher at parishes and schools in Pennsylvania until arriving in North Carolina in 1977. He has served as pastor of Our Lady of the Highways in Thomasville since then.

Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt was ordained 40 years ago in Maryland. His priestly service has included such appointments as administrator of a Jesuit novitiate in Pennsylvania; as educator and pastor in a number of locations in India and the eastern United States; and as director of a social welfare center in the state of Bihar, India. He currently serves as pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Church, Winston-Salem, and its mission, Good Shepherd Church, King.

Jesuit Father Francis Gillespie celebrates 25 years as a priest this year. He received his master's of divinity from Woodstock Jesuit College in 1972 as well, and his ministry has included pastoral and educational work in several Latin American countries. In the U.S., he continued as an educator, researcher and administrator before coming to North Carolina in 1993. He has served as pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption in Charlotte since 1994.

The second of the silver jubilarians is Father Carlo Tarasi. He was ordained in May 1972 for service in the Missionary Society of the Holy Apostles in Cromwell, Conn. He was later incardinated into the Diocese of Charlotte. He has served several Catholic congregations in western North Carolina as pastor of St. Dorothy Church, Lincolnton; and Our Lady of the Annunciation, Albemarle.

Also among those to be honored at the June 25 liturgy is Father Conrad Kimbrough, administrator of Holy Spirit Church in Denver, N.C., who is retiring this year from active service. A former Episcopalian, this convert to the Catholic faith was ordained by Bishop Michael J. Begley of Charlotte in February 1978. In addition to his work in Denver, he has served as pastor of churches in Lenoir, Lincolnton, Hendersonville and Greensboro.

## '97 Graduates Move On



Charlotte Catholic High School salutatorian Maria Lorraine Elliot receives her diploma from Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, at commencement exercises June 5. Also shown are Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent of schools, and Dr. Charles LeBlanc, MACS superintendent.



Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School student Kristin Geppert is presented a diploma from Father Mauricio West. The school's eighth-grade graduation exercises took place June 3 at St. Matthew Church in Charlotte.

Photos by Mike Krokos



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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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| <b>June 14 — 10 a.m.</b><br>Priestly Ordination of<br>Rev. Mr. Walter Ray<br>Williams and Rev. Mr.<br>Arturo De Aguiar<br>St. Patrick Cathedral,<br>Charlotte | <b>5 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>St. James Church,<br>Concord   |
| <b>June 15 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Mass<br>Our Lady of<br>Consolation Church,<br>Charlotte   | <b>June 22 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Confirmation/Blessing of<br>Faith Formation<br>Building<br>St. Francis of Assisi<br>Church, Franklin  |
| <b>June 17</b><br>CSS Board Meeting<br>St. Joseph Church,<br>Newton   | <b>June 23 — 6:30 p.m.</b><br>Knights of Malta Mass<br>Charlotte  |
| <b>June 18 — 7 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>Immaculate Heart of<br>Mary Church,<br>Hayesville  | <b>June 24 — 5 p.m.</b><br>Confirmation<br>St. John the Baptist<br>Church, Tryon  |
| <b>June 21 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Principal Celebrant<br>Mercy Sisters Jubilee<br>Mass<br>Sacred Heart Convent,<br>Belmont  | <b>June 25 — 11 a.m.</b><br>Jubilee celebration of<br>priestly ordination &<br>recognition of those<br>retiring from active<br>service<br>St. Patrick Cathedral,<br>Charlotte |

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Stresses Evangelization In World Mission Sunday Message

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The approach of the year 2000 highlights the duty of every Christian to evangelize among the millions of non-Christians in the world, Pope John Paul II said in a World Mission Sunday message. While not all Christians are called to work in missionary territories, each can and should effectively evangelize in their daily lives, the pope said. The text was released May 28 at the Vatican. World Mission Sunday this year is celebrated on Oct. 19 in most dioceses.

#### Pope, Walesa Pray Before Our Lady Of Czestochowa Icon

CZESTOCHOWA, Poland (CNS) — A world-famous portrait of Mary and the baby Jesus gazed down as Pope John Paul II and Poland's former president, Lech Walesa, knelt together in prayer.

They were praying in front of a bejeweled icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, also known as the Black Madonna, and the pope later addressed his remarks to Mary.

The Pauline monks who live at the Jasna Gora monastery said Walesa used to pray there often when he was in office.

This time, he came as something approaching a private citizen. With his wife Danuta and their 12-year-old daughter Brygida, he sat in the back of the sanctuary, intently reading a prayer book. On the lapel of his dark blue suit, Walesa wore a pin bearing the image of the Black Madonna and the logo of Solidarity, the Polish trade union he headed.

A curtain of sculpted silver and gold covered the Black Madonna.

About 150 Pauline monks and priests stood in lines along the sides of a red carpet leading from the sanctuary to the door.

The monks started to sing, and some applauded. Pope John Paul made his way down the aisle, sharing small gestures of affection and stopping to talk with a few of the older men.

As a student, he used to make pilgrimages to this chapel. As Father Karol Wojtyla, and later as bishop and cardinal, he led processions here. His last visit was

for World Youth Day in August 1991.

He reached Walesa and greeted him warmly, clasping his hand. The pope embraced Walesa's daughter and greeted her mother before moving toward the ebony altar housing the portrait.

As the pope and others in the sanctuary knelt, a fanfare sounded from the back of the chapel, and the curtain covering the Black Madonna was raised slowly. Gem by gem, the glittering portrait came into view. When the curtain reached the eyes of the images of Mary and Jesus, there was only silence.

The pope hunched over the prie-dieu, his head bare. After a few minutes of silent prayer, he spoke.

Pope John Paul's message was addressed to Our Lady of Czestochowa, whom he had made protector of his homeland. He prayed first in the name of all people, in particular the young, and implored Mary to encourage his compatriots in "the wise use of regained freedom, in the spirit of what is most beautiful in our Christian tradition."

"May desire for the common good prevail over selfishness and divisions," he said. "May all who exercise public service see in you the humble handmaid of the Lord; may they learn to serve and to recognize the needs of their fellow countrymen, as you did at Cana in Galilee, so that Poland may become a nation in which love, truth, justice and peace reign."

Afterward, in a greeting to hundreds of thousands of pilgrims outside the monastery, the pope said that kneeling before that famous icon, Poles had long "found the strength to remain faithful to the Church, when she was persecuted, when she had to keep silent and suffer."

"We always said 'yes' to the Church, and this Christian attitude has been a great act of love for her."

He urged his listeners to follow Church teachings faithfully.

"For it is Christ who speaks, who forgives and who sanctifies," he said. "A 'no' said to the Church would at the same time be a 'no' said to Christ."



## Letters

Dear Bishop Curlin,

Through the Apostolic Nunciature, you forwarded the sum of \$51,699.68 as the Peter's Pence offering of your Diocese.

The Holy Father has now asked me to thank you for this latest gift. He realizes that the individual donations required effort and were motivated by faith and love; he is grateful for the sentiments that prompted your people to contribute to the works of the Apostolic See.

While assuring you of his prayers for yourself and your people, His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all the Church in the Charlotte Diocese.

With sentiments of fraternal regard, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Angelo Cardinal Sodano  
Secretary of State  
Vatican City

Dear Editor,

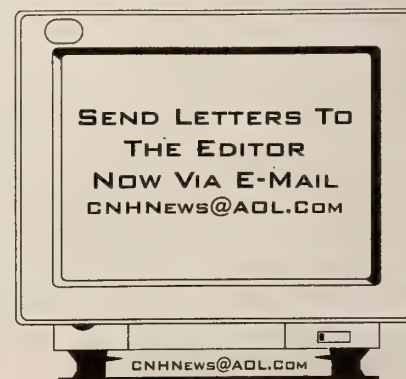
I was saddened to read the recent article in *The Catholic News & Herald* where a Catholic nun pointed to a lack of assistance given by the Catholic Church during the Nazi Germany Holocaust. This is not true.

The Feb. 1997 issue of *This Rock* magazine featured an article, "How Pope Pius XII protected the Jews," by James Akin. It recounted the many examples of aid that Pope Pius XII quietly gave the Jews.

For starters, the article quoted the book *Three Popes and the Jews* by Pinchas Lapide. It said the final number of Jewish lives in whose rescue the Catholic Church had been instrumental is close to 860,000.

To set the record straight, why not print salient excerpts from the above article?

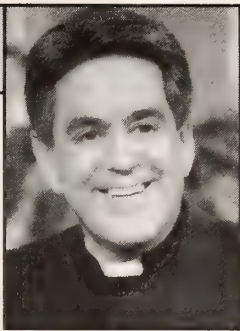
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Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



Keeping The Fire Alive

There is a much-photographed statue of Prometheus at Rockefeller Center that I often walk past. The other day I stopped to recall the Greek myth. Prometheus, one of the Titans, gave humanity the gift of fire. This gift, according to the legend, angered the gods because fire gave humankind a new existence. The gods believed it was too powerful for mere mortals, raising them above other creatures, drawing them close to the divine life.

In the Judeo-Christian experience, we have no angry gods, but the One True God who has given us a share in His Divine Life. This gift comes to each of us through the fire of compassion. What else but God's compassion for His people sent Jesus to live and die and live again to save us for eternity?

It is a gift that is constantly available for us to share with one another. Compassion is an immediate participation in the suffering, the being of another to such a degree that you forget yourself

and your own safety, and do what you can to help. An act of compassion involves our humanity at the highest level of caring. It is a blessed selflessness and it can even reach heroic levels.

But it is possible, I think, that our innate capacity for compassion can become numbed in a time that stresses immediate personal gratification, and anesthetized in a world whose daily horrors overwhelm us and isolate us into a state of inaction. "There is so much need, what can I do?"

We are constantly bombarded in the media with obvious and not so obvious calamities: Earthquakes and hurricanes, flood and fire destroy lives, homes and businesses in a brief convulsive spasm. Vicious, mindless terrorists blow apart buildings and people. War, disease and famine torment men, women, and children.

Then there are the people right around us: The elderly house-bound person, someone in mental and emotional crises, a young person pressured by

peers and culture, those facing serious illness, raising a family, paying debts, or loss and loneliness. You just have to pay attention to see that these neighbors, family members, friends and strangers need your compassion.

Compassion, you see, is not about self. It's about value — seeing the value, the share in the divine life that is in another, and responding to it at the most basic level. So you and I offer a shoulder to cry on, a hand with chores, our prayers, our time or our money. Occasionally one of us heroically even lays down a life for another. We already know what needs to be done.

But sometimes, between the awareness and the response, a veil may be drawn. Some hearts even turn to ice, the fire vanquished.

A friend of mine who had gone to Peru was struck with the poverty and beauty of the children. He spoke with a

celebrity who was there. Her response was, "Well, you know, they have chosen to be poor in this lifetime." My friend told her: "I rather think that if they chose to be poor, they did so to arouse our compassion." "Well, if that's the way you see it," and back

she went to a life of comfort and coldness.

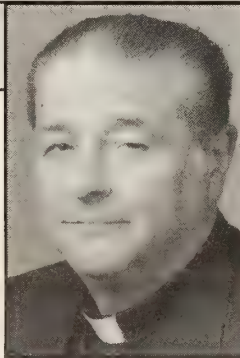
Most of us try harder than that even though we get tired and apathetic. Still, I wonder, why do we forget that none of us can handle God's gift of fire without being ourselves warmed and illuminated?

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Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.

Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



Who Doesn't Get To Heaven?

Q. My dad is an agnostic and my mother is Southern Baptist. I became a Catholic a few years ago.

Recently, my wife and I took my mother with us to Mass, then went with her to her Baptist service. After detailing the beauty of the golden streets of heaven, the pastor there said: "Some things you won't see in heaven. You won't see Adolph Hitler.... You won't see Jeffrey Dahmer."

We took offense to that. Who is anyone to tell us who is in heaven and who is not? What is the Catholic Church's position on heaven, who goes there and who doesn't?

A. I'm not sure how that pastor's remarks square with Baptist teaching, but

they do not reflect the belief of the Catholic Church nor, I think, of most other Christian denominations.

The church teaches, and always has, that human beings have it in their power deliberately and completely to turn themselves away from God. They can reject his invitation to friendship and life by a radical selfishness which definitely separates them from other people and from God.

Thus, hell is theoretically possible for any of us if we end our lives totally closed off from goodness, from God.

The question is whether any human being has ever ended life on earth in this condition. We do not know; nor can any human insights or knowledge tell us.

Certain men and women are seen from our perspective to be good candi-

dates, among them perhaps Hitler or Stalin or Dahmer or Judas. But the secrets of their hearts are hidden from us, nor can we have a clue about what the powerful grace of Christ might have accomplished in their final moments and hours.

Pope John Paul II movingly speaks of this mystery in his book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope." "Can God, who loves man so much," he asks, "permit the man who rejects him to be condemned to eternal torment?"

"The silence of the church is, therefore, the only appropriate position for Christian faith.

"Even when Jesus says of Judas, the traitor, 'It would be better for that man

if he had never been born' (Mt 26:24) his words do not allude for certain to eternal damnation" (p. 186).

Again, we simply do not know.

Q. Is it permissible for a Catholic to be buried in a non-denominational cemetery?

The one I speak of has a separate section for members of the Jewish faith. Other sites mingle people of all faiths.

Also, may a non-Catholic spouse be buried with her in a Catholic cemetery? I know it is done, but there seem to be restrictions where I live.

See Dietzen, page 13

Spirituality Today

Father John Catoir



Vocation Problem or Management Problem?

"One out of 20 parishes in our country is without a priest. By the year 2000 the already relatively small number of priests will be reduced 40 percent. It's worse elsewhere. More than 65 percent of the church worldwide does not have ordained priests.

"At least currently we have one priest for every 1,000 Catholics, but in the Third World there is one priest for every 40,000 Catholics.

"Vatican statistics show that of 368,000 parishes in the world, 157,000 have no resident priest.... Since 1966 the number of seminarians in the United States has fallen by four-fifths" (Father William J. Bausch, "The Hands-On Parish").

Looking at those statistics I am not sure whether we have a vocation problem or a management problem.

Now 65, I will not live to see the crisis looming in the future, but I am concerned about the well-being of our younger priests.

In 1988 the bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry issued a report that said many of the 53,000 priests in the country are "overworked, lonely and sexually troubled." We are now down to approximately 50,000 priests, many of whom are over 50.

What's more, priests today are being asked to double up on their jobs. I give retreats to priests all over the country, and I have seen places where new priests are given two parishes to pastor, some with a mission church thrown in for good measure.

I wonder what the burnout rate will be if this pattern continues. More than 15,000 priests actually left the active ministry in recent years, and more will surely follow.

There are potential seminarians who see all this, but they are afraid to commit. Can anyone blame them? No one wants to fail in his or her vocation. Vocation directors are being asked to perform miracles.

Some say, "Not to worry, this is the age of the laity." However there are mixed reviews on lay involvement.

"By stimulating an expansion of lay leadership, Vatican II rejected a pattern of 'clericalism' in the church.... But as clericalism fades, a new problem emerges — the clericalism of the cre-dentialed laity and lay cliques which may exercise the same kind of centralized power associated with the old-fashioned pastor. In one Southeastern parish, a handful of couples is actually known as 'the clique'" (Msgr. Joseph Gremillion

and Jim Castelli, "The Emerging Parish: The Notre Dame Study of Catholic Life Since Vatican II").

Many of today's parishes are served by a cadre of dedicated lay staff members and volunteers. Without them, the priests could not function. We are most

grateful to them for their invaluable help, but more is needed.

The problem is too immense to place the blame on any one group. Many priests feel abused by the system, and they wonder if anyone in authority is really paying attention to their needs. Precious little seems to result from the expensive surveys they commission about priests.

I wonder what Jesus would say about all this?



# Ministry Founder to Speak At Evening Of Recollection

CHARLOTTE — The founder of a ministry promoting the sacramental life will focus primarily on the Eucharist during a visit to Charlotte's St. Gabriel Church on June 19.

Mary Ellen Lukas, a resident of Hazelton, Penn., is the founder of Our Father's Work ministry and is the inspiration for its extension, the pious union called Missionaries for the Eucharistic Christ. A wife and mother of three daughters, Lukas is also the author of the forthcoming *Summit and Source of Life: The Holy Eucharist*.

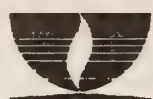
Granted an audience with Pope John Paul II in 1996, Lukas in recent years has been invited to speak in many parishes throughout the United States and overseas. Her topics explore religious matters such as the power of the sacraments, the need for repentance and the relationship between the faithful and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lukas will address the Charlotte congregation following rosary and Mass. She will then invite any individuals wishing to do so to meet with one of the priests in attendance for a blessing and to proceed to her for a greeting and prayer. The events begin at 6:30 p.m. and are detailed in the Diocesan News Briefs (p. 14) under the "Evening of Recollection" headline. All are invited to attend.

## Correction

The May 30 issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* incorrectly listed the summer Mass schedule for Sacred Heart Church, Brevard (p. 16). The correct times are as follows: Daily: 9 a.m., T.-F.; Sat.: 4:30 p.m.; Sun.: 8:30, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Days: vigil - 7 p.m.; 12 p.m. on holy days.

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"The Stranger" focuses on forgiveness. For teens and adults.

"Search for a Black Christian Heritage" explores the black contribution to the Judeo-Christian heritage.

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## Maryfield Honors Volunteer Leaders

HIGH POINT — Maryfield Nursing Home honored a pair of noted volunteer leaders recently at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Dorothy "Dot" Hockett received statewide recognition as Volunteer of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging (NCANPHA), and Raymond Mileski was named Maryfield's Volunteer of the Year.

As president of the Maryfield Blue Ladies, Hockett oversees the facility's volunteer program. She gave in excess of 1,900 volunteers hours to Maryfield in the past year (May 1996-April 1997), and is a previous recipient of the Melva T. Price Volunteer of the Year Award.

In addition to her work at Maryfield, Hockett assists the Mobile Meals project and volunteers at her church. David Piner, president of NCANPHA, made a special presentation honoring Hockett during the brunch.

NCANPHA is a Raleigh-based state association of not-for-profit providers who offer quality care, housing, health, community and related services to the elderly. It is the only North Carolina association that exclusively represents not-for-profit long-term care facilities. The association's Volunteer Achievement Award recognizes individuals and groups who have enhanced the quality of life of elderly persons served by mem-

ber organizations through volunteer work.

Poor Servants of the Mother of God Sister Lucy Hennessy, Maryfield's administrator, announced Raymond Mileski of High Point as the recipient of the Melva T. Price Volunteer of the Year Award. Mileski has contributed some 1,200 volunteer hours in the past year at Maryfield. He lends his musical skills by playing the organ during the nursing home's daily Mass, and served on the steering committee that built the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, completed earlier this year.

The Price award, Maryfield's highest honor, was established in memory of Melva T. Price, one of the first High Point citizens to meet the sisters of Maryfield upon their arrival in the Triad during the late 1940s. She founded the Blue Ladies volunteer organization, and served as the chairperson of the advisory council and the finance committee at Maryfield. Price died in December 1991.

Maryfield's many volunteers, whose combined donated time totaled 10,498 hours over the past year, were honored at the brunch. Featured was guest speaker Father Andrew Draper, a priest serving in Virginia whose parents, Irene and Bob Draper, reside in the Maryfield Acres retirement community.



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# Entertainment

## Documentary Effort Shifts From Recording Poverty To Ending It



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A young girl helps keep her neighborhood clean in a documentary on revitalizing inner cities. "Block by Block," by filmmaker Ginger Wolf, is airing on PBS affiliates.

in Newark, which was co-founded by Msgr. William Linder, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish there, and has housing, child care, and retail interests in its neighborhood.

"The people are more important," Msgr. Linder says. As a result, he adds, "you'll do things you wouldn't ordinarily do to make it work. And you stick with it longer."

Wolf, in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service, said poverty has been a recurrent theme in her adult career, beginning with her first job after college working among the poor in Puerto Rico.

"I started off wanting to do children and families in poverty" for a TV documentary six years ago, Wolf said. But she started hearing good things about community development corporations. "Five years ago, it was not anywhere near the (visibility) it has now," she added.

"I changed my focus and thought, 'Jeez, this is a wonderful story.'"

Wolf chose her seven cities to show that the face of poverty is "not just African-Americans on the East Coast." Also featured are

Appalachian whites lured by the promise of a better life in Indianapolis, Chinese residents of San Francisco, and Hispanics in New York and Los Angeles.

In the taping process, Wolf said, she loved "the passion in all (whom) I met. I would just get wired, rejuvenating from meeting all those charismatic, dedicated people, and trying to tell each one of their stories."

There were more stories than could be fit into an hour-long show. In four of the seven cities profiled, Wolf will also direct a local follow-up program with major players in the process — mayors, community groups and funding organizations.

"My goal was to do them in lots of cities over the country. They've become big projects," Wolf said. And at a cost of \$65,000- \$75,000 each, "funding has become a major issue."

Her next projects include finishing a promotional video for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, and a fund-raising video for the Knights of Malta and their efforts to institute a capital campaign for the Holy Family Childhood Hospital in Bethlehem.

But after those are completed, "I think I would like to do another video on neighborhood economic development," Wolf said.

"I think there are some exciting things on neighborhood entrepreneurship, and how that is playing out."

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Any documentarian can do a television show about poverty, but Ginger Wolf did a documentary on people rising out of poverty.

"Block by Block," Wolf's hour-long program on the successes of urban neighborhoods, zeroes in on churches as being a mainstay in neighborhoods where other institutions have pulled out.

It has aired on public television in about 20 cities by her estimation. But people in most of the seven big cities featured in her documentary have yet to see it.

Wolf traveled to New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Baltimore and Newark, N.J., to record the efforts of community development corporations to rid neighborhoods of poverty and other ills.

As Father Charles Dahm, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Los Angeles and a key participant in the Pilsen Resurrection Development Corp., says in the special, "The challenge is to build a healthy community, not move into one."

Narrated by celebrated actor James Earl Jones, "Block by Block" was funded in part by the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Among programs profiled in the show is the New Community Corp.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Breaking the Waves" (1996)

Provocative but uneven drama set in Scotland, where a mentally confused woman (Emily Watson) comes to believe God will cure her paralyzed husband (Stellan Skarsgard) if she has sex with other men, a morally bizarre concept leading to dangerous situations and a seemingly miraculous outcome. Danish writer-director Lars Von Trier's contrived yet absorbing narrative centers in the emotional saga of a simple-minded, deeply religious heroine who goes over the edge trying to save her husband by sacrificing herself, with ambiguous results. Restrained sex scenes and sexual references, brief nudity and occasional rough language and profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "A Pocketful of Miracles" (1961)

Colorful Damon Runyon story about how a band of Manhattan hoods and grifters (headed by Glenn Ford) turn poor old Apple Annie (Bette Davis) into a socialite so her daughter can marry into a

wealthy family. Director Frank Capra's last movie is an embarrassingly sentimental remake of his 1933 "Lady for a Day" and, despite the fine cast, seems little but silly. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Zeus and Roxanne" (1997)

A dog and a dolphin form an unlikely friendship while the dog's widowed owner (Steve Guttenberg) and a single mom (Kathleen Quinlan) who happens to be a scientist studying the dolphin are nudged towards love and marriage by their enterprising children. Director George Miller accentuates the postcard-pretty Caribbean setting, but the romance is highly contrived and the cuteness of the animals relentlessly stressed. Brief intense menace. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Trial And Error

## Richards Pleads His Case With Courtroom Antics

NEW YORK (CNS) — An actor impersonates a lawyer in the phony courtroom comedy, "Trial and Error" (New Line).

Days before he's to wed the boss's daughter, ambitious Los Angeles attorney Charles Tuttle (Jeff Daniels) is sent to Nevada to get a continuance in a fraud case against a distant relative of his future in-laws.

Tuttle's best friend, would-be actor Richard Rietti (Michael Richards), meets him there for a bachelor's party and by morning Tuttle is too stiff to make it into the courtroom.

Feeling responsible, the well-meaning but dim Rietti passes himself off as Tuttle but can't stop the judge (Austin Pendleton) from starting the trial.

And a trial it is for the audience as the case drags on with the fuming Tuttle trying to coach the bumbling Rietti as the prosecutor (Jessica Steen) presents the evidence against their grimacing con-artist client (Rip Torn).

Though there are a few comic moments, the predictable proceedings lack wit and grow increasingly tiresome.

Even worse is the contrived romance which develops outside the courtroom as Rietti falls for the shapely prosecutor and

Tuttle tumbles into bed with a dreamy waitress (Charlize Theron) who's opened his eyes to the wonders of the Nevada landscape.

These charmless characters, however, prove as bogus as the trial and as shallow as the plot.

Directed by Jonathan Lynn from the script by Sara Bernstein and Gregory Bernstein, the result is a slickly packaged, slightly soiled comic misfire.

Part of the problem is the laborious, heavy-handed treatment given to such lightweight material.

The chief drawback, however, is none of the characters are sympathetic enough to root for either in the trial proceedings or the romantic posturing outside the courtroom.

There's nothing heart-warming about these empty stock figures and their silly antics.

Because of sexual situations and occasional profanity, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



CNS photo of statue of Isaiah

# Reading Isaiah with new eyes

By Dr. Eugene J. Fisher  
Catholic News Service

**I**f you were asked to choose five books of the Hebrew Bible that were most important for the spiritual and liturgical life of the church, which would you choose?

Most Catholics would start with Genesis and Exodus, which give us our basic notions of the meaning of human life, of creation and what it

**"Isaiah helps us to see that our suffering, like Jesus' and the Suffering Servant's, is only a way station on the way to the Promised Land."**

means to be "people of God."

What next? Responses may differ.

I would point to Isaiah and Jeremiah. These two are often relied upon by the New Testament authors. St. Paul derived his notion of a "new covenant" from Jeremiah, and the book remains essential to the liturgy of the Catholic Church to this day.

So, too, Isaiah. One cannot conceive of Advent or Lent without the writings of these prophets.

For Christians, there are no more theologically pregnant texts than Isaiah's Suffering Servant passages.

To us Christians, Isaiah speaks of Jesus' suffering and death. Isaiah gives meaning to those events within the framework of biblical Israel's history.

How could the one we proclaim as the Messiah, the vindicator of Israel, suffer the humiliation of ignominious crucifixion at the hands of a merely human and transitory empire such as ancient Rome? We read what God says to us through the prophet:

"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations" (Is 42:1-4).

Over the centuries, Christians have taken comfort in the hope offered in Isaiah that Christ's death was not the end, but only the beginning of a story leading to the ultimate vindication not

only of ourselves but of all suffering humanity.

Isaiah helps us to see that our suffering, like Jesus' and the Suffering Servant's, is only a way station on the way to the Promised Land.

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Biblical scholarship tells us something that the Jews have always known. There is more than one way to read the Suffering Servant texts.

—The texts can refer to an individual Messiah. Much of Jewish and Christian tradition understood this.

—The texts can refer to the people of Israel, who suffer defeat, exile, rebirth and vindication over the centuries.

—By extension, therefore, the texts can — for Christians — refer to the church.

Are such differing interpretations compatible?

Jews speak of the "70 faces" of their sacred texts.

Medieval Christianity in much the same way spoke of "multiple levels" of meaning, from the literal to the mystical, different but not contradictory.

And the Catechism of the Catholic Church, while stressing the importance of the Isaiah texts as prophecies fulfilled by Jesus, also speaks of the biblical text's "inexhaustible riches."

There is a wonderful rabbinic story in which Moses comes back after centuries to witness a debate among the rabbis. At first he is confused because he cannot understand the Talmudic reasoning. Then one of the rabbis cites a biblical text, and Moses is comforted. But the debate goes on. Passage after passage is cited. Logical rules are applied. The issue goes back and forth.

At one point, the "bat kol" (voice of God) intervenes to settle the argument in favor of one side. But both sides protest: The Law has been given to humanity, they argue, and the debate continues!

Finally, the "bat kol" intervenes again, declaring (in defeat?): "These and these are the words of the living God." Both sides, God declares, are right.

God's word is not a "dead letter," but a living reality for each successive generation of God's people. So, too, with the depth of riches of the Suffering Servant texts.

In the late Middle Ages, Jews and Christians held formal disputations to argue over whether the prophecies of Isaiah and other Hebrew biblical prophetic texts referred to Christ or to the Jewish people.

Usually, and sadly, these were

staged affairs in which Christians imposed unfair rules on the Jewish participants to ensure a Christian "victory."

I would argue that in such debates, both sides lost, certainly the Christians who were deprived of the rich heritage of Jewish reflection on the sacred texts, but also Jews who might have profited from Christian reflection as well.

The sacred texts have remained sacred to generations of Christians and Jews precisely because they touch multiple, ever deeper levels of human and spiritual realities.

As one working full time in the field of Catholic-Jewish relations, I believe that today Jews and Christians — who alone in all the world hold to the sacredness of the Hebrew Bible — need each other to provide the necessary dialogue for full understanding of it.

For, as the rabbis say: "These and these are the words of the living God."

(Dr. Fisher is associate director, Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, National Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Is poetry the language of God's kingdom? Maybe so, which may explain why the prophet Isaiah will never go out of style.*

*Isaiah helps us put the kingdom of God into words — and it's poetic. In a Mass reading for Sunday Sept. 7, Isaiah will be heard to say:*

*"(God) comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing" (35:4-7).*

*Isaiah wants people to know — also that "the Lord of hosts ... will destroy death forever" (25:6-8; Dec. 3 Mass).*

*Isaiah gives us so many words we use to speak of the Messiah, such as these words Catholics keep for Christmas: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation" (52:7; Christmas Mass).*

*Then there is the theme of hope. Irresistibly, the prophet assures us that we'll "soar as with eagles' wings" if we "hope in the Lord" (40:31; Dec. 10 Mass).*

*For Isaiah, peace is possible — a time when "one nation shall not raise the sword against another" (2:4-5; Dec. 5 Mass); rather, "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb" (11:6-7; Dec. 2 Mass).*

*No wonder the church feels so at home with this Hebrew prophet.*

David Gibson, Editor,  
Faith Alive!

## In a Nutshell

*The Old Testament authors saw God's hand at work in the events of their history — salvation history.*

*The Hebrew Scriptures still put faith into words for Christians. They reveal God's presence in our world, for example; they interpret the meaning of suffering and are filled with the promise of hope.*



# In the footsteps of Moses

By Father David K. O'Rourke, OP  
Catholic News Service

I find the history of Moses and of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt greatly appealing. Let me explain why by telling a story.

Last Sunday I was working in the kitchen at our parish, where we serve dinner twice a month to the hungry. We had a big crowd — around 250 men and women of all ages and descriptions, along with some children.

The parishioner working at our big, black stove was a curmudgeon of an old friend named Pete, with a temperament as spicy as the chili he was stirring.

After stopping to rest from the sheer effort of maneuvering the two-handed paddle through 20 gallons of thick chili, he told me to "git out there in the hall and git me a count, and then come back here and taste this. I think it needs something."

As I strained to paddle the handfuls of chili powder and garlic we both agreed was needed, I looked out into the hall. I was struck again by how many were out there and by their diversity.

"What do they all have in common?" I wondered aloud.

"They're hungry," Pete said.

That tells it all: why they were there and why we were there.

It also brings us back to the biblical Book of Exodus. For, in Exodus, as Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt through the desert to the Promised Land, they ran out of food.

In desperation, and anger, and hope, and terror — the same emo-

tions we experience when things fall apart — they cried out to God.

What happened? There was a miracle — the miracle of the manna. Something nourishing fell from the sky early in the morning, and this happened each day until the people

cause they were hungry.

What a wonderful image this gives us of what God does, as well as of what the church does: feeding the hungry; providing people with the most basic necessities when hope is running out.

This image has been translated



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got back on their feet again.

What did God do for them when they were hungry?

God didn't give them thunder, or rainbows, or rose petals. What happened was much more down to earth: God gave them something to eat be-

into many different kinds of care because all around us we have people who experience hungers of different kinds.

—There is the hunger for purpose and direction in life.

Just as Moses led the Israelites

toward freedom and integrity, so all of us try to make our church communities places where God's purpose and guidance are clear and available.

—There is the hunger for a community to belong to.

Today in our churches we try to open our doors to the strangers among us, remembering that we, too, have been like wanderers at

**"You offer to feed hungry people — as God had Moses do in the desert — and they will take you up on your offer."**

times and have longed for the welcome of home.

—There is the hunger for fairness and decency and security in our families and our lives.

Again, we and our church believe we should take stands on the side of justice and decency.

The dinner our parish served that afternoon included fresh salad, chili beans with rice and all sorts of desserts. Twenty gallons is a lot of chili, but it all disappeared.

You offer to feed hungry people — as God had Moses do in the desert — and they will take you up on your offer.

(Father O'Rourke is in residence at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Berkeley, Calif., and a free-lance writer.)

## Discovering the salvation in our history

By Father John J. Castellet  
Catholic News Service

The world's bishops at Vatican Council II laid down some basic principles for reading the Bible. One basic principle is to bear in mind that not all the Bible's books are to be read on the same level.

The bishops referred, for instance, to "various types of historical writing," recognizing that not everything that looks like history is history.

For example, the indication that the universe was created in just six days is not as reliable as the fact that the Babylonians sacked Jerusalem and dragged the people into exile.

Professional historians are the first to admit that their enterprise is not an exact science. "History" has been defined as "the remembered past," and much depends on who remembered what and why they recorded it.

Of course, the more remote the events are, the more difficult it is to recover them.

C.H. Dodd, a noted historian, described history as "event plus meaning." History is not just a flat record of events, but an interpretation too.

The fact that biblical history involves an interpretation does not make it any less reliable. A good historian looks for patterns in past events.

Biblical authors discerned patterns in God's dealings with people. The fact that an ancient people saw God's hand at work is already an interpretation on their part — an interpretation based on their faith in God as Lord of history.

With the insight of faith they saw God leading the people in stages toward attaining a divine purpose. This process is called "salvation history."

Accordingly, the bishops at Vatican II wrote that "the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the sacred Scriptures."

The key phrase here is "for the sake of our salvation." A knowledge of specific details is not necessarily conducive to salvation, and the record of such details is not guaranteed to be "without error."

The central event of the Israelite people's history was their liberation

from slavery in Egypt. Without it their whole subsequent history is simply unintelligible.

In fact, this event was so impressive a sign of God's power and saving love that the account developed into a religious epic with embellishments of all kinds:

—The 10 plagues.

—The parting of the Red Sea.

—Manna raining down from heaven.

—Water from the rock.

All these details have some basis in fact, but as recorded are not literally factual.

The exodus itself is solidly factual; the details of the description serve to interpret it as one of epic import: "event plus meaning."

(Father Castellet is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

### FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

#### What Old Testament book or message draws you strongly? Why?

"Isaiah: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. It reminds me that we can rely upon God, that he's always there for us and that his love is unconditional." — Patricia Ducharme, Glendale, R.I.

"Psalm 91, where you're praising God with songs and tambourines. It's the sense of joy that draws me." — Dolores Tate, Mobile, Ala.

"The story of Esther because she is a strong, intelligent woman, and the story shows a relationship between a man and woman where they are more partners in the true sense of the word." — Cynthia Beckes, Cleveland, Ohio

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## People In The News

### Poll Says Many Romans Have Low Religious Interest

ROME (CNS) — A poll on religious attitudes in Italy said that 40 percent of Rome residents have little or no interest in their faith.

The results, published in late May, were greeted with skepticism by some church experts.

The study was conducted in 1995 and the results interpreted in a recent issue of *Sociological Studies*, a journal of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan.

The poll involved a nationwide sample of 4,500 people who responded to a questionnaire about their religious attitudes. The responses were then matched with five markers of religiousness, ranging from "none" to "high."

The study found 19.1 percent of Romans responding showed no interest in religion, twice as high as the national average. Another 21.4 percent showed little interest in religious matters, it said.

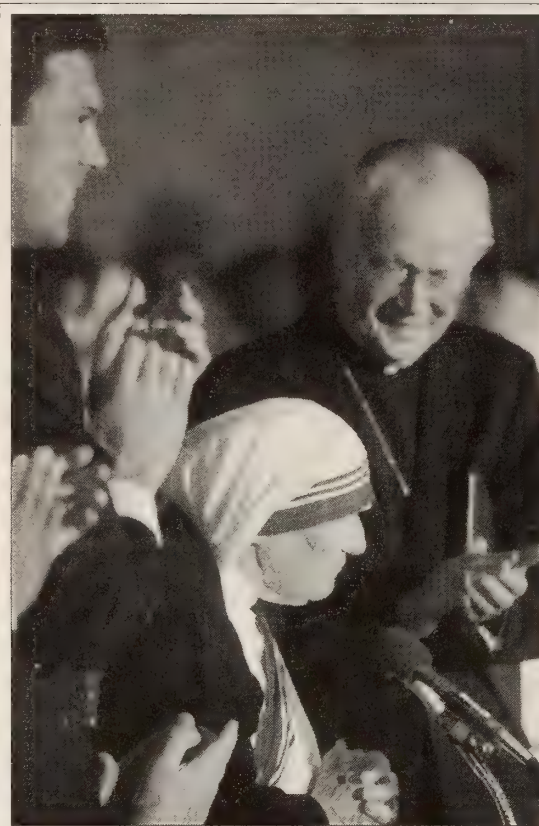
Rome residents indicating a medium interest in religious faith made up 35 percent of the sample, while 13.9 percent fell into the "medium-high" range and 10.6 percent in the "high" category.

The results indicate that only one in four Romans follows religious affairs closely, particularly in regard to their personal attitudes and behavior, Roberto Cipriani, a professor of sociology at Rome III University, wrote in an article.

Another sociologist, Sister Enrica Rosanna, challenged the interpretation, however.

"To speak of Rome as an atheistic city is nonsense," she told the Italian newspaper *Avvenire*. She said religious attitudes were too complex to be reduced to simple categories.

Sister Rosanna, who teaches at a Rome pontifical institute specializing in education, said the questionnaire did not aim to measure the vitality of the Church in Rome, which she said was high, but rather the general attitudes of the whole population. She said the results reflected some typical and sometimes ambivalent attitudes on religion in modern society.



Mother Teresa At Capitol — Washington Cardinal James Hickey leads applause as Mother Teresa accepts the Congressional Gold Medal in a June 6 ceremony at the Capitol. Rep. Jon Christensen, R-Neb., is on the left.

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### New Labor Secretary Praises Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman said she looks forward to working closely with Newark Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick and other religious leaders nationwide to eliminate garment industry sweatshops. Archbishop McCarrick, who chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Policy, is creating a "no sweat" archdiocese. "In September — just in time for back-to-school — he will launch an 'anti-sweatshop' classroom instruction effort for every one of the 188 elementary and high schools in the archdiocese," Herman said May 30 at Marymount University in Arlington.

### Abortion No Constitutional Right, Says Justice Scalia

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — Neither abortion nor the right to die are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, despite efforts by some jurists to create constitutional rights where none previously existed, said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin J. Scalia. Scalia, speaking to almost 500 members and guests of the Justinian Law Society in Providence in late May, said that those rights were never addressed by the original framers of the Constitution and should never have become rights through the court system.

## Knights Founder Gets Postulator For Sainthood Cause

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — A postulator has been named for the cause of sainthood for Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin designated Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell as postulator and notified Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, according to an announcement from the Knights.

The naming of a postulator is a preliminary step toward canonization. According to canon law, the postulator has the authority to begin an investigation of the candidate's writings, practice of heroic virtue and devotion to God.

Promoters of Father McGivney's cause sought permission from Archbishop Cronin because the priest lived and worked in what was the Diocese of Hartford. It will be the work of the archdiocesan investigation to study any

possible miracles performed through the intercession of the late priest.

Father McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on Aug. 12, 1852. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 22, 1877, and while serving at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882, he founded the Knights of Columbus. In 1884 he was named pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston. He died from tuberculosis at age 38 on Aug. 14, 1890. His body is interred at St. Mary's in New Haven.

During the U.S. Catholic bishops June 19-21 meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Archbishop Cronin is to seek the approval of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on the appropriateness of initiating the priest's cause, according to norms established by the Vatican Congregation for Sainthood Causes.

### Cardinal Denounces 'Official Amnesia' Over Important Irishman

ROME (CNS) — Daniel O'Connell, who in the 19th century fought anti-Catholic laws in Ireland and Britain, has become a "victim of official amnesia," said Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, retired archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Speaking at the Irish College in Rome in late May, the cardinal said O'Connell, who died 150 years ago May 15, was "not only one of the greatest Irishmen of modern times, but also a great European and world figure."

He said that the study of O'Connell and his pioneering use of nonviolent demonstrations were vital to understanding modern Ireland and to resolving the present problems of Northern Ireland.

"He seems to be one of today's many victims of official amnesia, whereby whole periods and events of national history are deleted from the record because they do not fit into the secular image which 'public and official Ireland' seeks to give itself and to project to the world at this time," Cardinal Daly said.

"O'Connell did not see his struggle for civil and political rights for Catholics in sectarian terms. He saw Irish Protestants as potential allies rather than enemies," the cardinal said.

This year the Irish Republic celebrates the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the state, but many Irish politicians and businesses are ignoring O'Connell, who won the right for Catholics in the then British-ruled Ireland to hold high office.

A spokesman for one large business, the Dublin Corp., said that in 1991 the corporation held a major lecture marking the 150th anniversary of O'Connell's election as lord mayor of Dublin.

O'Connell is known in Irish folklore as "The Liberator" because of his work to defeat laws that barred Catholics from the judiciary, the senior civil service and public office in Britain and Ireland.

He was also known as "King of the Beggars" for the work he did for the poor.

His ideas were enthusiastically adopted in mainland Europe, particularly his notion that a person could be loyal to a nation and a practicing Roman Catholic.

"Surely the future in Northern Ireland lies with leaders who subscribe to O'Connell's principles of non-violence and non-sectarianism. The example and the message of Daniel O'Connell need to be recalled and need to be followed in the North at this time," Cardinal Daly said.

O'Connell was made a papal knight for his efforts in securing Catholic emancipation. He was traveling to Rome on a pilgrimage and to ask the Vatican for further famine relief when he died in Genoa, Italy.

At his request, his heart was cut out, embalmed and taken to Rome, where it still remains in an honored place in the Irish College.

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**HICKORY** — On May 29, members of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and three Lutheran parishes — Holy Trinity, Mount Olive and St. Andrews — celebrated the three-year anniversary of a covenant signing. The ecumenical group, under the leadership of chairperson Vince Ferrati, took part in a May 21 meeting where an ecumenical prayer service was held, followed by study and fellowship. Shown at the gathering, from left: The Rev. Tom Colley, Mt. Olive Church; Bill Brockhoff, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Newton; Emmett Clark, St. Aloysius; The Rev. Frederick Guy, Holy Trinity; Vince Ferrati, chairperson; Father Wilbur Thomas, Karen Vollinger and Joe Dunbeck, St. Aloysius.



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**Correction:** The Oratory ad on page 11 of the May 23 issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* included the wrong date for Horizons of the Spirit. The ad at right reflects the correct date of July 14-18.

## Belmont Abbey Receives Duke Grant

**BELMONT** — The Duke Power Company Foundation recently awarded \$5,000 to the Center for the Advancement of Exceptional Children's Services at Belmont Abbey College.

The grant funds will be used to sponsor a conference for special education teachers from the region. The conference will feature three nationally recognized special education leaders directing sessions on topics selected by representatives from regional boards of education.

The Center for the Advancement of Exceptional Children's Services is a comprehensive center providing consultation and services for teachers, parents and professionals working with exceptional children.

In addition, the Duke Power Foundation, through the Independent College Fund of North Carolina, is making a \$7,910 gift to the College.



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**Associate Campus Minister:** North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., seeks a full-time Associate Campus Minister to serve on the ministry team. The successful candidate will demonstrate collaborative leadership, excellent organizational, communication and computer skills. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: fund-raising, program development, program management, administration and pastoral support. Position requires an undergraduate degree and previous campus ministry or related experience. Graduate degree preferred. The Associate Campus Minister reports to the Campus Minister. Position available July 15. E.O.E. Send letter of application, resume and references to: **Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministry, 218 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.**

**Director of Faith Formation:** St. Therese Church, a short commute from Charlotte, with approximately 1,200 households, desires a full-time professional with a graduate (preferred) degree in theology or related field. Requires excellent interpersonal, organizational and leadership skills to direct parish faith formation from preschool through adult.

**Director of Music Ministry:** Full-time professional with degree in music or equivalent experience. Requires organ/keyboard and vocal skills; knowledge, appreciation and enthusiasm for Catholic liturgy; ability to work well with people of all ages and musical talents.

**Bookkeeper:** Part-time bookkeeper needed three days a week. Requires knowledge of bookkeeping procedures and basic math. Basic computer, calculator, typewriter and phone skills necessary.

To apply any of the above positions, send resume to: **St. Therese Church, 217 Brawley School Rd., Mooresville, NC 28115 (704) 664-3992; Fax 660-6321.**

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**Charlotte Catholic High School** has the following positions open for the 1997-98 school year: Learning Support, Religion, Business/Computer, Economics/ Business, Chemistry/Physical Science, Physics/Physical Science, Spanish and French/Spanish. Also, a part-time library assistant and a full-time administrative assistant. For application, call (704) 543-1127.

**Director of Religious Education:** Sacred Heart Church, Brevard, N.C. is hiring a person for the part-time position of Director of Religious Education. Qualifications are a Master's Degree in religious studies or related field and meet other academic requirements. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Send resume to **Rev. Carl Del Guidice, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, 4 Fortune Cove, Brevard, NC.**

**Faith Development:** St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Raleigh, N.C., seeks two full-time directors of faith development to serve on the pastoral ministry team. We seek a director whose responsibilities include: Administrative coordination of faith development team, plus direct responsibility for program development and management in the formation of adults, RCIA and grades K-5. We also seek a director whose responsibilities include: Program development and management in the formation and mentoring of middle school and senior high youths (grades 6-12) using the concept of total youth ministry. Successful candidates should possess ministerial experience in working with children and youth, the ability to form adult catechists and youth volunteers, and collaborative and management skills. Both positions require an undergraduate degree. Send letter of application, resume and references to: **Search Committee, St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 12333 Bayleaf Church Rd., Raleigh, NC 27614.**



## Dual Celebrations



MURPHY — Mother's Day festivities were enhanced as several young St. William Church parishioners also received their first Holy Communion at a May 11 Mass celebrated by Father Edmund D. Kirsch. Pictured from left, front row: Stephanie Martin and Jordan Carabello; back row: Brian Hamilton, Ian Cornwell and Joshua Cornwell. About 350 year-round parishioners compose the congregation of St. William Church, the westernmost parish in the Charlotte Diocese.

## A Visit To Well Of Mercy Retreat Facility Will Quench Spiritual Thirst

HAMPTONVILLE — A visit to the well, the Well of Mercy, that is, may be just the thing to quench the thirst for spiritual healing and relieve the stresses of modern-day life.

Well of Mercy is a brand-new, 109-acre retreat facility located just an hour's drive from Charlotte. Mercy Sisters Donna Marie Vaillancourt and Brigid McCarthy, co-directors of this unique facility, are dedicated to providing psychological and spiritual growth opportunities for all who go there.

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A. From the beginning, Christians have been concerned that funeral rituals and burial of their dead brothers and sisters reflect their beliefs about the sacredness of the human body and the resurrection.

For this reason they set aside special spaces for their dead, a custom the Church continues today.

However, this policy is not so strict as to rule out either option you mention.

Canon law provides explicitly for Catholic burial in other cemeteries. Where possible, sections in civil or other religious cemeteries may be set aside for Catholic burial.

Where this is not practical, individual graves are blessed at the time of a Catholic burial (Canon 1240).

People of other faiths (spouses who are not Catholic are a common example) may be buried in a Catholic cemetery. This practice is common.

Each diocese or province may have its own policies on these matters, however, so it's best to ask your parish priest about details.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.



LATROBE, Penn. — Two seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charlotte, Rev. Mr. Peter T.Q. Pham and Rev. Mr. Dean E. Cesa, were awarded master of divinity degrees at the May 9 commencement of Saint Vincent Seminary. Shown from left are Saint Vincent Archabbott, the Rt. Rev. Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.; Rev. Mr. Pham; Seminary Academic Dean, Mercy Sister Cecilia Murphy; Daughters of the Cross Sister Mary Rose McGeady, president and chief executive officer of Covenant House; Seminary Rector, the Very Rev. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B.; and Rev. Mr. Cesa. Sixteen students were awarded degrees and Sister Mary Rose was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at the commencement ceremonies at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Rev. Mr. Pham was awarded his degree cum laude and Rev. Mr. Cesa summa cum laude.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Charismatic Masses

**HIGH POINT** — A charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday each month in the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel at 7:30 p.m.

**CHARLOTTE** — A charismatic Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin is July 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing prayer teams are available at 3 p.m. A potluck dinner follows Mass in the school cafeteria. Call Josie, (704) 527-4676, for information.

### Ultreya

**CHARLOTTE** — The south Charlotte Ultreya is June 22 in the St. Gabriel Parish Fellowship Hall from 1-3 p.m. Potluck lunch and leaders' school are included. Child care is available. Call Teresa Sanctis, (704) 541-6850, for details.

Vietnamese Ultreya is the third Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Leaders' School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

Ultreya is the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — Ultreya is the fourth Saturday each month following 8 a.m. Mass at St. Leo Church.

**MORGANTON** — Morganton/Hickory area Ultreya is the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Church. Leaders' School follows.

**SALISBURY** — Ultreya for the Salisbury/Albemarle areas is the last Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Family Life Commission Forum

**GREENSBORO** — Forum III of the St. Paul the Apostle Church Family Life Commission presents "The More We Know," a session featuring representatives from the Medicare and Social Security offices, from 7-9 p.m. on June 18. Call (910) 294-4649 for further details.

### Bible Seminar

**CHARLOTTE** — The Sixth Annual Summer Bible Seminar is July 14-18 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. The topic is "Good News of Great Joy for All the People," covering the infancy narratives. Child care is available for \$3 a day per child for those registering by July 1. The seminar cost is \$25 for the week or \$6 per day, but free for active catechists. Register with faith formation coordinators or call Kathleen Lewis, (704) 895-8470.

### Evening of Recollection

**CHARLOTTE** — Mary Ellen Lukas of Our Father's Work ministry visits St. Gabriel Church on June 19. The format includes rosary, confessions and Eucharistic adoration at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. Lukas discusses the Eucharist at 8:30 p.m., and a healing service takes place at 9 p.m. For information, call Jesuit Father Leigh Fuller, (704) 362-5047, ext. 206.

### Vacation Bible Schools

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. Vincent de

Paul parish Vacation Bible School is June 23-27 for rising K-5 graders. Cost is \$10. Call Peggy Pohlheber, (704) 588-7311, for details.

A Vacation Bible School coordinator is needed at St. Patrick Cathedral. Call Louise Bowers, (704) 334-2283.

**GREENSBORO** — The St. Paul the Apostle Church Bible School is June 16-20 from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Call (910) 294-4696 for further details.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The Our Lady of Mercy parish Vacation Bible School is July 14-18 in the school from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Contact Sister Angela Case, SSJ, at (910) 722-7001 to register or volunteer.

### Parish Picnic

**TRYON** — The St. John the Baptist parish picnic is June 29 at Harmon Field. Volunteers are needed. Extra grills may also be needed. Call Dick Belthoff, (864) 468-4265, for more information.

### SPLUNGE in Cincinnati

**SPLUNGE** (Special People Living Uniquely Nourishing Growthful Experiences), an inner-city service experience for youth ages 15 and up, will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 13-19. Previous participants may not attend. Space is limited to the first 25 applicants (five from any one parish). The cost is \$160. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by June 30. For registration and information, call the Diocese of Charlotte's Office for Youth Ministry, (704) 523-2118.

### Mass Schedule Changes

**MONROE** — Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Church from June 1-Aug. 31 are as follows: Sat.: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish: 1 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**ASHEVILLE** — The Basilica of St. Lawrence hosts Eucharistic adoration daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information call the parish, (704) 252-6042.

**BELMONT** — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Belmont Abbey Chapel, located behind the abbey church and monastery. For information, call (704) 399-2701.

**CHARLOTTE** — St. Thomas Aquinas Church hosts Eucharistic adoration Fridays in the chapel from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (704) 549-1607 for information.

Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at St. Gabriel Church. Contact Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for information.

Eucharistic adoration is at St. Matthew Church Fridays following the 9 a.m. Mass and lasting until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass. Call Pat Gundaker, (704) 366-9687, or Bernice Hansen, (704) 846-2958, for details.

**HIGH POINT** — Perpetual Eucharistic adoration is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For details, call Joe or Mary Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

### National Charismatic Conference

**STATESVILLE** — A bus has been



### Knights Present Check For \$3,100

**MT. AIRY** — The Knights of Columbus Council of Holy Angels Church recently presented a check for \$3,100 to the Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare Facility after the Mt. Airy Knights' third annual Operation LAMB concluded. The funds will assist people with mental retardation. Pictured from left are Chuck Wittenauer, council Grand Knight and co-chairman of the fund drive; David Swann, area director of Crossroads; and Jim Merison, co-chairman of the drive.

chartered for travelers from Statesville and Charlotte attending the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh, Penn., June 27-29. For reservation, accommodation and conference information, call Michael An, (800) 882-3004.

### Living Waters Retreat

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "The Psalms: School of Contemplative Prayer" is a July 1-7 retreat directed by Father Sidney Griffith, ST, focusing on the psalms as the prayer of ancient Israel, the prayer of Jesus and the prayer of the Church. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### St. Meinrad Seminary Confers Degrees

**ST. MEINRAD, Ind.** — Bryan Lamberson, a seminarian of the Diocese of Charlotte, was recently awarded a master of arts degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology. He is one of 43 St. Meinrad students conferred master's degrees by the Rt. Rev. Lambert Reilly, the Benedictine archabbot of St. Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of St. Meinrad's board of trustees. Bishop John McRaith of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky., gave the convocation address. Lamberson will spend his summer months in clinical pastoral training at Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

### African-American Christians Gathering

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The African American Affairs Ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte and St. Benedict the Moor Catholic and Grace Presbyterian churches in Winston-Salem co-sponsor "People of God Uniting — An African American Gathering of Catholics and Protestants" June 20-21 at Grace Presbyterian, 3901 Carver School Rd., at 7 p.m. each night. Father Paul Williams, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Greenville, S.C., is preacher, and Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt, pastor of St.

Benedict the Moor, is among the participants. For information, call the African American Affairs Ministry, (704) 331-1727.

### Parish Garage Sale

**HICKORY** — A parish garage sale is June 28 at St. Aloysius Church. Sale items and baked goods will be accepted at the parish hall June 24-27 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Proceeds benefit the parish building fund. Call Pat Mozgala, (704) 324-4476, for large item transportation.

### Faith Through Culture Series

**MINT HILL** — A mini-series exploring faith through various cultures begins at St. Luke Church on June 19 from 7-9 p.m. with a focus on the Hispanic community. To share ideas, help organize and participate, call Peter Conrad Rodriguez, (704) 753-4951.

### Moms Group

**CONCORD** — The Moms Group of St. James parish meets the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Fridays each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Summer planning is underway. For details, call Michelle Fehlman, (704) 784-3691.

The group is planning a family outing to the Columbia Zoo on June 28. For details and to RSVP, call Danielle Martini, (704) 784-4848.

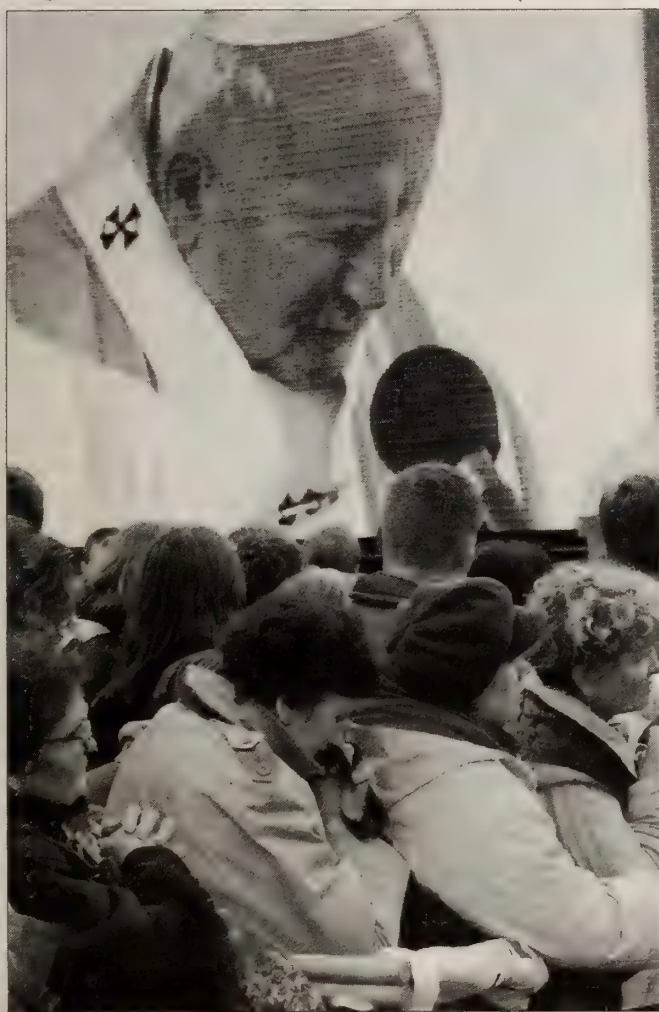
### Faith in Art Exhibition

**ASHEVILLE** — An exhibition titled "Faith in Art" is being planned for late August in the St. Eugene Parish Hall. All painters, sculptors, photographers and mixed-media artists are invited to participate. The deadline for inclusion is July 1. For more information, call Rev. Mr. Jos Vandermeer, (704) 645-5356.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs



The image of Pope John Paul II is projected onto a huge screen in the center of Wroclaw, Poland, June 1, as he blesses the congregation during a Mass marking the conclusion of the 46th International Eucharistic Congress.

CNS photo from Reuters

## New Diocesan Policy Requires Yearlong Preparation For Marriage

WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS) — Beginning next January, Catholic couples wishing to marry in the Diocese of Wilmington will be required to participate in a three-stage preparation process that will take a year to complete, Wilmington Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli has announced. These changes are part of the newly revised diocesan Marriage Preparation Policy and Guidelines. Bishop Saltarelli said this expanded pro-

cess is intended to help couples better prepare to enter a lifelong commitment.

## Cara Reports Enrollments In Seminaries, Ministry Programs

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The number of post-college U.S. Catholic seminarians rose by 120 last year, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate said. It said there were 3,292 seminarians in theology or pre-theology programs at the start of the 1996-97 school year, up from 3,172 the previous year. It reported that there were at least

2,183 men preparing to become permanent deacons and more than 20,000 Catholics enrolled in lay ministry formation programs. Nearly two-thirds of those in lay ministry formation were women. The figures, released in late May, were contained in the first edition of the CARA Catholic Ministry Formation Directory.

## Pressures On Family Raised As Main Concern At Laity Meetings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The concerns of people trying to figure out their responsibilities as Catholic laity increasingly begin at home, according to participants in workshops on the role of lay Catholics in the world. At one of a series of sessions being held around the country on the subject, Tom Donnelly of the National Center for the Laity said a surprising percentage of participants are most concerned about how to balance the pressures of job and family. In the past, those involved in the center placed greater emphasis on the struggle to represent Christian values in the workplace, he explained. Donnelly was part of a panel that discussed some of the current trends in lay participation in the Church at a May 31 conference in Washington.

## Retired Archbishop Not Eligible For Synod Post

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops have been notified that Archbishop John R. Quinn, whom they elected last November as one of their 15 delegates to the special Synod of Bishops for America, is ineligible for the post because he is retired. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a letter to bishops that Rome's rules for the synod do not allow retired bishops to serve as elected delegates. He said a replacement for Archbishop Quinn would be elected when the bishops meet June 19-21 in Kansas City, Mo.

## Bishops Reject Legalization Of Euthanasia In Colombia

BOGOTA, Columbia (CNS) — The Colombian bishops have condemned a Constitutional Court's decision that allows euthanasia in Colombia. Archbishop Alberto Giraldo Jaramillo, president of the Colombian bishops' conference, called the decision "a legal absurdity and a human monstrosity," adding that "nobody has the right to decide on the moment to terminate life, not even his own." In May, Colombia's Constitutional Court, which acts as the country's supreme court, determined that physicians who end the life of a terminally ill patient upon the patient's request would not go to jail, thus approving the practice of euthanasia.

## Vatican Newspaper Says Fertility Monitors Can Be Acceptable

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican newspaper gave a qualified endorsement to high-tech fertility monitors, saying their use for natural family planning is acceptable as long as a couple's intentions are right. Computerized mini-monitors which "read" a woman's cycle through hormone measurement were recently introduced in Italy. The devices indicate several days each cycle in which couples should abstain from sex to avoid pregnancy, and manufacturers claimed a 94 percent success rate.

## Polish Church Leaders Hail Tribunal Ruling On Abortion Law

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Leaders of Poland's Catholic Church have welcomed a Constitutional Tribunal ruling that the country's 1996 abortion law violates the constitution. However, supporters of legal abortion said they would try to overturn the decision in a national referendum. "This decision comforts those who never accepted the new law's formulations," said Bishop Stanislaw Stefanek of Lomza, chairman of the church's Family Commission. "Doctors and lawyers spoke against this law, while many gynecologists, faced with conflicts between their conscience and imposed procedural and legal norms, refused to kill children. The decision has given light to all these initiatives and attitudes."

## Theological Commission Says No To New Marian Dogmas

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Members of an international theological commission, meeting at the Vatican's request, unanimously agreed that the Roman Catholic Church should not solemnly define new teachings about the Virgin Mary. "The response of the commission, purposefully brief, was unanimous and precise: It is not opportune to abandon the road marked out by the Second Vatican Council and proceed with the definition of new dogma," said a June 4 announcement in the Vatican newspaper. In recent years, the newspaper said, Pope John Paul II has received petitions from "certain circles" asking that Mary be formally proclaimed as "Mediatrice" (Mediator), "Corredemptrix" (Co-redeemer) and Advocate.

## Diocesan School Board Openings:

The Diocese of Charlotte School Board has four board member positions to be filled. The term is for three years. The Board is responsible for proposing policies to Bishop Curlin to enact in governing 17 schools. The Board meets monthly from Sept.-June on agreed upon dates from 6:30-9 p.m. The Board meetings are held in a different school each month. Interested applicants should send by June 20 a letter and resume detailing parish and/or school involvement and state why you would like Bishop Curlin to appoint you to serve on the Diocesan School Board. Please send information to: Dr. Michael Skube, Superintendent of Schools, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28207.

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## The Mustard Seed



Jesus said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. (Mark 4:30-34)







## Our Lady of the Mountains

HIGHLANDS — Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh purchased the present property of Our Lady of the Mountains Church in July 1945. Before the church was built five years later, local Catholics gathered with priests from Waynesville for Masses in a playhouse theater. In 1954, Father Charles O'Connor, pastor in Brevard, extended his ministry to Highlands Catholics. From then until 1972, Our Lady of the Mountains Church was staffed by diocesan clergy of Sacred Heart Church in Brevard.

Additions to the church buildings marked the mid-1960s, and a small apartment was built onto the structure in 1972.

That year, ministerial responsibility for Highlands shifted from Brevard to Franklin. Glenmary Father Michael Langell, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, served the two communities for a decade before diocesan priests were assigned to the Franklin parish in 1982. During Father Langell's pastorate in Highlands, the church patio and basement parish hall were constructed.

In December 1986, Father John Hoover became administrator of Our Lady of the Mountains Church, a development which carried parish status for the Highlands congregation. St. Jude Church in Sapphire Valley was also placed under Highlands' pastoral care.

The church building was renovated in 1987, and a rectory was constructed the following year. As the congregation grew, especially during summers, the need for more worship space became a pressing reality. In October 1989, the addition of a two-story wing was completed, providing another 100 seats in the sanctuary and parish hall.

When the Our Lady of the Mountains family celebrated its 40th anni-

versary in 1990, a bell and tower were added to the church grounds. Throughout the two acres of property, an effort has been made to provide parishioners and visitors with opportunities for prayer and contemplation in a peaceful mountain setting. In addition to the sanctuary, churchgoers visit a grotto dedicated to Mary, a meditation garden, a fish pond and a small grove of trees.

In the fall of 1992 Father Hoover was succeeded by Father Joseph Ayathupadam, now pastor of Our Lady of the Annunciation in Albemarle. After

Father Ayathupadam, Father Raymond Berg became the parish's third resident pastor. Father Berg retired in the summer of 1996.

Our Lady of the Mountains again assumed mission status in July 1996, when its care — and that of St. Jude Church in Sapphire Valley — was returned to the clergy of Franklin. Father Richard T. McCue, named pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in 1994, now serves the three churches of the two-county parish along with Father James Collins, parochial vicar since 1995.



### Our Lady of the Mountains

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A variety of ministries and parish council work highlights the continued development of the Our Lady of the Mountains congregation. Its members also regularly join with a number of local Christian communities for interdenominational worship services, potluck suppers, respect life gatherings and religious holiday commemorations.

The mission church called Our Lady of the Mountains was founded more than half-century ago to serve increasing numbers of Catholics in North Carolina's westernmost counties. Today, the church is the spiritual home for some 85 families year-round and more than double that in the summer tourist months.

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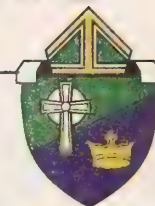
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## Bishop Ordains Two New Priests For Diocese

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Family members, friends and parishioners of the Diocese of Charlotte filled St. Patrick Cathedral beyond capacity on June 14 as they witnessed two men pass from one phase of their faith journey into another: the ministry of priesthood.

Jose Arturo DeAguilar Lopez and Walter Ray Williams, respectively serving as transitional deacons since June and October of 1996, were ordained to the priesthood during a liturgy filled with solemnity, music and a multicultural flavor.

Bishop William G. Curlin presided over the liturgy at which DeAguilar, a native of Mexico, and Williams, who grew up in the Asheville area, promised humble obedience not only to their diocesan shepherd, but to Jesus himself.

Almost 50 priests serving in and visiting the Charlotte Diocese joined in concelebrating with Bishop Emeritus Raymond W. Lessard of the Diocese of Savannah and Father Mauricio W. West, the Diocese of Charlotte's chancellor and vicar general.

During the rite of ordination following the Liturgy of the Word, Father Frank O'Rourke, diocesan director of vocations, presented the candidates to Bishop Curlin and the assembly.

The bishop then began his homily, explaining the relationship between priests and their congregations. "No one can deny that today we are living in a world filled with so many troubles," the bishop said. "Family life is being attacked. Morals are being attacked. Vision and idealism are being attacked.

"And God's holy people look to their priests for the inspiration, example and encouragement they need to bear and overcome these attacks. They look to their priests for that strength of the Gospel that their priests preach to them."

Reminding the candidates of the dedication of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Bishop Curlin pleaded with them to recommit themselves daily to Jesus. "To be a priest is to absorb the attitude and the mind of Christ through prayer, through times of Eucharistic adoration, through your personal devotion, through the study of the Scriptures, (and) through sharing with brother priests your high ideals....," he added.

During the examination of the candidates, Rev. Mr. DeAguilar and Rev. Mr. Williams assured their bishop that they faithfully intend to celebrate Christ's mysteries, to preach the Gospel, to explain the faith and to consecrate their lives in service to God's people.

After the men vowed obedience and Bishop Curlin prayed that God will bring their priestly work to its highest potential, the candidates prostrated themselves as the crowd prayed the Litany of the Saints.

In a solemn moment, Bishop Curlin and the concelebrating priests silently laid their hands upon the head of each kneeling candidate. Surrounded by his brother priests, the diocesan shepherd began the prayer of consecration, invoking God's guidance in the lives of the two men. At this point the deacons sacramentally entered into the fullness of their vocation.

Bishop Curlin anointed Father Williams' and Father DeAguilar's hands, a sign of preserving the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. He then watched as the priests were invested with their stoles and chasibules, the outer vestments they will wear while celebrating Mass.

The priests joined their fellow clergy in concelebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Father Williams and Father DeAguilar dispensed the Eucharist to family members and assisted Bishop Curlin and Bishop Lessard in administering the sacrament to the congregation.

A reception in the gymnasium of St. Patrick School followed the recessional, during which the newly ordained were showered with applause and smiles.

For Father O'Rourke, the ordination joyfully reminded him of his ministerial responsibilities. "I see my role as vocation director placing me in a privileged position to minister for and with our



Photo by JOANN KEANE



# Why Are U.S. Catholics So Pro-Death Penalty?

By CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — If the jury deciding Timothy McVeigh's sentence were made up of all Catholics, there's a pretty good chance the convicted bomber would still have been given the death penalty.

That's because polls showing the general public's approval of the death penalty also reveal that Catholics feel the same way.

"Catholics are caught up in the culture in general," said Daniel Misleh, policy adviser for criminal justice issues for the U.S. Catholic Conference.

And the culture in general, as highlighted by the focus on the Denver courtroom in early June, is big on retribution.

McVeigh was found guilty June 2 in the April 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and was called the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. The next week, the same jury recommended that he should die by lethal injection.

In the days before the penalty phase of his trial, McVeigh essentially became the poster boy for the death penalty issue. National news magazines ran his photo on their covers with the caption, "Should He Die?"

"If you are going to have a capital punishment, that's a perfect person to use that punishment against," said Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a Catholic, about McVeigh shortly after the verdict.

Most Americans voiced the same opinion, pointing to the heinousness of the crime and McVeigh's visible lack of remorse.

But some lone voices in opposition to the death penalty in this case were the U.S. bishops. In television interviews, letters to their dioceses and columns in their diocesan newspapers, the bishops repeatedly defended the sanctity of all human life and the possibility of redemption even for mass murderers.

"The Catholic bishops of the United States, in union with the teaching of Pope John Paul II, have come to see that the death penalty perpetuates a terrible cycle of violence, diminishes respect for human life and ultimately fails to ease the

pain of those who grieve," wrote Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City.

Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., chairman of the bishops' Domestic Policy Committee, said, "We are called to seek justice without vengeance."

And Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver told reporters covering the McVeigh trial that the only real solution to the violence "is to find some way of forgiving."

*...the Church has been unable to get across the basic principle that each human life has dignity, not just in its stance against abortion, but in providing for the poor, ensuring health care, welfare legislation and opposition to the death penalty.*

## Church's Evolving Position Requires Education Of Faithful

The bishops' statements reflected the Church's evolving position on the death penalty.

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church" says public authorities can impose the death penalty "in cases of extreme gravity." But it adds that "if bloodless means are sufficient" to protect life and public order, they are "more in conformity to the dignity of the human person."

Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" had virtually ruled out capital punishment, saying cases meeting the necessary test today were "very rare if not practically nonexistent."

Thus, future editions of the catechism will be revised to reflect the

Church's stronger reservations about the death penalty.

So why hasn't this message been accepted in the pews?

Father Jerry Lowney, a criminologist and chair of the sociology department at Carroll College in Helena, Mont., attributes it to the "cafeteria Catholic" mentality of picking and choosing Church teaching and also to a lack of understanding about the Church's position.

He said when he has spoken about capital punishment in homilies, people have come up to him afterward saying they were "unaware there was a Church position on the death penalty."

"We have to drill home the consistent ethic of life," he said in a June 20 telephone interview.

He said the Church has been unable to get across the basic principle that each human life has dignity, not just in its stance against abortion, but in providing for the poor, ensuring health care, welfare legislation and opposition to the death penalty.

To those who quote the Bible as a defense for capital punishment, he suggests looking at the Gospel of Matthew where he says the teaching of "an eye for an eye" was "overturned."

Misleh agreed that "we need to do a lot better job of educating Catholics," saying if Catholics realized that many death penalty cases are arbitrary or racially based, they'd begin to see that "there's something to the issue of human dignity."

The public in general needs more understanding of complexities and misconceptions about the death penalty, said law professors Fred Bennett of The Catholic University of America and Alan Raphael of Loyola University of Chicago.

Both have represented death-row inmates and are convinced the growing public approval of death penalty will not diminish until cases are publicized where innocent people were wrongly sentenced to death.

Today 38 states have the death penalty and there are more than 3,000 death-row inmates. In the last 20 years there

have been 392 executions.

As the death sentence becomes more prevalent and courts do not intervene, Bennett told CNS that people become even more accepting of the policy and "say it's all right."

With strongly held positions justifying the death penalty, seeing the other side seems almost impossible.

"Forgiveness is a strong moral challenge," wrote Archbishop Francis T. Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, in a column for the June 29 issue of *Catholic Commentary*, a weekly archdiocesan publication.

He said the two sides of the death penalty debate are based on two morally defensible positions.

"Capital punishment," he writes, "is a classic case of two schools of thought both expressing respect for life but each making a different application of the principle to practical situations."

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Acts 12: 1-11	Sunday			Ezekiel 2: 2-5	
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18				2 Corinthians 12: 7-10	
Matthew 16: 13-19	Monday			Mark 6: 1-6	
Genesis 18: 16-33	Tuesday			Genesis 28: 10-22	
Matthew 8: 18-22				Matthew 9: 18-26	
Genesis 19: 15-29	Wednesday			Genesis 32: 23-33	
Matthew 8: 23-27				Matthew 9: 32-38	
Genesis 21: 5, 8-20	Thursday			Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7, 17-24	
Matthew 8: 28-34				Matthew 10: 1-7	
Ephesians 2: 19-22	Friday			Genesis 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45: 1-5	
John 20: 24-29				Matthew 10: 7-15	
Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67	Saturday			Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30	
Matthew 9: 9-13				Matthew 10: 16-23	
Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-22				Genesis 49: 29-33; 50: 15-24	
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seminarians," he said. "Arturo and Ray's ordination has me marvel at the uniqueness of each of these men, and at the same time they are making the same response to an inner calling to serve that is shared by all priests."

"It's humbling to be caught up in the mystery of their lives and in this gift of priesthood that has been given to us."

Father DeAguilar, who presided at his first Mass the next day at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Morganton, will serve as parochial vicar of the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville. Father Williams has been appointed the parochial vicar at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. He also celebrated his first liturgy the next

day, at his home parish of St. Eugene in Asheville. Both assignments are scheduled to begin on July 9.

The two men now enter a new stage of faith, one which their bishop hopes will be met with a zealous desire to embrace their ministry. "You cannot live on the surface of priesthood," Bishop Curlin said. "You cannot believe, my two dear brothers, that putting on vestments, lifting a chalice, giving a blessing, or preaching the Gospel will (in itself) heal a soul."

"You will save souls by living like Jesus Christ, because it's not *your* priesthood — it's *his* priesthood that you live."

Photos by JOANN KEANE

Right: Bishop William G. Curlin receives a blessing from the the newly ordained Father Ray Williams at the close of the ordination liturgy.

Below: Father Arturo DeAguilar blesses a mother and her child during the reception following the June 14 ordination ceremony.

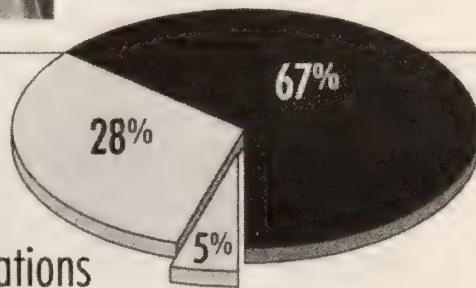


Parents influence vocation choices

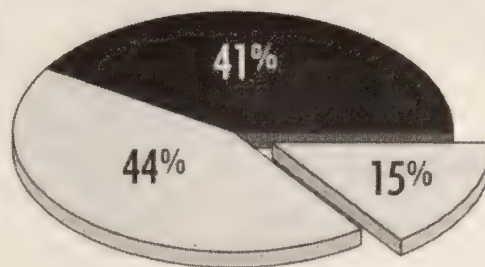


Parental encouragement plays a significant role in whether people consider a religious vocation (priest, brother, sister). Catholic teens say:

When parents haven't encouraged vocations



- 67% Never considered a vocation
- 33% Considered a vocation (5% are still open to it)



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- 41% Never considered a vocation
- 59% Considered a vocation (15% are still open to it)

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June 30

MACS board reception

Charlotte

July 7-10

Provincial meeting

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Speaks Of "Extraordinary" Trip To Poland

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience June 18.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

My recent pastoral visit to Poland centered on three celebrations. In Wroclaw, I celebrated the concluding Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress, an occasion of deep reflection and prayer on the mystery of the real presence of our Savior — the one who has made us free (cf. Gal 5:2) — in the sacrifice and sacrament of the altar. In Gniezno I joined in the celebration of the millennium of the martyrdom of St. Adalbert. Gniezno was the site of an important congress held in the year 1000 which marked Poland's entrance into a united Europe, a fact symbolized by the presence of the presidents of the countries associated with St. Adalbert's life and work.

At Krakow, with great joy I presided at the canonization of Queen Hedwig and took part in the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the establishment of the theology faculty at the Jagiellonian University. These and other events, including the canonization of the Franciscan Jan of Dukla, and the beatification of Blessed Maria Bernardina Jablonska and Blessed Maria Karlowska, were all very festive occasions and especially significant for the life of the church in Poland.

I am very grateful to the church and state authorities and all who made this pastoral visit possible. Above all, I thank almighty God for the many blessings granted to my homeland over the last thousand years.

I am pleased to greet the distinguished members of the World Psychiatric Association meeting in Rome. May your important work of healing always be inspired by an integral vision of the human person and respect for the inviolable dignity and transcendent vocation of every individual. Upon all the English-speaking visi-

tors, especially those from England, Ireland, Malta, South Africa, Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines and the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### Fujimori, Former Hostages Meet With Pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori and six former hostages from the four-month drama in Lima met Pope John Paul II in mid-June. A statement released by the Vatican said Fujimori spoke with the pope and with Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, about the hostage crisis and issues of mutual interest to Peru and the Holy See. The statement said the president thanked Pope John Paul "for the personal interest with which he followed the recent painful events in Peru" and for the work the Catholic Church has done to further his country's spiritual and material progress.

### Pope Says European Church Must Promote Church Social Doctrine

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II told Catholic teachers that the Church in Europe needs to do everything it can to ensure that justice and morality figure into social planning. "In the daily culture of contemporary Europe, there's a strong tendency to 'privatize' ethics and to negate the public relevance of the Christian moral message," the pope said to members of a June 20 conference of church social doctrine teachers. "The social doctrine that the Church represents in itself refutes such privatization," he said, "because it brings to light the authentic and decisive social dimensions of faith, thereby illustrating the ethical consequences."

## Guest Column

Antoinette Bosco

### Is This for Real?

It's time for a round of "Is this for real?" — a time when I review a few items I've found in the media. I have long maintained there's always something new under the sun, and items like these prove it.

Consider this one. A 57-year-old woman in Pasadena, Calif., found herself in big trouble for the terrible crime of feeding pigeons. Yes, you read it right. A woman living on disability checks had, since 1972, been spending \$10 a day for birdseed to feed the crowds of birds who come each morning to her home.

Now here's the problem. Someone apparently dusted off a 1964 ordinance that makes feeding pigeons on public streets a misdemeanor. The woman has been breaking a law! She was due to stand trial. If convicted, she faced a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

An Associated Press story in May quoted the woman saying: "God is with me. These are his pigeons. God's side is with me." Somehow I think she's got it right!

Then there was the Cincinnati, Ohio, grandmother who was convicted of a misdemeanor for "interfering with an officer trying to ticket overdue cars." Of course, she didn't know she was committing a crime. She thought she was doing random acts of kindness. She had seen two overdue parking meters, and to spare the owners, albeit strangers, a ticket, she put a dime and a nickel into both meters.

Obviously this is serious business because she had to get a lawyer to defend her in court. The municipal court jury convicted her of "obstructing official business," but acquitted her of misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Because of the conviction, she faced up to 90

days in jail and a \$750 fine.

I side with what her lawyer said: "She was doing a good deed (and) should be congratulated for her act, not punished."

Has something gone haywire in this land of ours

when a random act of kindness — which many are rightly touting as a good thing — can land you in jail?

Now here's another one for the books. Shops near a campus of the University of Maryland offer a 10 percent to 20 percent discount to students who sign a pledge not to cheat.

Meryle Freiberg, education chairwoman for the student honor council, in a *New York Times* article acknowledged that signing a pledge will not guarantee the end of cheating, "but it will at least get them to think about integrity."

I hate to reflect on what this says about our values when moral behavior is no longer chosen because it is the right way to act, but because it is the most profitable.

One final note: A sign I saw in a small restaurant in Cape Coral, Fla., gave me a smile for the day: "If you are grouchy, irritable or just plain mean, there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you."

They may be on to something — that people should have to pay for their bad behavior!

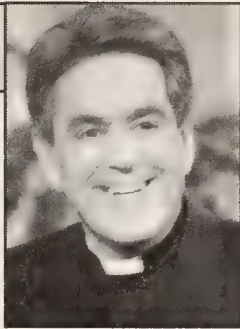
Antoinette Bosco is a CNS columnist.





# Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



## Taking A Risk, Taking Time

Laura Schroff took a risk that gives us pause. It was the kind of gamble that could have easily backfired and made even her closest friends doubt her good judgment.

The sales executive was steps away from her Manhattan apartment when an 11-year-old boy approached her and asked for a quarter to get something to eat. She started to go around him but took a second look. "He had huge sad eyes. His sweatshirt and sweatpants were dirty. And he was just a *child*."

So she took him to McDonald's. While they were eating, she learned the young panhandler's name, Maurice Mazyck, and that his mother, two older sisters and four other relatives were crammed into one room at a nearby welfare hotel. He wasn't going to school regularly and seemed destined for the shadowy margins of society. That is, until Laura Schroff made another decision.

She invited him to her home for dinner once a week. Laura used the opportunity to teach him table manners and how to handle simple chores like washing dishes. Afterwards, Maurice opened up his books and worked on his homework. Then she sent him off with extra food she had prepared for his family.

Five mornings a week the boy stopped by to pick up a bagged lunch. Maurice confided that he was thrilled to bring a packed lunch bag to school because it showed that "someone really cares about me."

The road ahead was not smooth. After about three years, Maurice's mother was imprisoned for drug possession, his family was moved to Brooklyn, and Laura herself married and went to the suburbs. Yet, Laura kept in contact with Maurice on a regular basis, helping him to grow into manhood self-assured and resilient.

It has been 11 years since they first met. Maurice is married with a 3-year-

old son, and holding down a decent job. His sisters are working full time. His mother successfully underwent drug rehabilitation.

Ironically, as always seems to be the case in Good Samaritan stories, Laura Schroff claims to be the most blessed by what happened on that busy street in midtown Manhattan. "People tell me that Maurice was lucky to have met me at such a critical time in his life. But I believe I was just as fortunate. Maurice taught me to be grateful for what I have. And he showed me that a little compassion can go a long way."

By what special grace and courage do people like Maurice and Laura live and breathe? And what did Laura Schroff's involvement cost her? Some money, yes. Certainly trust and commitment. But perhaps the most priceless element by modern standards is the one thing most of us would hold back: Time.

This is an era when people walk away from a problem because they don't want to spend the time to help solve it. Every precious minute of every precious day is accounted for: This much for work — that's number one, the big priority, we say. Then home and family. Let's not forget the leisure we deserve. You know what? That's all true, as far as it goes. It just doesn't go quite far enough.

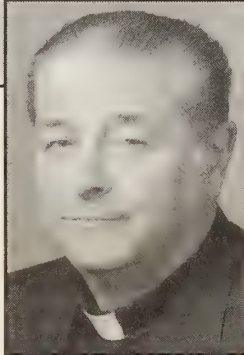
Because every once in a while people like Laura Schroff and Maurice Mazyck remind us what happens when we stop staring at the face of a clock, and seek instead the face of God.

*For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "The Value of Volunteering," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.*

*Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.*

# Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



## To Go or Not Go to a Child's Wedding

**Q.** *We have a situation in our family that is painful for many of us. We hope you can give some advice.*

*Our granddaughter is to be married later this year to a Protestant young man, in his church, without permission or dispensation from the Catholic Church.*

*We have other children and many grandchildren, and are concerned that we do not send the wrong message to them by attending the wedding or otherwise doing something that might imply approval.*

*I wrote to her expressing our hope she would be married with the blessing of the Catholic faith. We've always had a good relationship, which may be the reason she responded to her aunt, knowing I would probably get the message.*

*She said she was sorry for the hurt she was causing, but since slipping away at college she some time ago stopped attending Mass altogether.*

*They are going together now to his church. She enjoys the services, says she is happy to belong there with her husband, plans to raise her children in that faith and claims to have no intention ever*

*to return to the Catholic Church.*

*We don't wish to alienate her or any of the family, but we want to do what is right. We hope you can give us a firm answer.*

**A.** Neither I nor anyone can give you the clear final answer you might wish. But I can give you a few important things to think about.

First, I admire your faith, and your concern about everyone involved. Your desire not to break relations with her or others in the family is healthy, and somehow whatever you do needs to be done with every possible attempt to preserve your closeness.

It is important, too, to remember you have as much right to your convictions, and sense of responsibility, and commitments of faith as she does.

Be open with her, and with your other children and their families, about your concerns, your love for them and your reasons for whatever you decide to do or not to do. If they love you they will accept what you feel you must do in your love for them.

Another factor which may be some consolation and help is that, according

to present canon law, her marriage may well be recognized by the Catholic Church.

Normally, the marriage of a Catholic — in order to be married validly according to church law — must take place in the presence of the bishop or a priest or deacon delegated by him.

However, former Catholics who have left the church "by a formal act" are not bound by that law (Canon 1117).

In other words, their marriage by a minister or judge would be as valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church as any other legal marriage of two non-Catholics who are free to marry each other.

What exactly such a "formal act" might be is not clearly defined. But your granddaughter's words indicate a fairly definitive statement that she no longer considers herself a member of the Catholic faith.

You might talk to your parish priest, or one in the diocese where she is to be married, to ask his evaluation of the case.

I realize this cannot heal the hurt that she will not share the faith that is so im-

portant to you and others in your family. At least you will know that her marriage is recognized by the church.

These are always difficult decisions, and others will come. Do the best you can. Recognize and accept that there are some things which simply are not under your control.

In these situations there is usually no black and white, right and wrong answer. It's a matter of weighing all your concerns as prayerfully as you can, then deciding what you think will be best in the long run for everyone involved.

*A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship with people of other faiths, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.*

*Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.*

# Letters

## Celibacy For Gays Unjust

To The Editor,

I'm writing in response to an article printed in a recent edition of *The Catholic News & Herald* entitled "Salvation for Gays Requires Celibacy," taken from the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

My first question is, why did you choose to print this particular article among the many that are available from that specific newspaper? I feel angry

because such statements support prejudice against homosexuals in the name of Jesus the Christ.

How can a church, specifically the diocesan church here in Charlotte, which is calling upon its pastors to reach out to the homosexual community, print such a negative statement? Why doesn't the article state that heterosexuals can attain salvation if they remain celibate? Wouldn't that be an equal statement, a "just" statement? Where is the "good

news" or "gospel" for those who are gay and Catholic? The "limitations" and "wounds" of being gay come more from the church and society than from God.

I look forward to reading more positive articles in *The Catholic News & Herald* regarding the goodness and the holiness of my lesbian and gay sisters and brothers.

**Marco Cipolletti**  
Charlotte





## Stewardship Profile

# St. Peter Church Donates To Community Causes

CHARLOTTE — In 1988, Jesuit Father John Haughey, who was the pastor of St. Peter Church at the time, presented a proposal to parish leaders asking them to consider becoming a tithing parish and to agree to give 10 percent of their offertory to charitable causes outside the parish.

Father Haughey thought that becoming a tithing parish was important for several reasons. First, he felt that the church needed to give to others and share its blessings according to the biblical tithe — 10 percent of one's income in gratitude for God's blessings. He also believed that since the parish had recently begun promoting stewardship as a way of life it should set a good example for the parishioners. And Father Haughey agreed with the Diocesan Synod, completed the year before, which emphasized the importance of parishes tithing their offertory to the community.

The parish leaders concurred with their pastor and decided from then on to give 10 percent of the parish offertory to charitable causes. They have remained faithful to that commitment ever since.

Today, under the pastoral leadership of Jesuit Father James Devereux and the dedication of parochial vicar Jesuit Father Gene McCreesh, St. Peter Church continues to commit 10 percent of its offertory to those in need. At the end of each month, 10 percent of the month's offertory is set aside in a special fund to be dispersed by the tithing committee. The parish has decided to tithe all gifts to the parish, whether they are regular offertory or other donations.

The tithing committee, chaired by Pam Foltz, meets quarterly to consider requests and allocate funds. Agencies requesting funds must send a letter specifying their request. If the agency does not provide adequate background information, or if it is not known to at least one of the committee members, a member is required to research the agency or program.

When allocating funds, the tithing



committee places its primary emphasis on organizations with a long-term repetitive commitment and those working toward political or structural change. According to Foltz, special consideration is given to requests from parishioners for their favorite charitable causes. She adds, "There is so much need and so little resources; this entire process must be firmly rooted in prayer."

St. Peter parish funds a variety of agencies or programs, primarily in the Charlotte area but also across the diocese and overseas. During the first three quarters of this fiscal year, the committee funded 30 programs. Some of the local projects included: Crisis Assistance Ministry, The Uptown Shelter, Friendship Trays, Charlotte Emergency Housing, Loaves and Fishes, Charlotte Has Heart, and The Center for Urban Ministry. The funds have supported special projects with Catholic Social Services and parishes with special needs such as St. Andrew the Apostle in Mars Hill. Working through "A Child's Place," the committee helped provide child-care for a woman with four children who wanted to get back on her feet and return to work. Outside the country the parish helped a parish pastor in India who is working to improve the plight of women by providing sewing machines.

St. Peter Church is committed to tithing the parish offertory. That commitment resulted in help for the agencies who, in turn, have helped thousands of individuals and a parish that takes the call to live out faith in action seriously.

For information on how to establish a parish tithing committee, contact Barbara Rohrman, Office of Development, (704) 331-1710 or Joanne Frazer, Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1720.

## Lincolnton Family Receives Knights State Award



The Randall Marcum family, pictured at left with the N.C. State Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award, is noted for its dedication to service.

Photo by GARY MONTGOMERY

LINCOLNTON — Officers and members of the North Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council honored the Randall J. Marcum family of Lincolnton with the N.C. State Family of the Year Award at the Knights' 77th annual state convention last month at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Winston-Salem.

Sir Knight Randall Marcum and his family received the award after being nominated by their local council, 8664 of St. Dorothy Church. Taken into consideration was the involvement of each member in five areas of service: church, community, council, family and youth.

"It's very difficult to get a 'no' out of them," chuckled Gary Montgomery, Grand Knight of Council 8664. "The Marcums are on fire to help people. They are true examples of Christian giving, and are an inspiration to all who come in contact with them — and that is quite a crowd."

Randy Marcum serves Council 8664 as Deputy Grand Knight, youth director and chief counselor of the Squires, the Knights-sponsored youth organization. He is also an officer in his Fourth Degree Assembly.

An active member of St. Dorothy parish, he serves on the parish council, and is a Eucharistic minister, greeter, religious education teacher and hospital minister. In addition, he has coordinated the Youth Quest group, an outreach of the Renew program which focuses on small-group faith sharing. In his community, Randy delivers Meals on Wheels, assists the elderly, volunteers at Iron Station Elementary School, participates in Operation LAMB for the mentally handicapped, and serves as president of his neighborhood Homeowners' Association.

Randy and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of four children. Carolyn serves her parish through Eucharistic ministry and the religious education program. She also assists in coordinating the parish's Angel Tree Christmas project, serves on the parish festival committee and mentors for the Adopt An Underprivileged Child community program in addition to a variety of other activities.

The oldest of the Marcum children, 18-year-old Angie, participates in parish and community life as a Eucharistic minister, Christian Ministries volunteer, Youth Quest member and parish festival helper. She also finds time to volunteer at the local hospital.

Amy, 15, is active in parish life as

well, serving as a reader, Christian Ministries volunteer, Youth Quest member and festival helper.

Thirteen-year-old Mandy serves as a greeter at Mass, a Christian Ministries volunteer and festival helper. She enjoys aiding the elderly as well.

Joey, 10, is an altar server, Christian Ministries volunteer and festival assistant. During the summer months he ministers to the elderly, mowing grass for those who need his services.

Father Richard Farwell, pastor of St. Dorothy Church, said the Marcum family is a credit to the values of stewardship, evangelization and family life. "They personify what St. Dorothy tries to promote: family-centered witness to the Gospel," he added. "They are a blessing."

The Marcums have also been nominated for recognition as Supreme Family of the Year, to be announced in August.

In other state convention news, Grand Knight Mike Farrell of Council 9499, Clemmons, was named the Knight of the Year, and Daniel R. Wanken of Council 8857, Hope Mills, was honored as Golden Knight of the Year.

The Supreme Service Program Awards were presented to the following councils: Pinehurst Council 11103 for service to church; Wilmington Council 1074 for service to community; Clemmons Council 9499 for service to council; Garner Council 11266 for service to family; and Kernersville Council 8509 for service to youth.

The State Deputy Award was given to a number of councils in three divisions. The winners for large council are: Greensboro Council 939; Fayetteville Council 2838; and Hope Mills Council 8857; for medium council: Lincolnton Council 8664; and Lenoir Council 9570; and for small council: Wendell Council 10892; and Roxboro Council 11235.

Among the other award winners were 18 councils which received Honor Council status and 39 councils which received Distinguished Council status.

State officers were also elected or moved up one chair for the new fraternal year. The elected officers are John Harrison of Clemmons, state deputy; and Phil Lamendola of Kernersville, state warden. Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church, Clemmons, was appointed state chaplain.

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## Dos nuevos sacerdotes fueron ordenados en la Catedral

Por LUIS A. WOLF

CHARLOTTE -El 14 de junio, la Catedral de San Patricio se llenó de familiares, amigos y sacerdotes que asistieron a la ordenación de José Arturo de Aguilar López y Walter Ray Williams como nuevos sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Charlotte.

El Excelentísimo Monseñor William G. Curlin, Obispo de la Diócesis de Charlotte fue el celebrante de esta solemne ceremonia, teniendo como concelebrantes al Excelentísimo Monseñor Raymond W. Lessard, Obispo Emérito de Savannah y al muy Reverendo Mauricio W. West, Vicario General y Canciller de la diócesis.

Después de la presentación de los candidatos, Arturo de Aguilar y Ray Williams, entre otras cosas, el Obispo Curlin dijo en su homilía: "Yo les suplico, mis queridos hermanos que han venido a esta Catedral de San Patricio para ser sacerdotes, que hoy se digan a ustedes mismos: 'Yo quiero ser más que un sacerdote ordenado. Yo quiero alcanzar en pleno lo que Cristo me pide en esta ordenación que observe y cumpla. Yo quiero ser un sacerdote santo'".

El Obispo dijo también: "Ustedes no pueden vivir en la superficie del

sacerdocio. Ustedes no pueden creer, mis dos queridos hermanos, que poniéndose las vestimentas, elevando el cáliz y dando una bendición o absolución o predicando el Evangelio van a salvar un alma... Ustedes salvarán almas viviendo como Jesucristo porque no es vuestro sacerdocio, es el sacerdocio de Jesucristo el que ustedes viven. San Pablo dijo, 'Debemos tener en nosotros el espíritu de Cristo. Debemos pensar como Cristo, y si pensamos como Cristo, viviremos, actuaremos y hablaremos como Cristo'".

El Obispo Curlin les recordó las promesas que hicieron de servir a Cristo y al prójimo. Les recordó los muchos sacrificios que tendrán que hacer, la vida de celibato y continuó diciendo que "cuando pongan sus manos en mis manos y prometan obediencia no es a mí solamente a quienes se lo dirán. Ustedes le estarán diciendo a Jesús, 'Yo te obedeceré. Yo iré a donde tenga que ir como sacerdote. Yo haré cualquier sacrificio que la Iglesia me pida. Esa obediencia es mi SI a ti Jesús por el resto de mi vida'".

Durante la ceremonia, los

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De izquierda a derecha, el Padre Ray Williams, el Obispo Curlin y el Padre Arturo de Aguilar preparados para recibir las ofrendas antes de comenzar la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

## El Padre Arturo de Aguilar celebra su primera Misa

Por LUIS A. WOLF

MORGANTON -La Iglesia de San Carlos Borromeo fue el escenario de la Misa de Acción de Gracias que el Padre Arturo de Aguilar celebró, con la asistencia del diácono Dean Cesa, después de su ordenación como sacerdote en la Catedral de San Patricio, en Charlotte, el día anterior.

Como el día antes en la catedral, la iglesia estaba abarrotada con los feligreses de la parroquia y personas que vinieron de diferentes lugares de la diócesis.

El Reverendo Kenneth Whittington, pastor de la iglesia, ofreció una homilía muy emocionante en inglés y en español.

Antes de la bendición final, el Padre Arturo dio las gracias todas las personas que hicieron posible que él estuviera ahí a través de las oraciones, del apoyo, de la amistad y del cariño que le proporcionaron y dijo que todo esto había llegado, de cierto modo, a su término al completar sus estudios en el seminario pero que ahora era el principio de una nueva etapa.

El Padre Arturo le dio una muy encarecidas gracias al Padre Frank O'Rourke, director de vocaciones, quien lo apoyó desde el principio y a quien considera un gran amigo. También le dio las gracias al Padre Ken Whittington

por haberle abierto las puertas, no solo a él sino a la comunidad hispana.

A continuación le dio las gracias a su familia, que desde que entró en el seminario a los doce años, lo apoyó en todo momento y presentó a su mamá, la señora Hortensia López, a sus hermanas Blanca, Verónica y Alejandra, así como a sus sobrinas y sobrinito y también a sus cuñados, José De la O y Bonifacio Melo y a sus tías que vinieron de México para esta ocasión.

El Padre Arturo aprovechó la oportunidad para felicitar al Padre Fidel Melo que celebraba su primer aniversario como sacerdote y presentó a los sacerdotes y diáconos que estuvieron presentes en esta celebración Eucarística de Acción de Gracias.

Para finalizar, el Padre le dio las gracias a la comunidad de San Carlos Borromeo por lo mucho que lo apoyó en todos los aspectos y que esperaba lo siguiera apoyando y orando por él.

Después de la Misa hubo un gran picnic en los terrenos de la iglesia preparado por los feligreses de la parroquia y amenizado con música de mariachis. También los niños bailaron unas danzas típicas mexicanas.

Para finalizar la familia del Padre

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El Padre Arturo recibiendo una de las ofrendas que le entrega su mamá, la señora Hortensia López.



## Ordenación, viene de la página 1

candidatos se postraron completamente sobre el piso de la catedral mientras todos cantaban la Letanía de los Santos. Más adelante cada uno se arrodilló delante del Obispo Curlin mientras éste imponía sus manos e invocaba la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. El Obispo Lessard y todos los sacerdotes presentes también impusieron las manos sobre los recién ordenados.

Después de ser investidos con la estola y la casulla el Obispo les ungió las manos con el santo óleo y les entregó un cáliz, subiendo más adelante al altar para continuar con la Liturgia Eucarística, donde por primera vez pronunciaron las palabras de la consagración: "éste es mi cuerpo... ésta es mi sangre".

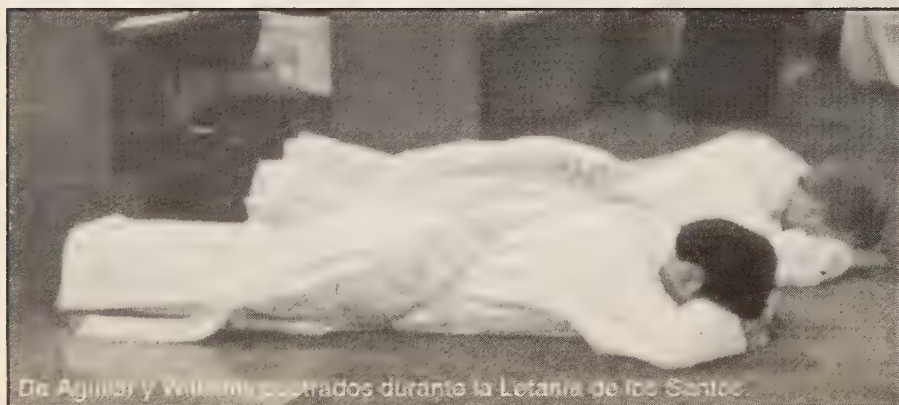
Al finalizar la ceremonia el Obispo se dirigió a los familiares de los ordenados y les dio las gracias por haberlos apoyado y entregado a la vida

sacerdotal. También le dio las gracias al Padre Frank O'Rourke por su trabajo como Director de la Oficina de Vocaciones y también agradeció la presencia de los sacerdotes y de toda la comunidad que asistió a esta ceremonia.

El Padre Ray Williams ha sido asignado a la Catedral de San Patricio, en Charlotte y el Padre Arturo a la Basílica de San Lawrence, en Asheville, donde también trabajará con la comunidad hispana del área.

Un momento muy emocionante fue cuando al final el Obispo Curlin le pidió a los Padres Williams y De Aguilar que lo bendijeran. Aquí vemos el momento en que el Obispo le besaba las manos al Padre Arturo después de que éste oró sobre su cabeza.

Fotos LUIS WOLF



## Cuarto Mandamiento:

### Honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre

Continuando con los mandamientos de la Ley comentamos sobre el cuarto mandamiento.

El orden que desde el principio quiso Dios como norma de conducta para los seres humanos, no se limita a nuestras relaciones con Dios mismo, sino que se extiende a nuestra relación con la creación en general y, en especial, con nuestros semejantes.

Encabeza este orden el *Cuarto Mandamiento* que nos manda a honrar a quienes colaboraron con Dios para darnos la existencia, esto es, a nuestro padre y a nuestra madre.

Este deber viene inculcado con frecuencia en la Sagrada Escritura y tenemos en Jesucristo el mejor ejemplo de su perfecta observancia.

El cumplimiento de este deber es fuente de bendiciones divinas, aun en el orden temporal, para los individuos, para las familias y para las comunidades.

**Actitudes equivocadas** – Aparte de la concreta falta de respeto y consideración hacia los propios padres, podemos recordar: el falso concepto de *obediencia*, considerada como contraria a la propia independencia y a la libertad personal; el falso concepto de *autoridad*, asumido no como verdadero y desinteresado servicio, sino como forma de dominio.

**Actitud cristiana** – Es natural en todos aquellos que, como hijos, aman, respetan y obedecen a sus propios padres: rezan por ellos, los rodean de amorosos cuidados en sus necesidades y nunca los abandonan o los tratan en forma ofensiva o irreverente. Los recuerdan con cariño hasta después de la muerte.

La relación hijos y padres es básica en el cumplimiento de este mandamiento, pero no la agota. De hecho, cumplen con este mandamiento los mismos padres, buscando una nueva educación humana y religiosa para sus hijos e hijas; los hermanos y las hermanas, apreciándose y agradeciéndose mutuamente.

Los estudiantes, respetando a sus maestros; los maestros cuidando que sus alumnos aprendan la verdad y se preparen para el futuro; los ciudadanos, procurando cumplir con las leyes moralmente justas; los súbditos, respetando toda legítima autoridad; los que tienen autoridad, buscando y procurando el mayor bien para cuantos dependen de ellos.

(Comentario al Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica – Edición Española – con permiso de los Padres de la Sociedad de San Pablo)



## Mensaje del Padre

Rev. Vicente H. Finnerty, C.M.

Hermanos y hermanas:

Al reflexionar sobre el sacerdocio en estos días, por la ordenación de nuestros hermanos Arturo de Aguilar y Ray Williams, recuerdo algo que escribí hace años cuando me tocaba dar retiros a jóvenes que se iban a ordenar. Es una modificación de las Bienaventuranzas y lo quiero compartir con ustedes.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes sencillos

—porque harán posible que Dios se transparente a través de sus palabras, de sus miradas, de sus gestos, de su libertad interior y de su veracidad.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes humildes

—porque pensarán sin dificultad que todo lo han recibido de Dios;  
—porque serán constructores de reconciliación y de paz en las comunidades;  
—porque no les importará sufrir cualquier desprecio, ya que en su corazón no anidará ni la ambición ni el deseo de ser alabados.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes sobrios y austeros

—porque les resultará fácil ser felices con cualquier cosa;  
—porque no se lamentarán de verse privados de algo;  
—porque nunca se quejarán de carecer lo que los pobres jamás han tenido

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes limpios de corazón

—porque el amor a Dios, a sus hermanos sacerdotes y a los pobres colmará ampliamente su necesidad de amar y ser amados;  
—porque disfrutarán de una gran armonía entre su interior y su exterior.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes que aman la pobreza

—porque valorarán más la confianza en Dios que la comodidad;  
—porque serán reconocidos por los pobres como sus siervos;  
—porque comprenderán que son más importantes las personas que las cosas.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes obedientes

—porque el Espíritu les revelará el Misterio de Cristo obediente al Padre hasta la muerte;  
—porque sentirán con más fuerza la llamada de los pobres que la llamada de su egoísmo;  
—porque su rostro reflejará la alegría de la disponibilidad y de la generosidad.

### Bienaventurados los sacerdotes que aman su vocación

—porque llenarán de paz y de Dios el corazón de muchos pobres;  
—porque se sentirán alentados y guiados por el ejemplo de María;  
—porque de ellos será el Reino de los Cielos.

Hermanos y hermanas, que el Señor nos dé a Arturo, a Ray y a todos nosotros los sacerdotes la gracia de vivir plenamente estas bienaventuranzas.



# **Primera misa, viene de la página 1**

Arturo quiso agradecer las atenciones recibidas ofreciendo una pequeña presentación artística, en la que la madre del Padre Arturo bailó una danza regional mexicana y dos de sus sobrinitas una versión mas moderna de la misma danza. También su hermana Alejandra deleitó a la concurrencia con algunas canciones.



El Padre Arturo durante la Liturgia Eucarística.

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Niños mexicanos bailando la danza de los "viejitos", un baile folklórico mexicano.

Algunos de los asistentes durante el picnic que tuvo lugar después de la Misa.



Varios sacerdotes asistieron a esta celebración. Aquí vemos de izquierda a derecha a los Padres Nicanor Moreno, de la Diócesis de Celaya, Guanajuato, México; Frank O'Rourke, Director de Vocaciones de la diócesis y Pastor de la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Clemmons; Robert D. Wiesenbaugh, Pastor de la Iglesia de Santa Teresa en Mooresville; Wilbur Thomas, Pastor de San Aloysius en Hickory; Jerome Aungshwe, quien atiende la Misión de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles en Marion; Kieran Neilsen, de Belmont Abbey; Rodney Titus de la Diócesis de Palm Beach; y Fidel Melo, de la Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Clemmons. No se encuentran en la foto el Padre Ken Whittington, y los diáconos Dean Cesa, James Johnson y Carlos Medina.





## Reforzando las redes del ministerio hispano

Quien ha tenido la oportunidad de celebrar la Eucaristía con distintas comunidades hispanas, se ha dado cuenta que las canciones y ritmos musicales de una Misa mexicana, portorriqueña, salvadoreña o cubana pueden ser muy distintos. Sin embargo hay una canción que se puede escuchar en cualquier parte de los Estados Unidos y que, al parecer, la gente nunca se cansa de cantar. Esta canción, que incluso se ha traducido al inglés, habla de un llamado personal, de una mirada a los ojos, de embarcarse con Jesús y de redes: Pescador de hombres y mujeres.

El mensaje central de tan popular canción se refiere al encuentro personal con Jesús, *conversión*, y a su invitación a caminar con El hacia el Reino de Dios, *envío*. Por otro lado, las *redes se refieren a los medios o instrumentos por los cuales la Iglesia pesca, evangeliza*.

**Redes grandes y fuertes.** — Si aplicamos la imagen de las redes a la pastoral hispana en Estados Unidos, se puede decir que los tres encuentros nacionales de pastoral hispana y el Plan Pastoral Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano, han sido redes grandes y fuertes para una pesca abundante en los últimos veinticinco años. Gracias a estas redes, la participación de los hispanos en la vida de la Iglesia ha ido en aumento y las estructuras del ministerio hispano se han multiplicado y fortalecido.

Desde la promulgación del Plan Pastoral Nacional en 1987, el número de oficinas diocesanas para el Ministerio Hispano ha aumentado significativamente. Además, se han creados diversas organizaciones nacionales como la Asociación Nacional de Directores Diocesanos para el Ministerio Hispano, la Organización Nacional para Catequesis Hispana y el Concilio Nacional Católico para el Ministerio Hispano. Las organizaciones nacionales que ya existían se han mantenido y, en algunos casos, se han afianzado.

**Crecimiento y nuevos retos.** — Durante la última reunión del Comité de Obispos para Asuntos Hispanos, en enero pasado en Dallas, Texas, el monseñor Agustín Román, obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Florida, hizo referencia al gran éxito del III Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral y cómo éste fue posible gracias a que se contó con una estructura adecuada y a un espíritu de Pastoral de Conjunto.

No cabe duda que los recursos con que cuenta el ministerio hispano hoy en día, son más numerosos que lo que había disponible en tiempos del III Encuentro. Por ejemplo, el Comité de Obispos para Asuntos Hispanos es ahora permanente; La Asociación Nacional de Directores Diocesanos para el Ministerio Hispano, con su representación regional, tiene un gran potencial de trabajo y coordinación con las oficinas regionales ya existentes; el número de organizaciones hispanas y de profesionales trabajando en las estructuras eclesiales es mucho mayor.

Sin embargo, el crecimiento y diversificación en la estructura, las caras nuevas en el ministerio hispano en todos los niveles y la realidad global de la misma, han superado el consenso una

vez logrado.

Las distintas organizaciones parecen tener el mismo objetivo, pero aún no se ha logrado un objetivo común.

**Hacia un nuevo consenso.** — La necesidad de continuar fortaleciendo la red estructural de la pastoral hispana a todos los niveles ministeriales es de vital importancia para toda la Iglesia. Con más de veinte millones de católicos hispanos y en la alborada del Tercer Milenio, el reto de una Nueva Evangelización viene con una nota de urgencia para quienes llevan el liderazgo de la pastoral hispana a lo largo y ancho del país.

Como una respuesta a este reto, durante los próximos tres años, el Comité de Obispos para Asuntos Hispanos y el Secretariado para Asuntos Hispanos, dedicarán una buena parte de su tiempo y energías al fortalecimiento de la estructura nacional del Ministerio Hispano.

El obispo Gerald Barnes, presidente del Comité de Obispos para Asuntos Hispanos, enfatiza la necesidad de un proceso para fomentar las nuevas relaciones interpersonales y organizacionales que ayude a crear la visión del futuro y el nuevo consenso para el Tercer Milenio. La iniciativa de fortalecer la red del ministerio hispano, es un gran signo de esperanza para la comunidad católica hispana y para la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos. En ella se refleja un análisis adecuado de la realidad nacional y se expresa un entusiasmo contagiante por caminar juntos y fortalecidos hacia el nuevo milenio.

**Una buena oportunidad para comenzar.** — Este compromiso se extiende al resto del liderazgo en el país. No es una casualidad que la Asociación Nacional de Directores Diocesanos haya elegido como tema de su próxima conferencia: *"Del Tercer Encuentro al Tercer Milenio"*. Esta convocatoria, la cual se llevará a cabo del 23 al 25 de junio de 1997, en Denver, Colorado, puede ser un buen comienzo para generar una dinámica de encuentro y colaboración que apunten hacia una Pastoral de Conjunto renovada. Quizás este evento sea el primer paso hacia un IV Encuentro; hacia la creación de otra gran red que traiga abundante pesca. Quizás de lugar a una canción que los hispanos católicos, en compañía de sus pastores y del resto de la Iglesia, cantan con mucha armonía, la canción del Pescador.

Para ello contamos con una rica historia y una cultura católica, elocuentemente descritas en la publicación más reciente de los obispos sobre los hispanos: *La Presencia Hispana en la Nueva Evangelización en los Estados Unidos*. Contamos con la iniciativa de los obispos; con una red ministerial con gran capacidad de crecimiento y, sobre todo, con la compañía y las promesas de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el pescador por excelencia que nos ha llamado a buscar junto a El otro mar: el del Reino de Dios.

(Artículo tomado de "En Marcha", boletín informativo del Secretariado para Asuntos Hispanos, 3211 4<sup>th</sup> St., NE, Washington, DC 20017)

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# Graduates Earn Over \$2 Million in Scholarships

Graduates of the Diocese of Charlotte's two high schools, Bishop McGuinness in Winston-Salem and Charlotte Catholic, were collectively offered more than \$2 million in scholarships and other awards recently as the 1996-97 school year came to a close. The following lists the accepted scholarships.

Members of the BMHS class of 1997 received the following scholarships, awards and recognitions:

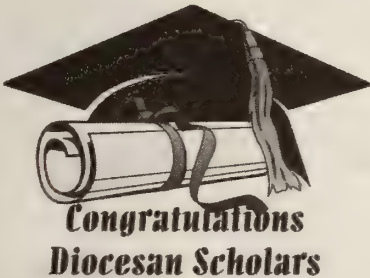
**Carolina Asconape:** Indiana University Faculty Award; **Nathan Byerly:** High Point University Presidential Scholarship; **Patricia Habib:** Holshouser Scholarship at St. Andrews College; **Kristy Hoffman:** University Scholarship to the Franciscan University of Steubenville; **Allan Huebner:** U.S. Navy Reserve Officers

Training Corps Scholarship to be used at Notre Dame University (full scholarship); Winston-Salem Exchange Club's Youth of the Year Award; Winston-Salem Elks Lodge 2nd Place Award for Most Valuable Student; North Carolina Baptist Hospital Merit Scholarship; Knights of Columbus "Pro-Deo/Pro Patria" Scholarship; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution North Carolina's Good Citizen Award; U.S. Army ROTC Scholarship; **Alkeisha Guthrie:** Queens College Achievement Award; **Erin Leonard:** William Plumber Jacobs Leadership Scholarship to Presbyterian College; Presbyterian College Honor Scholarship; **Elizabeth Luckhart:** Catholic Scholarship at Belmont Abbey College; Leadership Scholarship at Belmont Abbey College; Academic Scholarship at Belmont Abbey College; **Patrice Moorefield:** Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship; **Jenny Moser:** Sara Lee Merit Scholarship; **Elizabeth Saintsing:** Achievement Scholarship at Guilford College; **Christian Schroeder:** Knights of Columbus Award; **Zane Sharpe:** Tennis Scholarship at Appalachian State University; **Jean Shaw:** Scholars Award at Hollins College; Sara Lee Merit Scholarship; **Joshua Simmons:** Belmont Abbey College Catholic Scholarship.

Members of this year's CCHS graduating class accepted the following scholarships, grants and awards:

**Casey Allison:** North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship; **Kim Angelon:** University of North Carolina-Asheville's Fligel & Rocamora Scholarship; CCHS Crabtree Memorial Scholarship; **Courtney Austin:** Queens College Trustee Scholarship; Queens College Art Scholarship; **Jessica Bednarcik:** Clemson University Charlotte Club Scholarship; Clemson University Prince Alumni Scholarship; Clemson University out-of-state waiver;

Clemson University Presidential Scholars Award; Rotary Club Youth Recognition Scholarship; **Jacqueline Brunetti:** University of North Carolina-Asheville's Founder's Award; **Patricia Bushman:** Cracker Barrel Foundation Scholarship; **Abigail Buzelli:** Belmont Abbey Catholic Scholarship; Belmont Abbey Leadership Scholarship; **Theresa Carosella:** CCHS Megan Healy Memorial Scholarship; **Cortney Chatman:** Salem College Scholarship; **Craig Chepke:** Duke University Benjamin N. Duke Scholarship Finalist; Tandy Technology Scholars — Outstanding Student;



**Margaret Clayton:** University of South Carolina Scholar's Award; University of South Carolina out-of-state waiver; **Gregg Doule:** Virginia Tech Marshall Hahn Engineering Scholarship; Virginia Tech Faculty

Honor Scholarship; Virginia Tech Men's Swimming Scholarship; **Matt Dunne:** Lynchburg College Alumni Scholarship; **Lorraine Elliot:** Donald Beggs Scholarship to be used at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; UNC-CH Pogue Scholarship; UNC-CH North Carolina Merit Award; **Kristen Grauman:** Boston College Presidential Scholarship; Service Merchandise Scholarship; Jobst Scholarship for Boston College; Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship; CCHS Alumni Association Scholarship; **Jordan Groomes:** Run for Peace Scholarship to be used at Greensboro College; **Stephen Healy:** Appalachian State University Bob Allen Scholarship nominee; **Jeff Heybruck:** Guilford College Honors Scholarship; **Natalie Holst:** College of Charleston Buell Alumni Scholarship; **Irenose Idehenre:** University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill National Science Foundation Scholarship; **Joanne Jemsek:** Queens College Mecklenburg Scholar; **Tara Kincaid:** Catholic University Gibbons Scholarship; **Greg LaCava:** Virginia Tech Faculty Honor Scholar Award; Virginia Tech-sponsored National Merit Scholarship finalist; **Joe Ludes:** University of North Carolina-Asheville's Founders Award; **Jameelah Melton:** National Achievement Scholarship; University of North Carolina's Pogue Scholarship; **Nicholas Souders:** Target All-Around Scholarship; Thomas More College Trustee Scholarship; **Laura Stephens:** Queens College Trustee Scholarship; **Patti Sullivan:** Catholic University Scholarship; **Beau Trincia:** CCHS Crabtree Memorial Scholarship; **Bart Walker:** University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Morehead Scholar; National Gypsum Corp. Scholarship; **David Wallace:** Queens College Belk Scholarship; Queens College Alumni Scholarship; **Andy Warnement:** University of Notre Dame Scholar.

## At Work In The Diocese: Catholic Daughters

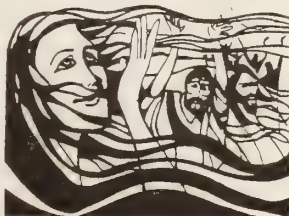
LENOIR —The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court in North Carolina is collecting funds throughout the state to benefit the Alzheimer's Safe Return Project. Members of Court St. Clare held a successful drive in the spring at local Wal-Mart and K-Mart stores.



WILMINGTON — Catholic Daughters of the Americas national director Maureen Daughtry of Durham installed the newly formed Court Immaculate Conception #2444. The officers of the new court are Regent Catherine Mary Bennett, Vice-Regent Anne Hamilton, Treasurer Mildred Poletti, Financial Secretary Anna Hamlett and Recording Secretary Linda Wodall. State Regent Lucille Kroboth of Charlotte and several state dignitaries were present to welcome and congratulate the charter members.

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## Msgr. Duncan Honored At Anniversary Mass

HIGH POINT — Msgr. Arthur Duncan (pictured in center) was recently honored with a special Mass at Maryfield Nursing Home to commemorate his 50th anniversary of ordination. Pictured from left are concelebrants Father John Murphy; Father Philip Kollithanath; the Very Rev. Joseph Kelleher, vicar of the Winston-Salem vicariate; and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Murphy. Not pictured are concelebrants Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley and Father Patrick Gavigan. Msgr. Duncan was also honored by the Knights of Columbus in High Point as well as by friends and parishioners from Mt. Airy, where the monsignor served as pastor at Holy Angels Church for 14 years.

## MACS Teachers Awarded Grants

CHARLOTTE — A group of Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) teachers have been named grant recipients for educational excellence for the 1997-98 school year.

Created in 1996 by the MACS Education Foundation, the grant program enhances MACS teachers' abilities to provide a quality Catholic education. Twelve grants totaling \$6,000 were awarded. Grant recipients and their programs included:

- Carol Breerwood and Janet Ickert, "My Teacher Doesn't Have Any of the Answers," Holy Trinity Middle School;
- Carole Breerwood, "It's Write for Me!," Holy Trinity;
- Maria Zancanaro, "Making Cent\$," All Saints School;
- Mary Lou Marston, "Celebrating 35 Years of Expanding International Horizons," St. Ann School;
- Lisa Horton, "Space Ship Galaxy," St. Ann;
- Debbie Butler, Lynn Clouden,

Christine O'Connor, and Marion Scherger, "Science to the Letter," St. Gabriel School;

- Sue Cornish and JoAnn Soporowski (awarded two grants), "Resource Center, Grades TK-2" and "Resource Center, Grades 3-5," St. Gabriel;
- Grace Gignac, "Student Typing," St. Gabriel;
- Marjorie Bazluki, Sue Cornish, Donna Gossage, and JoAnn Soporowski, "Think-Pair-Share Literature Circle," St. Gabriel;
- Nicole Doule, Meg Luby, JoAnn Rich, and Gretchen Vanderboegh, "Enrichment Through Trade Books," St. Gabriel;
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## St. Gabriel Parishioner Receives Senior Of The Year Award

CHARLOTTE — At a recent commemoration of 155 teen-agers' dedication to academics and community, Myers Park High School senior and St. Gabriel Church parishioner Sarah Rapisardo received the Mecklenburg County Senior of the Year Award.

Rapisardo, 18, is one of seven high school seniors from across a 15-county region so honored at *The Charlotte Observer* 38th Annual All-Star Scholars Banquet last month at the Westin Hotel. Members of the group were chosen by high school officials and were judged by a panel of local university, college and newspaper representatives. Award winners each received a \$500 scholarship.

Attending the banquet were 155 students from 76 public and private schools in the Carolinas. Individual schools selected their "all stars," nominating one of them for the Senior of the Year Award. From the field of 19 Mecklenburg County candidates for the award, Rapisardo was declared the winner.

A volunteer with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Red Cross, Rapisardo also serves her parish community through her teaching in the faith formation program. She is a member of the International Baccalaureate program at Myers Park High. A Pepsi-Cola Scholar Athlete, she is also an avid soccer player and cross-country runner.

Noted by the judges for her sense of humor and "a remarkable appreciation of the complexity that makes issues tough," Rapisardo graduated among the top 10 students of her class earlier this month.

Father Dennis Kuhn, parochial vicar of St. Gabriel Church, knows Rapisardo as a person of faith and service. "She has been very dedicated to teaching preschool for the parish religious education



Rapisardo

Rapisardo is the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Jan Rapisardo of Charlotte.

program," he said. "She demonstrates her Christian witness values through enthusiastic leadership and love of the little children she serves with a sense of humor, and her caring, gentle, kind manner"

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# Graduating CCHS Senior Named Morehead Scholar

CHARLOTTE — For the first time in three decades, a graduating senior of Charlotte Catholic High School has been named a Morehead Scholar.

Barton Walker, 18, was recently named a 1997 recipient of the prestigious full scholarship to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The senior class president is among 68 North Carolina high school seniors chosen for the award, and is the first Charlotte Catholic student to be so honored since 1967.

"Especially with my going to a Catholic school, it was great," Walker said of his hearing the news. "I really felt proud that I am associated with everyone in the diocese and with Catholic schools. I've been glad to have the op-

portunity to reflect on everything that everybody has done for me."

The Morehead covers all costs of attending UNC-CH and provides opportunities to participate in summer enrichment programs. In July he will venture to Montana for a three-week Outward Bound program, sponsored by the Morehead Foundation.

An intensive inquiry process began in May 1996, when the CCHS administration nominated Walker for consideration by the selection committee. As part of the process, Walker wrote three essays on leadership, ethics and an expression of art having a lasting effect on him.

He also listed his extracurricular activities, which have included tutoring; serving as a member of the anti-drug ad-

vocacy group The Standout Club; and leading a senior-run peer group.

From a field of 12 students, Walker was one of four regional candidates selected in March to advance to the final stage of consideration in Chapel Hill, where the Morehead Foundation provided the finalists with an activity-filled weekend and the chance to familiarize themselves with the campus environment.

Following a final battery of interviews, Walker was named one of 68 recipients from the group of 120 finalists.

Charlotte Catholic administrators note that Walker has demonstrated those qualities that the Foundation sought while making its selection: physical vigor, scholastic ability, moral charac-

ter and leadership.

Mercy Sister Paulette Williams, CCHS principal, also called Walker a "quiet leader" who has dedicated himself "in everything from campus ministry to sports."

"His great contributions to Charlotte Catholic are his service as role model to his peers and his willingness to stand for the same Christian values that (his high school) upholds," she added. "By example, he fosters mutual respect and responsibility."

Walker has been a member of the National Honor Society, and he graduated among the top 10 students in his class. He has also served as co-captain of the CCHS varsity football team, an all-county member of the baseball team, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, he utilized his leadership skills through his position as campus ministry coordinator of the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

*Jennifer Sheely, CCHS director of development, contributed to this article.*

## Employment Opportunities

**Part-time Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry:** 12 hours per week beginning Aug. 1, 1997. Responsibilities include: Directing and overseeing the faith formation and youth ministry program for pre-schoolers through adults. Job description and application available by calling: **St. Margaret Mary Church, Swannanoa, NC, (704) 686-8833.**

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Grades 6-12. Full-time position in 1,400-family parish implementing lectionary-based catechesis for all programs. Responsibilities include coordination of all youth ministry activities: faith sharing sessions, retreats, service projects, social events; recruiting and training of volunteer catechists; sacramental preparation for confirmation. Member of religious education team with children's religious education director and catechumenate/liturgy/adult education director. Master's degree or equivalent in religious education or closely related field preferred. Excellent benefits and salary commensurate with experience/education. Position available July 1, 1997. Send resume and reference to: **TYM, Search Committee, St. Patrick Church, 2840 Village Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28304. Contact: Don Bray, (910)-323-2410.**

**Associate Campus Minister:** North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., seeks a full-time Associate Campus Minister to serve on the ministry team. The successful candidate will demonstrate collaborative leadership, excellent organizational, communication and computer skills. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: fund-raising, program development, program management, administration and pastoral support. Position requires an undergraduate degree and previous campus ministry or related experience. Graduate degree preferred. The Associate Campus Minister reports to the Campus Minister. Position available July 15. E.O.E. Send letter of application, resume and references to: **Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministry, 218 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516.**

**Director of Faith Formation:** St. Therese Church, a short commute from Charlotte, with approximately 1,200 households, desires a full-time professional with a graduate (preferred) degree in theology or related field. Requires excellent interpersonal, organizational and leadership skills to direct parish faith formation from pre-school through adult.

**Director of Music Ministry:** Full-time professional with degree in music or equivalent experience. Requires organ/keyboard and vocal skills; knowledge, appreciation and enthusiasm for Catholic liturgy; ability to work well with people of all ages and musical talents.

**Bookkeeper:** Part-time bookkeeper needed three days a week. Requires knowledge of bookkeeping procedures and basic math. Basic computer, calculator, typewriter and phone skills necessary. To apply any of the above positions, send resume to: **St. Therese Church, 217 Brawley School Rd., Mooresville, NC 28115 (704) 664-3992; Fax 660-6321.**

**Director of Youth Ministry:** St. Leo the Great Church, an active and involved parish of 1,500 families in Winston-Salem seeks a dynamic individual for full-time position coordinating a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle and high school youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Bachelor's degree required. Some experience with youth preferred. Parish will provide on-going training opportunities. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Submit resume and references to: **Youth Ministry Search Committee, St. Leo the Great Church, 335 Springdale Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27104, Attn: Fr. Jim Solari.**

**Director of Volunteer Services:** Responsibilities include: coordinating all volunteer activities both within the church community as well as the external community, and other activities considered appropriate by the pastor and the pastoral council. The position requires a BA or BS degree (or comparable experience) preferably in a non-profit agency or experience related to volunteer activities, or sales and marketing experience. Experience is a non-profit agency or experience related to volunteer activities would be beneficial, as would general organizational skills and working knowledge of computers. For information, please reply in confidence to: **Volunteer Search Committee in care of Father Jim Solari, at above address.**

**Charlotte Catholic High School** has the following positions open for the 1997-98 school year: Religion, business/computer, economics/business, chemistry/physical science, physics/physical science, French/Spanish, learning support and part-time band. For application, call (704) 543-1127.

**Faith Development:** St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Raleigh, N.C., seeks two full-time directors of faith development to serve on the pastoral ministry team. We seek a director whose responsibilities include: Administrative coordination of faith

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## Sara Ann Gillespie, Mother Of Charlotte Pastor, Passes Away

NARBERTH, Penn. — Sara Ann Cullen Gillespie, mother of Jesuit Father Francis P. Gillespie, pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Church in Charlotte, died June 14 after an illness.

Born in Donegal, Ireland, she was a graduate of Camillus School of Nursing and was a devoted nurse until her recent illness.

The widow of the late Francis John Gillespie, she is survived by six children. In addition to Father Gillespie, survivors include daughters, Mary Ann Hauser of Waterford, Conn.; Eileen M. Johnson of Villanova, Pa.; and Kathleen T. Overturf of Havertown, Pa.; sons, Father John Gillespie of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and Jesuit Father Kevin Gillespie of Baltimore, Md.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated by her three sons on June 17, at St. Margaret's Church in Narberth. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, West Conshohocken, Penn.

McConaghy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Jesuit Seminary Mission Bureau, 14 W. Coldspring Ln., Baltimore, Md., 21210, or The Sisters of the Holy Rosary, 205 Cricket Ave., Ardmore, Pa., 19003.

## Diocesan School Board Openings:

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# Diocesan News Briefs

## SPLUNGE in Cincinnati

**SPLUNGE** (Special People Living Uniquely Nourishing Growthful Experiences), an inner-city service experience for youth ages 15 and up, will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 13-19. Previous participants may not attend. Space is limited to the first 25 applicants (five from any one parish). The cost is \$160, which includes a \$75 non-refundable deposit. For registration and information, contact the Charlotte Diocese's Office of Youth Ministry, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, or call (704) 331-1711.

## Faith and Culture Series

**MINT HILL** — A series exploring faith through different cultures continues at St. Luke Church July 24 with a focus on Native Americans. For information, call the church, (704) 545-1224.

## Young Adults Group

**ASHEVILLE** — The Catholic Young Adults Group of Asheville (C'YAA) for single or married people in their 20s-40s gathers after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Eugene Church in the social hall. Call David Hill, (704) 252-7118, for more information.

## Secular Franciscans

**HICKORY** — The Fraternity of Brother Francis meets the second Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m. Inquirers are welcome. Call Bill Brockhoff, (704) 464-5113, or Herman Thoni, (704) 294-0347, for times and locations.

**ASHEVILLE** — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets to share in commitment to the apostolic life of the Gospel the second Saturday of each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence's St. Justin Center. For information call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

## Women of Faith Hoagie Sale

**MONROE** — The Women of Faith of Our Lady of Lourdes Church host a hoagie sale July 12 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Sandwiches are \$3.50 each.

## Group Rosary

**NEWTON** — The rosary is prayed the first Sunday each month following the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.

## Healing Service

**HIGH POINT** — A healing service takes place at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel July 17 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Bruce Simpson, a missionary evangelist from Orlando, Fla., will be preaching and ministering. This service is held at the time of the regular monthly charismatic Mass.

## Baseball and Softball Camps

**BELMONT** — Coach George Conner's annual baseball camps are at Belmont Abbey College on July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1. Coach Mike Pettus's annual fast-pitch softball camp is July 7-11 for girls ages 6-17. All camp hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. Cost

for each camp is \$110 for the first family member, \$75 for each additional member. Lunches and camp t-shirts are provided for each participant. Call (704) 825-6671 for details.

## Young Adult Conference

**CHARLOTTE** — Young adults of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to a young adult conference July 25-27 at the Franciscan University of Stuebenville, Ohio. Cost is \$174, and includes lodging, meals and transportation. Call Michael An, (800) 882-3004, for details.

## 50+ Club Meets

**CHARLOTTE** — The St. John Neumann Church 50+ Club meets July 9 at 11 a.m. in the church hall. Stephanie Roark of Lifeline Screening is guest speaker. A complementary lunch will be served to paid-up members. Cost for guests is \$3. The first payment for the Daytona Beach, Fla., trip is due. For information, call Joann Halger, (704) 535-3745, or Walt Lesko, (704) 535-7723.

## First Saturday Devotions

**BELMONT** — First Saturday devotions are July 5 at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. For information, call Terri or Phil, (704) 888-6050.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

**CHARLOTTE** — A contemplative prayer group open to all people regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation or HIV/AIDS status meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Healing Masses

**ASHEVILLE** — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

**CHARLOTTE** — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

## Charismatic Mass

**CHARLOTTE** — A charismatic Mass celebrated by Bishop William G. Curlin is July 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. Healing prayer teams will be available at 3 p.m. A potluck dinner will follow Mass in the school cafeteria. Call Josie, (704) 527-4676, for information.

## Bible Seminar

**CHARLOTTE** — The Sixth Annual Summer Bible Seminar is July 14-18 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. Call Kathleen Lewis, (704) 895-8470.

## Church Rummage Sale

**LENOIR** — St. Francis of Assisi hosts a church rummage sale Aug. 23. Items and volunteers are needed. Call the

office, (704) 754-5281, for information.

## Vacation Bible Schools

**ARDEN** — St. Barnabas Church hosts Vacation Bible School July 21-25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day for children aged 3 years to fifth grade. Volunteers are needed. Call Leslie, (704) 890-3777, or Katy, (704) 684-7001, after 6:30 p.m. for information.

**GREENSBORO** — St. Pius X Church co-sponsors a Vacation Bible School with St. Francis Episcopal Church for children ages 3 through third grade July 21-25 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed. Call the church, (910) 272-4681, for information.

The Our Lady of Grace Church Vacation Bible School is July 28-Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. For information, call Cathy, (910) 274-3766, or Mary, (910) 294-9125.

**MINT HILL** — The St. Luke parish Vacation Bible School is July 21-25 from 6:15-8:45 p.m. each evening. A \$5 per child donation is requested. To register or for information, call Kathy Capps, (704) 845-2964.

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The Our Lady of Mercy parish Vacation Bible School is July 14-18 in the school from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Call Sister Angela Case, SSJ, (910) 722-7001, to register or volunteer.

## RAIN Golf Tournament

**CHARLOTTE** — The 2nd Annual Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) Golf Tournament is Sept. 29 at Raintree Country Club. Tournament highlights include 36 holes of golf, food and prizes. Call Marge Aultman, (704) 846-0781, for information.

## Grief Support Groups

**WINSTON-SALEM** — A grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Conference Room A. For information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

**CHARLOTTE** — The Grief Group meets Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel parish Family Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets Thursdays from 12-1:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Family Room.

Call B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5049, for information.

## Catholic Singles

**CHARLOTTE** — Catholic Singles of Charlotte II is a social and spiritual group (not a dating service or support group) for singles aged 30-50. Events are held weekly and are open to all newcomers. Call Kathy Baldo, (704) 552-2401, for information.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**NEWTON** — Eucharistic Adoration is the first Friday each month at St. Joseph Church following 12:10 p.m. Mass and lasting until 10 p.m.

**DENVER** — Nocturnal Adoration is

the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

**ASHEVILLE** — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every first Saturday at St. Joan of Arc Church from 2-4 p.m. in the chapel area. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

**HICKORY** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339 or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

**GREENSBORO** — St. Paul the Apostle Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. every first Friday and ending at 9 a.m. Saturday. Call (910) 294-4696 for information.

## Engaged Encounter

**HICKORY** — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

**HICKORY** — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

## Living Waters Retreats

**MAGGIE VALLEY** — "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" is a July 10-16 nature retreat directed by Sister Fran Grady, SCL, focusing on expression of prayer through different art forms and the Word. Cost is \$250.

"A Taste of Silence" is a July 18-24 retreat directed by Father Carl J. Arico focusing on contemplative prayer. Cost is \$250.

"Cantic of the Creatures" is a July 25-31 retreat directed by Father Leon Flaherty, CPPS, and Sister Diane Couture, SSJ, focusing on singing God's praises through contemplation in the mountain woods. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.

## Correction

A news brief inviting readers to participate in a "Faith in Art" exhibit at St. Eugene Church in August was inadvertently included in the Diocesan News Briefs (June 13 issue). The event is intended for St. Eugene parishioners only. We apologize for any confusion.



# World And National News Briefs



**Teresa And Diana**  
— Britain's Princess Diana holds hands with Mother Teresa after the two met briefly at the Missionaries of Charity home in the Bronx section of New York June 18. Mother Teresa has been in the United States since late May. Diana has been attending an array of charity fund-raisers in the States.

CNS photo from Reuters

## Charges Dismissed Against School Of The Americas Protesters

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Charges have been dismissed against 12 people who took part in an April 28 protest at the Pentagon against the School of the Americas. The charges were dismissed with prejudice earlier this month at the U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., near the Pentagon, meaning they could be refiled if those arrested engage in further misconduct. "That could come back to haunt us," Marie Richardson, director of the Washington office of SOA Watch, told Catholic News Service. The group is planning a massive civil disobedience action at Fort Benning, Ga., home of the School of the Americas, on Nov. 16, the eighth anniversary of the Jesuit murders in El Salvador.

## Bishops Ask Theologians to Help Articulate Catholic Vision

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Two bishops leading workshops at a gathering of North American theologians asked

the theologians to help articulate a Catholic vision that will lead the church into the next century. Both cited the phenomenon of religious illiteracy among U.S. Catholics today as an obstacle to church life. Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh, criticized the "silencing or at least muting of the voice of Catholic institutions of higher learning in the national debates dealing with significant moral issues." He and Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Ala., were among leaders of group sessions during the June convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America in Minneapolis.

## Chinese Catholics Welcome Hong Kong Reunification With Prayers

HONG KONG (CNS) — The Catholic Church in China is welcoming Hong Kong's July 1 reunification with China with prayers and special activities. The government-approved Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in China issued a letter requesting that Catholics throughout the country make June a special month of prayer for the reunification. "We will pray for the stability and continual prosperity of Hong Kong after the handover," Bishop Joseph Zong Huaide of Jinan and Zhoucun, president of the bishops' conference, told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand.

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The 1996 Peterson's publication Smart Parents Guide to College, written by Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, features High Point University.

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## Holy Angels Church

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Vicariate: Winston-Salem

Pastor: **Father Thomas D. Stott**

Masses: **Sat.: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 8:30, 11:15 a.m.; 5 p.m. (Spanish)**

Number of parishioners: **400**



**MOUNT AIRY** — In the early years of the 20th century, the 10 or so Catholics living in Mount Airy were ministered to by clergy from Winston-Salem. As the dawn of the 1920s approached, members of the faith had increased to a number warranting the construction of a new Catholic Church, Holy Angels.

Until 1919, Mount Airy Catholics either traveled to St. Leo Church in Winston-Salem or welcomed clergy from that town into their homes and a local opera house for liturgies. By the mid-

1910s, sporadic visits by Benedictine priests since 1907 were being met with an increasing Catholic population in the area.

Addressing the need for a permanent place of worship, Bishop Leo Haid, the Benedictine abbot of Belmont Abbey and vicar apostolic of North Carolina, purchased a site for a new church in Mount Airy in November 1919. The church, built with white granite found in the region, was dedicated by Bishop Haid in May 1921. Benedictine Father Alphonse Buss was named pastor.

Holy Angels Church gained parish status from Bishop William Hafey of Raleigh in 1930. The first resident diocesan pastor was Father Aloysius Adler, who made his home in the rectory built in 1929.

The Great Depression of the 1930s brought financial hardships to Mount Airy, and the granite quarry from which the stone used to build Holy Angels Church was taken came close to shutting down. Many residents, Catholics among them, were forced to relocate to find work, and the congregation of Holy Angels Church dwindled.

The parish did recover, and by the 1950s a number of converts were adding to a growing population of Catholics in Surry County. Appointed pastor in 1953, Father Maurice Spillane also played a key role in the construction of a church about 35 miles to the southwest, St. Stephen in Elkin.

Also during Father Spillane's pastorate, parishioners living along Highway 58/221 in Virginia began making their way to Mount Airy for Mass. Several years later they began a parish centered in Woodlawn, Va., and built a church placed under the patronage of St. Joseph.

Acquisitions of property during the 1960s-'70s broadened the church grounds in Mount Airy. The church, rectory and a house used for catechetical and social events

were refurbished as well.

Father Arthur Duncan arrived at Holy Angels in November 1980. For the next 14 years he ministered to a growing congregation, and during his time there he was named a prelate of honor (monsignor) by then-Bishop John F. Donoghue of Charlotte. Msgr. Duncan led efforts to build a parish hall; parishioners broke ground in June 1993 and the hall was dedicated in January of the following year. Named the Duncan Center, the hall honors the pastor who served as shepherd in Mount Airy until his retirement in December 1994.

Following Msgr. Duncan's retirement, the Holy Angels family continued to enlarge. A variety of parish programs have been added during the pastorates of Father Richard Contiliano and Father Thomas Stott.

Father Stott, present pastor, assumed responsibility for the parish in July 1996. In addition to an active Knights of Columbus council and ongoing financial support of diocesan seminarians, parish outreach also includes an active ministry for the Hispanic community in Surry County, whose members compose about 30 percent of the Holy Angels congregation. A collection of about 200 saints' relics is also located at the church, and is available for public veneration. The relics, obtained by Father Stott over the years, were featured in a recent issue of Extensions magazine, a publication of The Catholic Church Extension Society.

About 400 Catholics make up the registered congregation of Holy Angels Church, one of the northernmost parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte.

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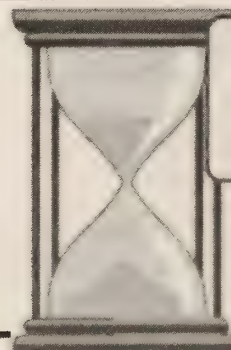
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## Court's Last Round Leaves Workload For Church Interests

WASHINGTON (CNS) — One effect of the Supreme Court's last flurry of rulings this June is that they created lots of work for Catholic and public school administrators, religious rights activists, and opponents of assisted suicide.

In the last few days of the court's 1996-97 term, the justices ruled in major cases having to do with physician-assisted suicide, federally funded education programs in religious schools, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and censorship of the Internet.

The week's tally left plenty of work in responding to those rulings at the national and local levels of the U.S. church for attorneys, school administrators, pro-life activists and state Catholic conference lobbyists.

In the most far-reaching case, the court on June 26 unanimously upheld state laws prohibiting assisted suicide, while leaving open the possibility that states might decriminalize the act.

The cases arose as terminally ill patients from New York and Washington and their doctors challenged long-standing laws making assisted suicide a crime. The 2nd and 9th U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals found a right to physician-assisted suicide under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

The nine justices rejected those decisions, saying the state laws prohibiting suicide remain valid. But within the 112 pages of main and supporting opinions, they left open the possibility of future rulings permitting assisted suicide under circumstances other than those presented by *Vacco vs. Quill* and *Washington vs. Glucksberg*.

Some analysts say that might include upholding a law like Oregon's 1994 voter initiative legalizing doctor-assisted suicide, which is currently on appeal to the Supreme Court, and is again on the ballot for this November.

Mark Chopko, general counsel to the U.S. Catholic Conference, which filed friend-of-the-court briefs in favor of upholding the Washington and New York laws, said the opinion was "a better decision than I had reason to hope for."

Despite the openings he agrees the opinions leave for state laws that might permit assisted suicide, Chopko said he was encouraged by the emphasis in the rulings on alternatives to suicide, such as better palliative care and sedation for those nearing the end of their lives in pain.

In response to the rulings, pro-life groups said their focus must be on public education as states individually are likely to begin considering laws to legalize or decriminalize assisted suicide.

And physicians acknowledged that their profession and medical schools need to work on better training about end-of-life issues such as depression, loneliness and pain that lead some people to consider assisted suicide.

In a case likely to have more subtle but also far-reaching effects, the court on June 25 said Congress had no constitutional right to try to get around the Supreme Court's religious rights rulings by passing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

In a 6-3 opinion in a case involving a Catholic parish in Boerne, Texas, in the San Antonio Archdiocese, the court rebuked Congress for overstepping its constitutional authority with the 1993 law.

The case arose when St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Boerne relied on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, known as RFRA, to challenge a historic preservation law preventing it from tearing down and rebuilding its church.

RFRA was passed after a bipartisan, ecumenical collaboration to reverse the effects of the Supreme Court's 1990 *Smith vs. Employment Division* ruling, which said the religious rights of an employee to smoke peyote during a Native American ritual were superseded by an Oregon state law making the hallucinogenic substance illegal.

While St. Peter's still has legal options for pursuing its expansion plans, the Supreme Court's action quickly raised a call to arms from Congress and a diverse coalition of religious and civil rights organizations.

"The Supreme Court has thrown down the gauntlet," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "We intend to pick it up."

Most congressional members of the coalition said they would seek a new law restoring RFRA's key points, but others pressed for a controversial constitutional amendment to defend religious rights.

From Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger M. Mahony issued a statement calling for a constitutional amendment.

"Without such an amendment, there looms the ominous threat of governmental intrusion into the spiritual affairs of individuals and religious bodies...." he said.

The USCC has stayed out of discussions about a constitutional amendment on religious freedom.

Principals of Catholic schools were likely to be closely following a third case, *Agostini vs. Felton*.

In it, the court ruled 5-4 that teachers on the public payroll no longer have to stay off the grounds of religious

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**Summertime Fun** — John Joseph takes advantage of a wonderful summer afternoon for some childhood fun. John, son of Ron and Donna Joseph of Jamestown, was adopted via Catholic Social Services International adoption program. The Joseph family were part of 150 who came to Charlotte for CSS's first get-together of families who have adopted internationally. Photo by Joann Keane

### Empowering the Leader Within

## Institute Fosters Life Skills For Teens

*"Say not, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you...." Jer 1: 7-8*

By **JIMMY ROSTAR**  
Staff Writer

GASTONIA — In the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet was assured that adolescence does not interfere with carrying out God's work. During a recent summer week, the 20 teens who attended the 1997 Christian Leadership Institute in Gastonia learned a similar lesson, along with development and empowerment skills that should serve them for a lifetime.

"The youth are not the church of tomorrow, but the church of today," said Father John Schneider, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Tryon and spiritual director of the 16th annual institute, held last month at St. Michael Church.

The Christian Leadership Institute is

designed to help participants realize their full potential as members of today's church. Facilitated by faith formation directors and volunteers, the program consists of skills workshops, discussion groups, prayer and worship time, and planning sessions allowing the teens to put their newly learned skills into action.

"These are skills that apply across the board," said Paul Kotlowski, diocesan director of youth ministry. "(The teens) are going to be better communicators, and they come away understanding interpersonal dynamics. That's going to affect their families, their friendships, their jobs — wherever they're relating to people."

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## Supreme Court Rulings, from page 1

schools when they teach in the Title I remedial education program.

The ruling was praised by public and private school educators as ending a system of mobile classrooms and bused students that had swallowed up hundreds of millions of dollars of funding that could have been used to include more needy children in the program.

Supporters of voucher programs to provide state funds that may be used for tuition at parochial schools also were hoping that the court left them a legal door open in the wording of the majority opinion.

More immediately though, school administrators, teachers and parents are looking at how to take advantage of Title I remedial courses for the first time; where to put teachers for the program now that they no longer are consigned to buildings off campus; and how to comply with new regulations about keeping the role of Title I teachers entirely secular while they're on duty at religious schools.

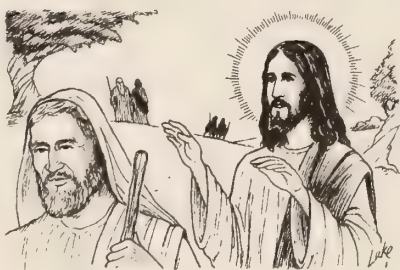
The USCC also followed the Internet decency case, in which the Supreme Court said a federal law designed to protect children from sexually explicit material on the Internet is unconstitutional.

The unanimous opinion in *Reno vs. ACLU* said the law's prohibitions against "indecent" and "patently offensive" materials were too vague and swept too broadly over adult's rights in an effort to protect children.

It left opponents of pornography wondering what the next step will be in trying to keep the Internet safe for minors.

What is needed is "legislation that effectively and constitutionally protects children from unsuitable and dangerous material," Chopko said in a June 26 statement.

## Calling the Twelve



"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick — no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.... So they went off and preached repentance." (Mark 6:7-13)



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His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend William G. Curlin,  
is pleased to make the following  
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**Rev. Robert L. Bazzoli, OSFS**, Reassignment by Oblates of St. Francis de Sales;

**Rev. Paschal Caccavalle, OFM Cap.**, Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Church, Hendersonville (temporarily while Father Alfonso Pagliara, OFM Cap., Parochial Vicar, pursues studies);

**Rev. Robert N. Choquet**, Parochial Vicar, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Franklin;

**Rev. Gerard R. Clarke, OSFS**, Parochial Vicar, Holy Cross Church, Kernersville;

**Rev. James Collins**, Administrator, Holy Spirit Mission, Denver;

**Rev. William Morris Evans**, Pastor, St. James Church, Hamlet;

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**Rev. Anthony Gilborge, OSFS**, Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Greensboro;

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**Rev. John Hanic**, Campus Minister, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, Charlotte, while continuing duties as Parochial Vicar, St. Ann Church, Charlotte;

**Rev. Richard N. Hanson**, Released from special assignment to Bishop Emeritus Michael J. Begley, while continuing duties as Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul, Charlotte;

**Rev. Richard Hokanson**, Pastor, Queen of the Apostles Church, Belmont;

**Rev. Msgr. Joseph Kerin**, Pastor, St. Mark Church, Huntersville;

**Rev. Conrad L. Kimbrough**, Retirement (at his request);

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**Rev. Robert Yurgel, OFM Cap.**, Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Church, Charlotte.

The Very Reverend Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
Chancellor



### Institute Helps Youth Understand Leadership Roles, from page 1



Photo by JIMMY ROSTAR

Meghan Green of Mooresville discusses planning skills with Paul Kotlowski, diocesan director of youth ministry, during a workshop at the 1997 Christian Leadership Institute.

Kotlowski added that an immediate result of the teens' involvement in the institute is the practical use of their skills in the context of parish-based youth ministry.

The ministry director said an emphasis is placed on a "win-win situation," rather than a competition. He and the facilitating team focus on means of communication that promote the participation of every person involved in decision making. What follows is individual awareness of strengths that can enhance every aspect of a person's life.

Understanding leadership roles is a process that involves a number of phases, Kotlowski said. The program explores many aspects of that learning, from analyzing different styles of leadership to discussing consensus-seeking skills.

Jeremiah Linn, 17, will have the opportunity to exercise those skills during the upcoming school year. He was recently chosen to chair the Diocesan Youth Council for the 1997-98 term. Linn and about one-third of this institute's participants are members of the council.

"I've significantly learned from this, definitely," Linn said. "I've learned a lot about how not to use roadblocks when communicating with people."

As a leader, Linn added, one must be sensitive to the thoughts of others.

"You've got to be able to put your feelings at the same level as theirs, because you are just another member of the group," the parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro said. "It's important to hear everybody out."

The participants also spent time assessing ways to intensify their spiritual lives. Daily prayer and worship played as significant a role as the learning sessions, and the teens had opportunities to address matters of faith that need development as well.

"I came here to learn how to become a better Christian leader — and partly to better understand my faith and do something good for myself that involved God," explained Michael Antalejo, 14, a member of Sacred Heart Church in Burnsville.

While participants may attend the institute only once, several have returned to assist the facilitating team. Their stories convey an appreciation for the skills they learned and still put to use. "Everything that you learn here you can apply every day," said Philip Dagostino, who attended the 1989 institute as a parishioner of St. Therese Church in Mooresville. "The program has made such a difference in my life that I've come to give back some of the same things I got from it then."

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Thanking you for your generosity and wishing each of you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Mauricio W. West, V.G.  
Chancellor

Readings for the week of  
July 13 - July 19  
Amos 7: 12-15  
Ephesians 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10  
Mark 6: 7-13



Readings for the week of  
July 20 - 26  
Jeremiah 23: 1-6  
Ephesians 2: 13-18  
Matthew 6: 30-34

Exodus 1: 8-14, 22  
Matthew 10: 34 — 11: 1

Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-15  
Matthew 11: 20-24

Monday

Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12  
Matthew 11: 25-27

Tuesday

Exodus 3: 11-20  
Matthew 11: 28-30

Wednesday

Exodus 11: 10-12, 14  
Matthew 12: 1-8

Thursday

Exodus 12: 37-42  
Matthew 12: 14-21

Friday

Saturday

Exodus 14: 5-18  
Matthew 12: 38-42

Exodus 14: 21 — 15: 1  
John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20  
Matthew 13: 10-17

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15  
Matthew 20: 20-28

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Exodus 24: 3-8  
Matthew 13: 24-30

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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## Pro-Life Corner

### American Life League Testimony

On May 2, 1997, Sheena Talbot, Public Policy Director for ALL, testified before the National Bioethics Advisory Commission regarding cloning. Talbot said, "The power over human beings belongs alone to our creator, God. Humans have no right to exert such extreme authority over the life and well-being of other humans simply because they are too small to be seen. Such an attempt to elevate oneself to the level of God is certain to bring with it inherent disaster."

**The Diocese of Charlotte  
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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**July 12 — 7 p.m.**

Catholic Singles Mass  
Charlotte

**July 13 — 4 p.m.**

30th anniversary of charismatic renewal  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

**July 25 — 11 a.m.**

Mass  
Well of Mercy  
Hamptonville

**July 26 — 12 noon**

Dedication of monument to victims of abortion  
Knights of Columbus Council 10891  
St. Joseph Church  
Asheboro

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Pope Says Mary's Assumption Recognized Her Role In Redemption

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience July 2.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider the dogma of Mary's Assumption. The church solemnly teaches that the Immaculate Virgin, by a special privilege, was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory upon the completion of her life on earth (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 59). In our own century, Pope Pius XII, after broad consultation among the faithful, defined the dogma of the Assumption as a divinely revealed truth which must be firmly believed by all the sons and daughters of the church. The ultimate basis of the church's belief in Mary's Assumption can be found in the New Testament's witness of Mary's perfect union with her son. As the new Eve, fully united to Christ in his life and saving work, Mary shares, body and soul, in the mystery of her son's Resurrection and glorification in heaven.

I extend a warm welcome to the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Melbourne in Australia and from the Archdiocese of Nairobi in Kenya who have accompanied their new archbishops for the reception of the pallium. I also thank the choirs for their praise of God in song, especially the Choir of Lincoln College, Oxford, and the Cathedral Choir of St. Louis, Mo. Upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from Scotland, Ireland, South Africa, Indonesia, Japan and

the United States, I cordially invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope, in Letters To Netanyahu, Arafat, Urges Renewed Talks

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Saying he was "deeply worried" about the stalled Middle East peace process, Pope John Paul II urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to relaunch negotiations before uncontrollable violence breaks out. The pope's appeal came in separate, strongly worded letters to the two leaders. Dated June 16, the texts were made public at the Vatican 10 days later.

### Pope Sends Message Of Support To Hong Kong Catholics

HONG KONG (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has sent a letter to the bishop of Hong Kong expressing solidarity with Catholics in the territory as the United Kingdom prepared to cede control of Hong Kong to China. In his message dated June 24, just a week before the reunification of Hong Kong with China, Pope John Paul assured Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung of Hong Kong that he is confident evangelization efforts in the diocese "will surely increase" in the future.

## Notebook

Jimmy Rostar

### Kuralt Leaves Legacy Of His Example

About a month ago, I sent a letter to one of my favorite people. Included was a copy of the newspaper article I'd written on his recent visit to his home state of North Carolina to deliver the commencement address at Belmont Abbey College.

My letter thanked Charles Kuralt for his years of reminding us that "to be, rather than to seem" is a model of perfection we should all strive to achieve.

Never one to enjoy the spotlight, Kuralt garnered worldwide fame and respect for his life on the road. What he did enjoy was meeting those people who embrace some kind of faith, be it in God, humanity, some cause, effort or project.

And on July 4, Kuralt's awe-inspiring journey came to an end.

People have called him the champion of the ordinary, the best storyteller of his generation, the bard who conveys keen observations of what makes America a good place despite its shortcomings. To me, he was an inspiration whose love for people and experiences transcended time and place, politics and social status, race and culture.

As a youngster, I took an early interest in Kuralt. Even then, I was enchanted with what he did without peer. This native Tar Heel developed essays like no one else could, stories that illustrate what is admirable about the people of this world. Most times, he showed us those stories are easily there for the finding — right in our neighborhoods, at roadside produce stands, at community Independence Day celebrations.

Though saddened to hear of Kuralt's death on this Independence Day, I couldn't help but manage a smile during that hot and humid afternoon. I had traveled to Durham to take in a regional music festival. Between performances, the Carolina crowd received the news

that Kuralt had passed away that morning.

I thought of him throughout the remainder of the day. I thought of his instantly recognizable rhythmic manner of speech that sent goosebumps down my spine every time hearing it, and of his writing that has inspired me again and again. Most of all, I thought of this unaffected, genuine, charming man who found joy in extolling the virtues of the "conspiracy of good people" that he invited Belmont Abbey College's graduating class to join.

I did not have the privilege of knowing this great traveler, although my brief interaction with him in Belmont remains one of my most treasured memories. On that day, I was afforded a spot just feet away from Kuralt as he received an honorary doctorate of laws degree. From that same place during his address, I heard him convey his pleasure in knowing those who uphold "the standards of the graceful and worthy life."

Meeting up with him after the ceremony, I shook his hand and offered my congratulations on receiving the degree. In retrospect, what I was really commending was his example.

"Your companions on this earth need you, and you must put your talent and aptitude at their service if your own life is to have meaning," he told the graduates that day under the spires of Belmont Abbey Church.

I'll never know whether Charles Kuralt had the chance to read my letter and article. If he did, I hope they brought him a smile, for I wanted him to know how fitting I found his message. He looked for the good in all of us, and by his very work he called us to do the same.

Jimmy Rostar is staff writer at The Catholic News & Herald.





## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### A Declaration Of Dependence

Where do we get our rights of free speech? Where do we get freedom of conscience? From what authority do we claim the right to own property? What is the origin of our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? The Declaration of Independence? Think again.

The Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all (men and women) are created equal, that they are *endowed by their Creator* with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Note the source: *The Creator* has endowed men and women with the rights and liberties. In other words, we are dependent on God! All that initial dependence is the foundation of our independence.

In these days when everyone talks of rights and few of duties, it is important to recall that the Declaration of *Independence* is also a Declaration of *De-*

*pendence* on God, and dependence on law as derived from God.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, a renowned Catholic presence on the American stage in the middle of this century believed: "Democracy is based on the divine rights of persons. Each person has a value because God made him, not because the state recognizes him. The day we adopt in our democracy the already widespread ideas of some American jurists that right and justice depend on convention and the spirit of the times, we shall write the death warrant of our independence. When we deny God as the foundation of our rights, we shall no longer have rights."

Sheen's position squares perfectly with the Declaration's author, Thomas Jefferson, who insisted: "The God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gifts of God?"

In the rhetoric characteristic of vintage Sheen: "There is no such thing as saving democracy alone. Democracy is a branch, not a root. The root of democracy is the recognition of the value of a person as a creature of God. To save democracy alone is like saving the false teeth of a drowning man. First save the man and you will save his teeth. First preserve belief in God as the source of rights and liberties and you will save democracy. But not vice-versa."

Many think that God must serve democracy. It is time to affirm the contrary. Instead of judging religion by its attitude toward democracy, we should judge democracy toward religion. A Declaration grounded in a radical dependence on God demands a democracy obedient to a justice born of God and not of expediency, a democracy that gives equal protection

to all. Citizens freed from injustices are free to serve God.

Some teach that freedom of speech and freedom of press constitute the essence of democracy. They are not. They safeguard democracy.

But George Washington said that "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

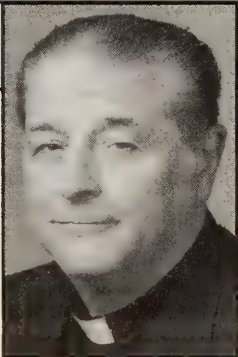
The Fourth of July is a terrific time to celebrate the connection of religious principles and our national ethic. And to be reminded that it is our shared *dependence* on God that breathes continued life into our Declaration of Independence.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "The Power of the Citizen," write to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the *Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### When Divorced Catholics Remarry Each Other

**Q.** Some friends of ours, both practicing Catholics, were divorced. Neither has remarried.

After much reflection and help, they are considering remarrying each other.

We are delighted, but wonder about their status in the church. Do they need an annulment to be remarried at Mass?

Does the remarriage negate the divorce? Will they be able to receive the sacraments?

**A.** Your questions reflect some misunderstandings of Catholic law concerning marriage, but surprisingly they are not uncommon.

Civil law differs much from church law in these matters. If they are legally divorced, they are no longer legally married. If they wish to remarry the state will require a marriage license and a cer-

emony before an authorized person, a judge, for example, or perhaps a Catholic priest.

On the other hand, according to church law they are still validly married to each other, even though they have a civil divorce.

If they wish to remarry, technically they need only the civil marriage ceremony I mentioned. No new Catholic wedding is needed or, strictly speaking, even possible.

Obviously, however, considering the hardships their relationship has experienced and their need for every spiritual help possible to successfully go on with their lives together, a Catholic ceremony of some kind makes sense.

They should receive the sacrament of penance. They could attend Mass, or they might ask their parish priest if a special Mass is possible, to renew their marriage vows, receive the Eucharist to-

gether and get their life back on track with God.

To summarize, a new civil marriage is required. No new Catholic marriage is necessary for them to return to full practice of their faith as husband and wife.

**Q.** The pope's recent positive statements about evolution have caused consternation among some Catholics. My question might be equally disturbing.

The book of Genesis (6:4) says "there were Nephilim on the earth in those days, after the sons of heaven had intercourse with the daughters of man, who bore them sons. They were the heroes of old."

Are there physical beings elsewhere of some higher development? How do we explain such statements?

**A.** For a long time scholars suspected that a variety of myths and legends popular in the cultures surrounding the Hebrew people had greatly influenced the Genesis pre-history stories one way or another.

During the past 50 years or so, discoveries of large ancient Middle East libraries and a multitude of other documents and artifacts have proven the truth of this assumption.

Storytellers and writers who handed down those early parts of Scripture incorporated references to such myths to help make their points about creation and the relation of our world to God.

In fact, the stories in Genesis 1 and 2 contain what is almost a point-by-point refutation of elements in some early pa-

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## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Name-Calling Not The Norm In Family Relationships

There is a TV commercial that, in an attempt to appeal to typical families, ends with two siblings exchanging insults, respectively blurting "Dweeb!" and "Dork!" at each other. While name-calling and sibling enmity may be characteristic of family life, they don't represent the best of family life or what families aspire to. We have a rule around our house that when we are angry at another person, we call them by their first name — not even their nickname or pet-name — only their first name. It's a discipline that started when we were dating. It's become a cardinal rule that has garnered good results for us as a couple and for our family. We know too that this rule, for it to be followed by our children, must be strictly adhered to by us parents. Seldom are we tempted to call each other

"dork" or "dweeb." Our name-calling rule has worked well to keep us from attacking that way, though there are times in our anger that we negatively label each other and our kids: "You're lazy!" "Look at your room! You live like a pig!" "You don't care about anyone but yourself!" In our anger and frustration we have blurted such statements at each other and the kids and we're not proud of it.

However, our name-calling rule keeps such negative labeling to a minimum. And we try to counteract the negative labeling with positive labeling. In the heat of the moment we try to look for esteemed qualities about the person. As we address the problem those positive qualities help us to reprimand in healthy ways, putting our attention on the behavior without attacking the person. Then we purposely invoke their

given name.

Remembering to call each other by our given names reminds us of something very important and fundamental about each of us. For each of us, there is a story behind our given names. When we were given our names, it was in love and with great hope and expectation for our futures. The love that poured over us when we were given our names was pure and unconditional, not unlike the love of God. In the heat of anger, remembering to call out the given name instead of an epithet or a negative label, sets us straight about when the person is that we are angry at: a child of God, a holy creation born with inalienable dignity and always deserving of respect. Many families do this. For some it may be invoking the first and middle

names, for others it may be the entire name. We think it's not for the benefit of the person being reprimanded, but for the one who is reprimanding to remind themselves of whom they are addressing.

When we hear our children lash out at each other with insults, we remind them of the rule. And in doing so, we remember, even in the heat of anger, their given names and their inherited dignity as children of God.

Your comments and personal reflections are appreciated. See our web site: <http://members.aol.com/Lyke2Lyke/fmrflctn.html>. Send e-mail to: [lyke2lyke@aol.com](mailto:lyke2lyke@aol.com). FAX: (708) 481-3501.



# Jubilarians Honored At Anniversary Mass



Jubilarians Honored (From left): Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Murphy, Msgr. Anthony Kovacic, Bishop William G. Curlin, Father Carlo Tarasi, Msgr. Joseph Kerin, and Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt. Not present: Benedictine Father Bernard Rosswog, Msgr. Arthur Duncan, Redemptorist Father Francis Sands, Jesuit Father Francis Gillespie, and Father Conrad Kimbrough.

Photo by JOANN KEANE

By **MIKE KROKOS**

Editor

**CHARLOTTE** — Among them, they represent more than four centuries of service to the priesthood. On June 25, 11 priests who serve in the Diocese of Charlotte — including Bishop William G. Curlin — were honored at a Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral.

Monsignor Joseph Kerin, pastor of St. Mark Church in Huntersville who celebrates 40 years as a priest, delivered the homily to fellow jubilarians and 45 brother priests who attended the celebration. In his message, Msgr. Kerin encouraged his brother priests to celebrate their lives as followers of Christ.

The jubilarians honored were Benedictine Father Bernard Rosswog, celebrating 60 years of priesthood; Msgr. Arthur Duncan, Msgr. Anthony Kovacic, and Redemptorist Father Francis Sands, all celebrating 50 years of ministry; Bishop Curlin, Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt, and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Murphy, all celebrating 40 years of priesthood; and Jesuit Father Francis Gillespie and Father Carlo Tarasi, both celebrating 25 years of priestly ministry.

Also honored following his recent retirement from full-time ministry was Father Conrad Kimbrough, who served the diocese for 19 years after converting from the Episcopal faith.

In his homily, Msgr. Kerin said priests are instruments who carry out the Lord's work.

"Once we recognize the reality of our total incapability to complete the work of God by ourselves, we can be at peace because God takes over," he said. "The work of Christ will be successful, and we are a part of that work."

In his examination of the mystery of the priesthood, Msgr. Kerin also spoke of the joy that must accompany the ordained life.

"How can a priest preach the joy of salvation in Christ and be sad? How can he preach Christian hope and be discouraged? How can he preach the peace of Christ and be disturbed? How can a priest

preach eternal life and be lifeless? How can he preach the loving forgiveness of God and be condemning?" he asked.

"This life does not really have to be one of fear," Msgr. Kerin continued, "but rather, it can be one of gratitude and celebration for that wonderful gift that God has given us, which is life that begins in this world and continues for eternity."

Bishop Curlin, who presided over the liturgy, encouraged his fellow priests to

build, nourish and protect the unity they have in Jesus Christ.

"Don't let anything interfere with it. Don't let the pettiness of the world come and poison our hearts and divide us," the bishop said. "We must care for one another. We are priests in Jesus Christ. We're bound by something which is indescribable — and that unity, that love should be the bridge of all things."

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# Entertainment



'Out To Sea' — Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon pair up as Charlie and Herb in the comedy "Out to Sea." The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

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## "Face/Off" Calls For Audience About-Face

NEW YORK (CNS) — John Travolta and Nicolas Cage do real star turns with dual roles in "Face/Off" (Paramount), but the movie's violence quotient knows no bounds.

Director John Woo knows how to mount a sleek production, set a breathless pace and pack in stunts and action sequences aplenty — but not when to draw the line.

When shoot-outs and explosions occur so frequently and are as protracted as they are throughout this film, they exist for their own sake, not to advance the story. This is murder and mayhem magnified and glorified, even if it is done by a deft director.

The intriguing premise has Travolta as covert federal agent Sean Archer living only to capture Cage's Castor Troy, a sociopathic terrorist who accidentally killed Archer's little boy while aiming at Archer.

Six years later the agent finally gets his man, but as prisoner Troy lies in a coma, it is discovered Troy and his newly imprisoned brother Pollux (Alessandro Nivola) had hidden a time bomb somewhere in Los Angeles capable of killing thousands.

Archer agrees to a crazy plan to have his own face surgically removed and preserved, and have comatose Troy's face put on so he can visit Pollux in prison posing as his brother so he can find out where the bomb is hidden. And only the surgical team and another agent will know it's actually agent Archer in jail.

The plan backfires when Troy wakes up faceless and — absurdly — is able to call his thug pals to kidnap the surgical team and the agent, get Archer's face sewn on, kill the witnesses and then visit Archer in prison, assuring him he will rot there as no one else knows he's not the criminal murderer he appears to be.

Evil and on the loose, Troy poses as the agent, gets his brother released in a plea-bargain deal, and chooses to disarm the bomb, thus becoming a na-

tional hero — who can write his own ticket getting rid of rival terrorists so he and his brother can have the field all to themselves.

Nor does Troy neglect sleeping with his nemesis' wife (Joan Allen), who is fooled, but puzzled by his suddenly seductive personality.

Meanwhile, in another far-fetched action scene, prisoner Archer breaks out and phones his look-alike vowing deadly revenge. The stage is set for the first of many face-offs where the two meet, bullets and bodies fly, glass shatters shimmeringly and cars, boats and buildings blow up, as the two enemies continue to survive for yet another shoot-out, accompanied by ear-splitting explosions.

Cage and Travolta are in top form switching identities, but the several different escapes they individually engineer are simply not credible. The manipulative plot also has a little boy in mortal jeopardy during a fusillade, only to be conveniently adopted in the end as if he could simply substitute for the same-aged boy the agent and his wife lost to violence.

A warped sense of humor is on display as the bogus agent Archer gives his teen-age daughter a switchblade to defend herself on a date — and instructs her on how to do the most damage in one thrust.

Catholics as well are unlikely to be amused by the villain, dressed in priestly garb, acting like a foul-mouthed lecher, and by how a Catholic church is the setting for the final round of shoot-out slaughters.

In this summer of action movie gone overboard on violence, maybe "Face/Off" is the one that will call for an about-face on supporting such crass cinematic overkill.

Due to excessive violence with brutality and gore, sexual references and much profanity and rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997)

Dopey comedy in which a klutzy American (Chris Farley) raised in a Japanese martial-arts school trails a mysterious blonde (Nicollette Sheridan) to Los Angeles intent on rescuing her from a gangster boyfriend. Directed by Dennis Dugan, the Farley vehicle is more silly than funny as his awkward physical comedy fails to compensate for the witless script. Much comic violence and some sexual innuendo. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "The Crucible" (1996)

A group of girls stir hysteria in 1692 Salem, Mass., when they confess seeing some of their neighbors consorting with the devil, but matters get out of hand after a Boston magistrate (Paul Scofield) arrives and the number of accused grows to include the wife (Joan Allen) of a farmer (Daniel Day-Lewis) denounced by a teen-age girl (Winona Ryder) who wants to marry him. Directed by Nicholas Hytner from Arthur Miller's adaptation of his 1953 play, the drama vividly re-creates the period's fear of witchcraft and the children's exploitation of it, though the personal level of the tragedy lacks the same emotional conviction. Period violence including torture and hangings, brief nudity and a few coarse words. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Fierce Creatures" (1997)

Zany comedy in which the staff (headed by John Cleese) of an English zoo resists the efforts of their venal new owner and his son (Kevin Kline in a dual role) as well as their corporate representative (Jamie Lee Curtis) to commercialize their beloved animals. Co-directed by Robert Young and Fred Schepisi, the zippy comedy broadly satirizes rampant commercialization in the unlikely setting

of a bucolic zoo, but the proceedings never quite achieve the intended level of madcap lunacy. Much sexual innuendo, brief comic violence and an instance of rough language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Jackie Chan's First Strike" (1997)

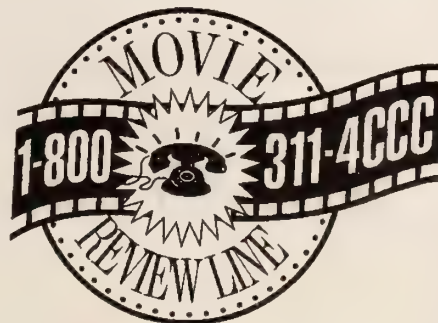
Comic action thriller taking the likable Hong Kong supercop (Jackie Chan) to Eastern Europe and Australia on a wild espionage caper involving a nuclear warhead stolen by the Russian mafia. Directed by Stanley Tong, the plot is loaded with double agents and energetic stunt work, but the fun is more violent than some might want. Martial arts violence, a flash of rear nudity and occasional coarse language. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**

### "Shiloh" (1997)

After lying to his stern but loving father (Michael Moriarty) in order to save an abused puppy from its cruel master (Scott Wilson), an 11-year-old lad (Blake Heron) learns the painful consequences of dishonesty. Writer-director Dale Rosenbloom uses the appealing bond of boy and dog to probe the father-son relationship in a meaningful way but the narrative is too slow-paced and repetitive to be entirely successful as drama. Strong threat of animal abuse and domestic tensions. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.**

### "Summer School" (1987)

A gym teacher (Mark Harmon) becomes a reluctant remedial English instructor whose nonconformist tactics finally produce positive results with a group of impudent teen-agers forced to spend their summer in school. The deals which are struck between teacher and student in writer-director Carl Reiner's light comedy address social and sexual issues requiring a mature perspective. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.**



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# Ready to be surprised by the Bible

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

I spend a lot of time with the Bible, especially with the New Testament. You would think I would know some of its stories extremely well. As a younger man, I thought I

Here are two stories, two parables told by Jesus, that I continually rediscover. Both stories are in Luke's Gospel, and both are in a little commentary (11: 5-13) provided by Jesus on the Lord's Prayer (11:2-4).

One time, when Jesus was praying, one of the disciples asked that he teach them how to pray. Jesus'

Jesus speaks to us. That "you" is plural. From the start, Jesus introduces us into the parable.

The parable is about a friend — a friend of ours.

In the parable, we go to our friend at midnight with a request. Another friend has arrived at our home from a journey, and we have nothing to offer him.

In the New Testament world, hospitality requires offering something to eat. It is not so different in our modern world.

So we go to our friend, asking for three loaves of bread.

speaking, a little host is not enough to sustain us.

Jesus' parable in Luke points in another direction.

In the parable we do not go to a friend to request the bread we need for ourselves. What we request is bread to offer to someone else, a friend who has come in from a journey.

According to Jesus' little commentary, therefore, when we ask for our daily bread, we are asking for what we need in order to extend hospitality to others. That bread includes the Eucharist, the sacrament of hospitality.

Praying the Lord's Prayer together when we gather for the cel-

**"The story suggests that we address God as Father not so much because we know what it is like to be a child who has a father, but because we know what it is like to be a father who gives life — or mother, or life-bearer in some other way. Surprised?"**

The rest of the story focuses on the need to persevere. Our friend is already in bed. He does not want to wake up his children.

Jesus assures us: "I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence" (11:8).

Remember that Jesus' parable on perseverance in prayer is a commentary on "Give us each day our daily bread."

What is "our daily bread"? The expression in the original Greek refers to the bread that is distinctive of a Christian community.

Some say this refers to what we need to sustain us as human beings. The prayer recognizes that what we need ultimately comes from God.

Some say it refers to the eucharistic bread we need as Christians.

At the beginning, the difference was not as great, since the Eucharist was celebrated as a full meal. Today the meal is symbolic. Physically

celebration of the Mass, therefore, we are asking to be a welcoming people, a people of hospitality, as Jesus was.

2. The second story Jesus tells in his little commentary on the Lord's Prayer also deserves a rereading. It is about what a father would hand to his son (11:11-13).

The story is symbolic. It could have been about a mother. Instead of a son, it could have been about a daughter.

And Jesus includes us in the story: "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" The story is meant to inspire confidence in God our Father in heaven.

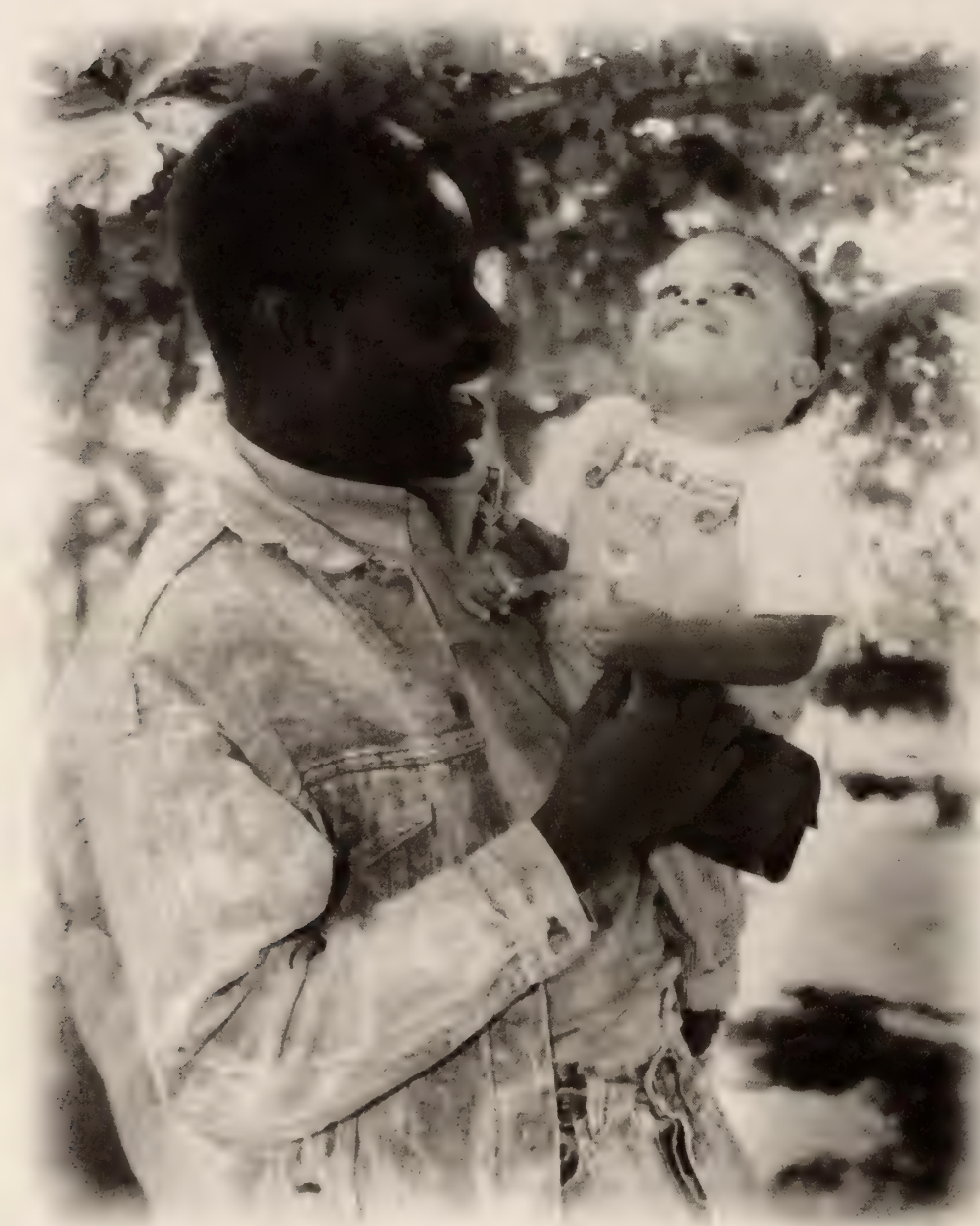
But through this story we see what an adult prayer the Lord's Prayer is.

Like all of Jesus' parables, the story has a point of departure in human experience.

Recall that in Luke the Lord's Prayer begins with just the word "Father." The story suggests that we address God as Father not so much because we know what it is like to be a child who has a father, but because we know what it is like to be a father who gives life — or mother, or life-bearer in some other way.

Surprised? So was I! Something to ponder for the 21st century.

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar and senior editor of *Emmanuel* magazine.)



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knew them. Today, I am more circumspect.

Each time I reread a story I discover something new that makes a big difference for understanding it and what Christian life today is all about. But for that I have to approach New Testament stories with an open mind, ready to be surprised.

Stories in the Bible are bigger than we are.

response includes the Lord's Prayer. But that is only the beginning. Teaching someone to pray requires more than a formula of prayer.

1. The first parable is about someone who went to a friend and asked him for three loaves of bread (11:5-8).

From the theme, we know right away that Jesus is commenting on the petition, "Give us each day our daily bread." From Jesus' application, we also know that it is about persevering in prayer.

But the parable also holds a few surprises, especially for people who think they know what "our daily bread" is all about.

Here is the parable: "Suppose one of you has a friend ..."

Jesus is speaking to the disciples. When we read the parable today,

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## In a Nutshell

- **The Bible is always new. For example, parables are open-ended and speak powerfully to all times.**
- **"Suppose one of you has a friend ...," says a parable in Luke. Thus the contemporary reader is introduced into the story. The friend is not just any friend — but our friend.**
- **The lessons of the parables still apply.**



FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

Why do you think the Bible, which is ancient, can still connect with your modern life?

"It seems that everything that was written is still relevant. For example, when I pray, the Bible says, ask and you shall receive, and that has worked in my life many times." — Ramona Giromini, Armarillo, Texas

"Biblical characters demonstrate to us the benefit of prayer, the power of forgiveness and the value of charity, either through their ability or through their failure to perform certain deeds." — Arden J. Love, South Hadley, Mass.

"Because most of the things that are in the Bible — guidelines for marriage, children, morals and everyday living — apply to me as well as to the people of ancient times." — Henrietta L. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.

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If the biblical "shoe" fits, wear it

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

Gospel parables come with an unspoken message: If the shoe fits, wear it.

Jesus intended the parables for his immediate hearers. The Gospel writers used the parables to communicate to their readers. And today's ministers of the word apply the parables to their communities.

The lessons still apply.

Parables, of their nature, are open-ended, capable of speaking powerfully to people in various ages and cultures.

Luke recorded a parable about a mustard seed — the smallest of seeds (Mark 4:30-32). What is remarkable is that when it's fully grown it's like a tree; all the birds come to nest there.

It's a story for anyone needing patience. The story also prompts us to view the slow pace of some developments from God's point of view.

This parable takes small beginnings seriously. It might encourage teachers and parents not to underestimate the small beginning a child makes in some area of learning. The story might discourage others from slighting the small step taken by an adult who — for the first time? — is beginning to respect himself or herself as God's friend.

It is a good story, too, for anyone discouraged by the realization that so many people still don't grasp the Christian message. After 20 centuries,

shouldn't the church be more "successful"?

But to say that is to view things from our perspective, which is boxed in by time and space. The church, however, is the work of God.

In God's perspective, 20 centuries is a drop in the bucket and the mustard seed has immense value.

In another story Luke tells of a rich man who lives in almost obscene luxury (Luke 16:19ff). At his gate lies a beggar. The rich man and his friends walk around him with eyes averted.

Eventually both men die, and their situations are completely reversed.

It is a striking story, with meaning for every age. Most instructive is that the rich man and his friends do not abuse the beggar; they simply ignore him!

Our affluent society witnesses a distressing tendency to remove the sick and homeless from public view. But disregard for suffering human beings will have frightening results.

On a more positive note, the fourth Gospel records the allegory of the vine and the branches (John 15:1-10). Christ is the vine and we are the branches, intimately joined to the vine as to draw life itself from it. This sharing of the same life-force is the source of our unique Christian identity and dignity. But implicit in it is the vital need to grow in union with Christ. Apart from him we are pathetically helpless.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the Bible's wonders is that it doesn't get old. More than that, it remains new.

I can say I've heard the Bible before, yet I'm about to hear it again — and differently.

How does this work? Maybe in hearing the story before I didn't notice its complexity; I focused on something about it. But now I notice "something" more; perhaps my present circumstances prompt me to notice this.

There is the story in Luke (8:40-56) about Jairus, who asks Jesus to rush to his house because his daughter is dying. Jesus arrives; the family believes she is dead.

For years, what I heard — what I took from this story — was a message about Jesus' healing power. He tells the child to rise, and she does.

It took becoming a father to add the real sound of Jairus' voice to my hearing of this story, thus recognizing another of its levels.

Today I'd also remark upon the thread of the story dealing with the girl. Her worth and personhood are in full view.

"Her breath returned," we're told, as Jesus took her hand. Then he instructed the others to give her something to eat.

David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

Agricultural lessons from Jesus

By Father Paul J. Schmidt  
Catholic News Service

The church is made up of sinners:

- Some of these sinners are trying to live a sinless life.
- Others are trying but have not succeeded.
- Still others have not set sin aside.
- And some do not even know what a sin is.

The fact that good and evil coexist in the church is not surprising. But is it surprising that the owner of the field allows the situation to continue?

There are those in the church today who express a great deal of disappointment. Each parish seems to have a

to save. Surely we are not to give up on our efforts. We must continue to struggle with sin in our lives and our structures.

But we need patience. Don't think that good cannot be done until evil is totally eliminated. We must do the good we can and not get fixated on the evil. We must succeed even while we fail.

Witnessing evil means that we have to cherish the good all the more and work to promote it. Seeing evil in the world does not mean that we give up hope. We must recognize the Spirit at work alongside it, bringing about the kingdom in many surprising ways.

Recognizing this ambiguity gives us humility. The work of the kingdom is not ours alone. Here another parable, from Mark 4:26-29, can give us insight. The seed planted in the earth grows in a mysterious way.



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"Jesus' description captures the essential wonder of the development of a stalk of grain. A hidden power guides the process."

We know more biology than people did in Christ's time and can explain the process of germination in considerable detail. But Jesus' description captures the essential wonder of the development of a stalk of grain. A hidden power guides the process.

So, too, the kingdom of God grows in a manner not totally explainable. It grows "we know not how" in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We may think that allowing weeds and wheat to grow side-by-side is no way to run a kingdom or a church. But how much of someone's anger at the church could be diffused by acknowledging that God's ways are not our ways?

The other thing demanded by this strange manner of running things is forgiveness. If God's kingdom is going to come in this way, we will have to forgive a lot.

For parables on forgiveness, see Luke 15.

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In the parable the servants want to pull up the weeds. The owner refuses to do so. He gives a strange reason: "In gathering the weeds, you would uproot the wheat with them." Somehow, the mystery of evil is to accompany the kingdom until the harvest.

It is strange to propose that a risk exists of destroying what we are trying

group of conservatives, moderates and liberals, who squabble with each other. The human weaknesses of church leaders and members become public scandals dissected by the media. And some stop going to church because of what Father So-and-So did or what Mrs. Such-and-Such said.

A couple of Jesus' agricultural parables can help us deal with this situation.

In Matthew 13:24-30, Jesus tells of weeds growing in a wheat field. "An enemy has done this," the owner of the field says. The servants sowed good seed, but the enemy added weeds.

Jesus says this is how God's reign comes to the earth. The kingdom of God comes in a world mixed with good and evil.





## People In The News



### Eight Mercy Sisters Celebrate Anniversaries

BELMONT — Eight members of the Sisters of Mercy celebrated their anniversaries at a Jubilee Mass June 21 at Sacred Heart Convent. Bishop William G. Curlin was the principal celebrant. Seated, from left: Sister Mary Regina Harriss and Sister Mary Christine Beck, both celebrating 60 years. Standing: Sister Elizabeth Robertson, 50 years; Sister Mary Annunciata Ellicott, 70+ years; Bishop Curlin; Mother Mary Benignus Hoban, 70+ years; Sister Margaret Mary Higgins, 70+ years; Sister Mary Bernarda Hoff, 50 years. Not shown: Sister Mary Patrick Ryder, 70+ years.

### N.J. Bishop Resigns, Coadjutor Succeeds; N.Y. Auxiliary Named

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop John C. Reiss of Trenton, N.J. Bishop Reiss is succeeded by Bishop John M. Smith, who has been the diocese's coadjutor bishop since 1995. The pope also appointed Msgr. Robert A. Brucato, chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York, as auxiliary bishop of New York. The appointments were announced July 1 by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro-nuncio to the United States.

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Seattle Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy, pictured here on Palm Sunday in 1990, died June 26 at age 64. He had been undergoing treatment for leukemia.

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### Archbishop Murphy Dies After Cerebral Hemorrhage

SEATTLE (CNS) — Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy of Seattle died shortly after 8:30 a.m. June 26 at Providence Seattle Medical Center after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage the night before. "The church in western Washington has lost its spiritual shepherd, and those of us who worked closely with him have been deprived of his wise leadership and warm wit," said an announcement from the Seattle Archdiocese. The archdiocese said Archbishop Murphy died "surrounded by members of his staff and some of his close friends."

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## St. John Youth Confirmed



TRYON — Bishop William G. Curlin visited Tryon recently, where he administered the sacrament to teen-aged parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church on the feast of St. John the Baptist, June 24. Pictured with Bishop Curlin, front row from left, are candidates Megan Holcombe, Erin Cunningham and Pattie Smith. Pictured on back row from left are Blanche Holcombe, Nan Cunningham and Pattie Smith. The parish Ladies Altar Guild prepared dinner for families and friends following the Mass.

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**Director of Faith Formation:** Our Lady of the Assumption parish seeks a full-time professional to direct its faith formation program. Applicants with graduate background (preferred) in theology/spirituality/ religious education and experience in parish ministry and a vision for faith formation from grade school through adult are encouraged to apply. Requires interpersonal, organizational and basic computer skills. Good benefits under diocesan coverage; salary negotiable. Send curriculum vitae including three references to: **FF Search Committee c/o Fr. Francis Gillespie, SJ, 4207 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.**

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Our Lady of the Assumption parish seeks a part-time director of youth ministry to work in collaboration with the parish faith formation director. A mature person with experience working with middle and high-school aged youth is encouraged to apply. Compensation negotiable. Send resume including three references to: **YM Search Committee c/o Fr. Francis Gillespie, SJ, 4207 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.**

**Pre-School Teacher:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church MMO/Preschool needs a certified teacher for the three-day (Tue, Wed., Thur/ 8:30-1:30) four-year-old class for the 1997-98 school year. This is a paid position. Call **Lori Schoeneman, (704) 549-0799 ext. 21**

**Secretary:** The Diocesan Office for Youth ministry seeks a full-time secretary for the Charlotte office. Successful applicant will have computer familiarity, especially Microsoft Word and Excel, strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Application deadline is July 21, 1997. Send letter of intent and resume to: **Office for Youth Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28209, Attn: Paul Kotlowski. For information, call Paul, (704) 466-0588.**

**Secretary:** Our Lady of Grace Church has an immediate opening for a secretary with excellent people skills, is well organized and is computer literate using Microsoft Word and Windows 95. Mail or FAX resume to: **Our Lady of Grace Church, 2205 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403, FAX (910) 274-7326, Attn: Tom Johnson.**

**Part-time Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry:** 12 hours per week beginning Aug. 1, 1997. Responsibilities include: Directing and overseeing the faith formation and youth ministry program for pre-schoolers through adults. Job description and application available by calling: **St. Margaret Mary Church, Swannanoa, NC, (704) 686-8833.**

**Associate Campus Minister:** North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., seeks a full-time Associate Campus Minister to serve on the ministry team. The successful candidate will demonstrate collaborative leadership, excellent organizational, communication and computer skills. Responsi-

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**Director of Youth Ministry:** St. Leo the Great Church, an active and involved parish of 1,500 families in Winston-Salem seeks a dynamic individual for full-time position coordinating a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle and high school youth. Good leadership, communication and training skills a must. Bachelor's degree required. Some experience with youth preferred. Parish will provide on-going training opportunities. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines. Submit resume and references to: **Youth Ministry Search Committee, St. Leo the Great Church, 335 Springdale Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27104, Attn: Fr. Jim Solari.**

**Director of Volunteer Services:** Responsibilities include: coordinating all volunteer activities both within the church community as well as the external community, and other activities considered appropriate by the pastor and the pastoral council. The position requires a BA or BS degree (or comparable experience) preferably in a non-profit agency or experience related to volunteer activities, or sales and marketing experience. Experience is a non-profit agency or experience related to volunteer activities would be beneficial, as would general organizational skills and working knowledge of computers. For information, please reply in confidence to: **Volunteer Search Committee in care of Father Jim Solari, at above address.**

**Faith Development:** St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Raleigh, N.C., seeks two full-time directors of faith development to serve on the pastoral ministry team. We seek a director whose responsibilities include: Administrative coordination of faith development team, plus direct responsibility for program development and management in the formation of adults, RCIA and grades K-5. We also seek a director whose responsibilities include: Program development and management in the formation and mentoring of middle school and senior high youths (grades 6-12) using the concept of total youth ministry. Successful candidates should possess ministerial experience in working with children and youth, the ability to form adult catechists and youth volunteers, and collaborative and management skills. Both positions require an undergraduate degree. Send letter of application, resume and references to: **Search Committee, St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 12333 Bayleaf Church Rd., Raleigh, NC 27614.**

**Experienced Organist/Pianist:** Needed to play for weekend Masses and/or other special occasions at St. James Church, Concord, until Jan. 1998. For information and interview, call **Fr. Carboy, (704) 786-9131** or **Jorene, (704) 286-5630.**



# Christians Celebrate Oneness At Ecumenical Event

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

WINSTON-SALEM — St. Benedict the Moor Church and the diocesan African American Affairs Ministry recently united with several Protestant churches as Christians, and African Americans.

Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd, vicar for Af-

rican American Affairs, was encouraged by the spirit of those who attended the weekend celebration entitled, "People of God Uniting — African American Catholics and Protestants Gathering to Celebrate Our Oneness in Jesus."

Likened to an old-fashioned tent revival, the event uniting African American Christians resulted from an inspiration during a night of prayer. Rev. Mr. Todd shared the idea with Mable Stevenson, director of Host Homes (a Catholic Social Services ministry) and also the wife of Grace Presbyterian Church pastor the Rev. Samuel Stevenson. With their support and encouragement, the celebration had a host church and an enthusiastic congregation to carry out the details.

Members of Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ and United Methodist congregations attended the gathering. Many saw it as the beginning of a continuing dialogue which could strengthen the Christian voice within African American communities.

"We should become educated on our differences. There are many myths and stereotypes among denominations which must be eliminated before we can truly come together to focus on the unchurched," Rev. Mr. Todd said. "There are not only stereotypes within denominations, but also among races." The deacon sees this celebration of oneness in Jesus as a way to overcome misconceptions about religion and race.

The guest speaker for the service was Franciscan Father Paul Williams, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Greenville, S.C., and vicar for African American Catholics in the Diocese of Charleston.

Father Williams has served as chairman of the Provincial Committee on African American Ministry, vice president of the National Black Catholic Seminarian Association (NBCSA), and in 1985, was the delegate for NBCSA to the International Eucharist Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. He described the Winston-Salem ecumenical event as a type of revival, bringing Protestants and Catholics together to praise God so they can come together to do His work.

"We need to preach to the unchurched in a unified voice. There are so many people in need of salvation," he added.

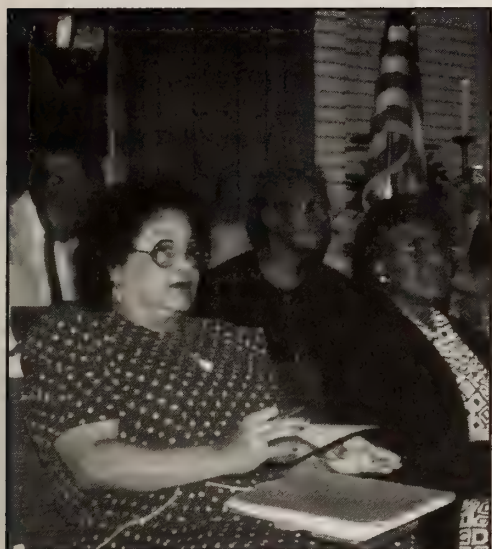


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**Director of Music:** Franciscan parish (1500 families) seeks part-time professional with liturgical music experience. Potential grows to full-time. Requires organ, keyboard and vocal skills, working with youth and adult choirs. Send or fax resume to: St. John Neumann Church, 8451 Idlewild Rd., Charlotte, NC 28227. FAX: (704) 536-3147.

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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Silver & Golden Celebration

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at the 18th Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. All couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 1997 are encouraged to contact your parish office to register for the celebration, which includes Mass and renewal of marriage vows.

### First-Graders Help CSS

CLEMMONS — The two first-grade classes of Holy Family Church's Faith Formation program recently collected toiletry items for distribution by the Winston-Salem office of Catholic Social Services. Members of the classes, taught by Ruthe Hollodick and Liane Thompson, filled 75 bags for the project.

### Catholic Youth Conference

CHARLOTTE — The Diocese of Charlotte's Office of Youth Ministry has a goal of sending at least 40 delegates to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 20-23. Events include workshops, a concert and a dance, and some 15,000 teen-agers are expected to attend. A \$100 deposit is required when registering. For details, contact your parish youth minister or the Diocese of Charlotte's Office of Youth Ministry at 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, (704) 331-1711.

### Separated, Divorced, Remarried Catholics Group

GREENSBORO — The Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics group meets each month for meals and fellowship. Call Gerry Anderson, (910) 856-0390; Mike Bohen, (910) 373-7358; Patrick Tracey, (910) 545-6939; or Lois Vrba, (910) 855-8471, for details.

### Widowed, Separated, Divorced Support

HICKORY — Catholic Social Services of the Charlotte Diocese offers the annual Widowed, Separated, Divorced Retreat Aug. 2-3 at the Catholic Conference Center. The cost is \$60, which includes a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Some financial aid is available. Brochures are available in your parish office, or call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720, ext. 314, for more information. See ad on page 11 in this issue.

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social Services of the Charlotte Diocese offers a monthly support group for widowed, separated and divorced persons. The next meeting is Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1524 E. Morehead St. Call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720, ext. 314, for details.

### Baseball Camps

BELMONT — Coach George Conner's annual baseball camps are at Belmont Abbey College from July 21-25 and from July 28-Aug. 1. Camp hours are from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. Lunches and a camp t-shirt are provided for each camper. The cost is \$110 for the



### BMHS Class of '72 Reunites

WINSTON-SALEM — Members of Bishop McGuinness High School's Class of 1972 gathered recently for their 25th reunion. Events included Mass celebrated by Father Joseph Kelleher and a catered dinner in the school cafeteria.

first family member and \$75 for each subsequent member. Call (704) 825-6671 for more information.

### Media Resource Library

CHARLOTTE — The diocesan Office of Telecommunications' Media Lending Library comprises 1,500 videos, hundreds of audio cassettes and a small book collection. No fee is charged for previewing or for personal enrichment. For use in a class, a nominal fee is charged. Items can be shipped upon request.

This month's video profile:

"McGee & Me! Take Me Out to the Ball Game" tells the story of how Nicholas and his imaginary friend, McGee, learn about faith and trust in God. For children up to the sixth grade.

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### Ultreya

CHARLOTTE — The South Charlotte area Ultreya meets every fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew Church's Parish Fellowship Hall from 1-3 p.m. Gatherings include potluck lunch, meeting and leaders' school. Baby-sitting is available. Call Teresa Sanctis, (704) 541-6850, for more information.

### Faith and Culture Series

MINT HILL — A mini-series exploring faith through different cultures continues at St. Luke Church on July 24 with a focus on the Native American community. For more information, call the church office, (704) 545-1224.

### Alzheimer's Support Group

CHARLOTTE — The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at St. Gabriel Church. The next meeting is July 14 from 2:30-

4:30 p.m. and features a "Reminiscence Group" activity for people with memory loss. Call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720, for details.

### Young Adults Group

ASHEVILLE — The Catholic Young Adults Group of Asheville (C'YAA) for single or married people in their 20s-40s gathers after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Eugene Church in the social hall. Call David Hill, (704) 252-7118, for more information.

### Healing Service

HIGH POINT — A healing service is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel July 17 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Bruce Simpson, a missionary evangelist from Orlando, Fla., will be preaching and ministering. All are welcome. This event is held at the time of the regular monthly charismatic Mass.

### Young Adult Conference

CHARLOTTE — Young adults of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to a young adult conference on July 25-27 at the Franciscan University of Stuebenville, Ohio. Cost is \$174, which includes the conference, lodging, meals and transportation. Call Michael An, (800) 882-3004, for details.

### Vacation Bible Schools

ARDEN — St. Barnabas Church hosts Vacation Bible School July 21-25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day for children aged 3 years to fifth grade. Volunteers are needed. Call Leslie, (704) 890-3777, or Katy, (704) 684-7001, after 6:30 p.m. for more information.

GREENSBORO — St. Pius X Church co-sponsors a Vacation Bible School with St. Francis Episcopal Church for children ages 3 through third grade July 21-25 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed. Call the church, (910) 272-4681, for information.

Our Lady of Grace Church hosts Vacation Bible School July 28-Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed. For information, call

Cathy, (910) 274-3766, or Mary, (910) 294-9125.

MINT HILL — The St. Luke parish Vacation Bible School is July 21-25 from 6:15-8:45 p.m. each evening. There is a \$5 per child donation requested. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. To register or for more information, call Kathy Capps, (704) 845-2964.

### Grief Support Groups

WINSTON-SALEM — A grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

CHARLOTTE — The initial meeting of Healing Hearts, a support group for widowed persons, is Aug. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church in Room 106 of the parish center. Bring a bag lunch; drinks and dessert are provided. For information or to register, call the office, (704) 543-7677.

### Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

### Bishop Visits Franklin Parish

FRANKLIN — Bishop William G. Curlin recently visited St. Francis of Assisi Church to administer the sacrament of confirmation and to dedicate the addition to the church. Concelebrating the Mass were Father Richard T. McCue, pastor, and Father James M. Collins, parochial vicar. Father Anthony J. Marcaccio, the bishop's priest secretary, was master of ceremonies.

Receiving the sacrament of confirmation were: Anne Sechrist, Brian Montgomery, Brooke Taster, Chad Cook, Daisy Landes, Jonathan Kuker, Matthew Brahmer, Melissa Knippel, Nick Birchard, Stacy Cook, and Victoria Brown.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "A Taste of Silence" is a July 18-24 retreat directed by Father Carl J. Arico focusing on contemplative prayer as a key to our relationship with God. Cost is \$250.

"Cantic of the Creatures" is a July 25-31 retreat directed by Father Leon Flaherty, CPPS, and Sister Diane Couture, SSJ, focusing on singing God's praises through contemplation in the mountain woods. Cost is \$250.

To register, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

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# World And National News Briefs



CNS photo from Reuters

**Portadown Mass** — Catholics of Garvaghy Road in Portadown, Northern Ireland, gather for an outdoor Mass July 6 while army vehicles stand guard. The community was heavily policed to allow for a parade of Protestant loyalists. The Mass was held for residents who could not get past police lines to their chapel.

## New Survey Shows Adults Think Youths Devoid Of Values

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A majority of American adults think teen-agers are facing a moral crisis, and view young children in a negative light, too, describing them as spoiled and out of control, according to a new survey. The survey also showed that adults think much of the blame for youths' attitudes rests with their parents. But respondents also acknowledged it is harder than ever to be a parent today and said they still care about the well-being of America's youngsters. The survey, titled "Kids These Days: What Americans Really Think About the Next Generation," was conducted by the Public Agenda, a New York-based, non-partisan public opinion research organization. It was funded by the Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Advertising Council.

## Blind Lector Says She Enjoys Sharing The Word

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (CNS) — When the time comes for Patty Slaby to turn pages as she reads from Scripture at St. Bridget Church, she faces a challenge that other lectors do not. It's harder for Slaby, who is blind, to locate the corners of the Bible pages, which are more numerous because of the larger Braille print and are heavier, she said. For these reasons, Slaby spends extra time practicing the last sentence of a page and memorizes the first sentence of the next page, in case turning the page proves difficult. Aside from these and a few other minor difficulties, lectoring has been a job she enjoys and does well, she told the Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Diocese of Superior. "It just clicked right away. I enjoy sharing (the Word) with others and with other people at church."

## Inmate Executed In Kentucky Found Hope In Faith

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — Before he became the first death-row inmate to be executed in Kentucky in 35 years, convicted killer Harold McQueen Jr. vowed to die with the peace of Christ in his heart. McQueen's attorneys filed a flurry of appeals but three hours before the convict's July 1 execution in the electric chair, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it had denied all remaining appeals. McQueen was ready, said Paul Stevens, a lay Catholic who serves as a chaplain at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville.

## U.S. Religious Leaders Declare America In Constitutional Crisis

WASHINGTON (CNS) — America is in a constitutional crisis, some 40 U.S. religious leaders declared in a July 4 statement. Among the mainly Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox signers were Cardinals John J. O'Connor of New York, Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia and Adam J. Maida of Detroit. The statement was made public July 1 by the New York-based Institute on Religion and Public Life, headed by Father Richard John Neuhaus. Titled "We Hold

These Truths," the 10-page statement urges an end to "judicial usurpation" of America's constitutional government.

## Priest Offers Inactive Catholics A Sympathetic Ear In Cyberspace

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Do you know someone who won't practice the faith because of a perceived problem with the Catholic Church? Now there is a sympathetic ear in cyberspace where inactive Catholics can get things off their chests and perhaps begin the healing process that might lead them back into the fold. Redemptorist Father William F. McKee, who has spent 14 years ministering to inactive Catholics, recently created his own Web site for this same purpose. He is inviting inactive Catholics and all who are dissatisfied with the church to contact him via the Internet at <http://www.jcn1.com/william>.

## Giant Card For Youth Convention Signed By Bishops

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (CNS) — When thousands of U.S. Catholic youths gather in Kansas City this November, a giant greeting card will let them know their bishops cared enough to send them their very best. The card — made of six hinged panels about six feet high by four feet wide — is now filled with messages of love and good wishes from the nation's bishops to the 15,000 teen-agers and their sponsors who are expected to converge on Bartle Hall in Kansas City for the Nov. 20-23 National Catholic Youth Conference.

## Northern Ireland Parish Suspends Masses In Peace Effort

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland (CNS) — A Northern Ireland parish has suspended its Saturday night vigil Masses at the request of police. Announcing the suspension of vigil Masses at Our Lady the Mother of Christ Church in Harryville, a section of the largely Protestant town of Ballymena, County Antrim, parish priest Father Sean Connolly said the move was in the interest of "the greater good of the community." The Saturday evening Masses were to be canceled from June 21 to Sept. 6. For the past 42 weeks, loyalists, who are predominantly Protestant and who support continued British rule in the province, have been picketing Saturday evening Masses at the church.

## Vatican Academy Issues Detailed Report Condemning Human Cloning

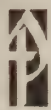
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican issued a detailed condemnation of human cloning, saying the technique would violate a number of ethical norms and turn the human being into an "industrial product." Human cloning would exploit women, bring suffering to the cloned person and lead humanity further down the road to eugenics, or selective breeding, said the statement from the Pontifical Academy for Life.

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Vicariate:

**Albemarle**

Pastor:

**Father William M. Evans**

Masses:

**Sat.: 5:30 p.m.; Sun.: 10:30 a.m.**

Number of

parishioners: **290**

Number of households: **138**



**HAMLET** — In the early years of the 20th century, the few Catholics in Richmond and Scotland counties were ministered to in their homes by visiting priests from Southern Pines, Fayetteville and Wilmington. In 1910, one priest led the effort to build the church in Hamlet that came to be known as St. James parish.

Father William B. Hannon had traveled north in search of donations for the Richmond County church. He was successful not only in attaining funds for construction, but also helped acquire the stained glass windows that

still adorn the present church.

Construction began, and in July 1910 Bishop Leo Haid, vicar apostolic of North Carolina and Benedictine abbot, dedicated the new church, placing it under the patronage of St. James.

By the mid-1910s, the church had already experienced its first major renovation: It was moved a half-block after the town of Hamlet decided to extend its Main Street. The church property lay directly in the path of the proposed extension, and thus the church building was relocated.

Father Paul G. Termer became Hamlet's first resident Catholic pastor in 1919, the same year a rectory was built alongside the church. His pastorate lasted for 12 years.

The parish grew through the years, albeit slowly, and the need for priests in the area became more widespread. Less than 20 miles to the northeast of Hamlet, Camp McColl was established in the

town of Hoffman during World War II. In addition to the regular Hamlet parishioners, priests celebrated Mass for the servicemen, not only in St. James Church, but in local movie houses and a funeral home chapel.

An increase in seating capacity and the addition of a choir loft highlighted remodeling work in later years. In 1967, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate arrived in Hamlet to begin a pastorate that extended into the 1980s.

Parish and community ministries have been established and developed during the past few decades, including volunteering at the local soup kitchen and assisting area elderly.

In 1983, the parish purchased a house located behind the church and began utilizing it as a parish hall and for religious education classes. The hall was dedicated to Oblates Father Fred Gilbert, who served St. James parish from 1972-1986. Father Gilbert played a key role in

establishing a building fund that would serve the St. James community in the years to come.

Another expansion for the parish came in 1985. With the help of Father Gilbert and the hope of building a new church, the parish purchased just over eight acres of land next to Richmond Community College on Highway 74. Plans became reality in November 1989, when Bishop John F. Donoghue of Charlotte dedicated the newly constructed St. James Church.

That same year, the original church building on Main Street was sold to a Hamlet area resident, who remodeled the sanctuary and rectory into a restau-

rant. Father William Evans assumed the pastorate of St. James on July 9. He now serves as the shepherd of a Catholic community whose organizations include a Knights of Columbus council, Altar Society, Over 50 Club and choir, in addition to the parish and finance councils that assist the operations of the parish.

Fund-raisers highlight parish life as well, with annual events such as a chicken and pork barbecue, food booths during races at Rockingham Motor Speedway, and a parish yard sale providing parishioners and community residents opportunities for stewardship.

Almost 300 parishioners compose the congregation of St. James Church, the parish which lies in the southeasternmost corner of the Diocese of Charlotte.



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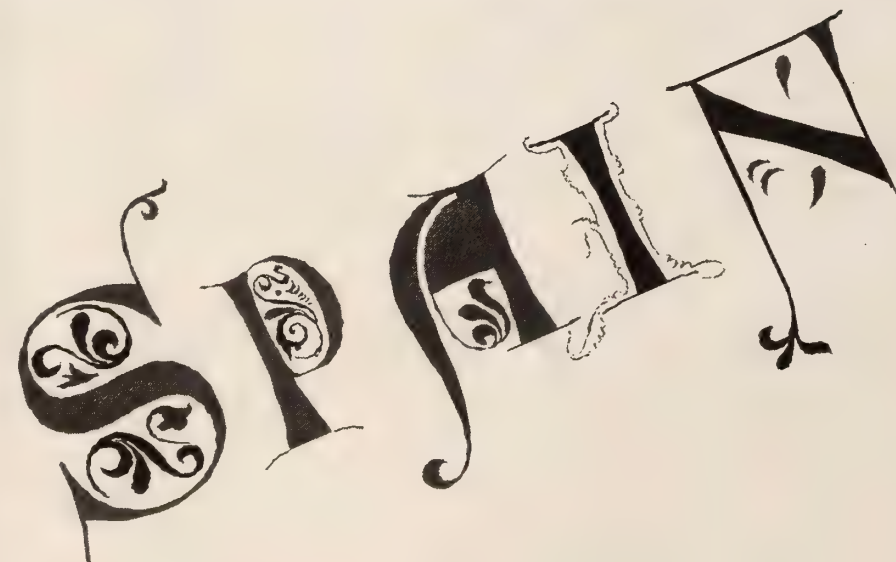
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Kyndall Jackson offers a helping hand as Mariana Danie lands a fish during festivities at the St. Mark parish picnic in Huntersville on July 13. The event was hosted by Msgr. Joseph Kerin, pastor of the newest parish in the diocese.

## Charlotte Delegation Visits Sister City in Poland

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Wroclaw has withstood war, changes in government and the test of time to become one of Poland's top cultural, industrial and religious centers. And recently, a delegation from Charlotte — including two parish priests — embraced many facets of life in a region steeped in history and culture.

Part of a six-person delegation, Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas and Father Frank Cintula traveled to the Polish city, host of the 46th International Eucharistic Congress. At the invitation of the mayor of Wroclaw, the Charlotte Sister Cities Committee delegation were guests of the city government during the Congress.

"We were in the ambiance of a city filled with 20,000 people in Wroclaw for the Congress," said Father Vilkauskas, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Monroe and its mission, Sacred Heart Church in Wadesboro. "But there were also many opportunities for dialogue, and it was a rather broad exposure to the social, cultural, political and religious sense of the place." As in generations past, Wroclaw's culture also involves a vibrant appreciation for art and music and history that applies to citizens of all age groups.

Wroclaw was designated a sister city of Charlotte in 1993. The Sister Cities Committee is a private, non-profit organization responsible for coordinating the exchanges between citizens of Charlotte and the seven cities sharing official relationships formed by municipal governments.

Plans for this summertime visit began a year ago, when Bodgan Zdrojewski, mayor of Wroclaw, invited Peggy Wesp, Charlotte Sister Cities executive director, and five others to attend the Congress and sample the city. Composing that group were Father Vilkauskas, Father Cintula, and Charlotte area Catholics Carlos Salcedo, Jeannine Clark, and Johanna McCloskey, each claiming Slavic roots.

The group's schedule, organized by the Wroclaw mayor's office, included several events of the Congress, meetings with municipal leaders, and guided sightseeing tours. But both priests were struck by simple encounters of the regional charm and its inhabitants.

The entire region of Silesia, for example, is a historic area located in east central Europe along the Oder River basin in southwestern Poland. Wroclaw is one of Silesia's most important cities, founded in the 10th century and serving as capitol of the region during the 1100s. The city has withstood two world wars, centuries of political upheaval, and — since 1991, when the communist government yielded to a democratic one — a period redefining that encompasses every aspect of life.

A central highlight of the visit was the Corpus Christi celebration, where Father Cintula and Father Vilkauskas participated in the Eucharist procession as thousands lined the streets.

Father Vilkauskas, who also serves as diocesan director of evangelization, said the procession epitomized the week-long celebration of the Eucharist — and the ongoing, ingrained faith that exists in Poland, still a predominantly Catholic country despite the adjustments experienced as a result of democracy's taking hold.

"The church functioned for the longest time as the pivotal, most vocal, public and only voice of opposition to the communists," Father Vilkauskas added. "Now the church has to take its own place in the new freedom of Poland. It's a critical moment; the society at large is in a major transition."

The Charlotte group had other encounters with various aspects of the faith in Poland, too. At Wroclaw's city hall, Wesp met with Pope John Paul II upon his arrival to town, and the members were part of the congregation of 200,000 for the pontiff's Mass that closed the Congress on June 1. And numerous conversations with Wroclaw citizens helped delegates understand the view of the faith

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# Fr. Houseknecht Appointed As Vocation Director

By JIMMY ROSTAR  
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin has appointed Father Eric Houseknecht, parochial administrator of St. Margaret Church in Maggie Valley, the new vocation director for the Diocese of Charlotte.

Father Houseknecht succeeds Father Frank O'Rourke, pastor of Holy Family Church in Clemmons, who took part in the young priest's formation as a seminarian. Father Houseknecht was ordained a priest in 1995.

"I express my sincere gratitude to Father O'Rourke for his years of devoted and zealous service as director of vocations for the priesthood,"



Father Eric Houseknecht

Bishop Curlin said. "I look forward to Father Houseknecht's continuing to foster, encourage and nurture vocations in that same spirit."

Father Houseknecht begins his new assignment

at a time when 29 men are entering or attending seminary to serve the Charlotte Diocese.

"I'm thrilled and excited," said Father Houseknecht, whose first priestly assignment was as parochial vicar of St. Patrick Cathedral. He has served in Maggie Valley since August 1996.

"I look to maintain a consistent contact with our seminarians, letting them know that they're not forgotten and that there is somebody out there who cares," he added. "Those are things I appreciated as a seminarian myself."

Father Houseknecht explained that he also approaches his new responsibility as a means of enhancing his own priestly ministry. "Consistently, we're always called to reconnect with what motivated us to become priests," he said. "The sacredness of our callings is truly a remarkable and humbling experience to share with another person. Anytime you minister to another, you yourself are ministered to."

A seminarian's preparation, he hopes to remind parishioners of the diocese, is truly a joint effort. "In a special way, it gives the parish community a sense of pride to know that they are going to be part of that development and formation as well."

# Young Adults Celebrate Their Catholic Roots



Donna Richardson and Andy Getz provide the music for the Mass celebrated by St. Gabriel pastor, Father Ed Sheridan.

By KATHY SCHMUGGE  
Correspondent

HICKORY — Chris Keenan is a professed "cradle Catholic." Born and raised in the faith, Keenan grew up in Rhode Island where there "was practically a Catholic Church on every street corner."

Living in North Carolina, where Catholics compose 3 percent of the population, has taken some adjusting to for the transplanted northerner. "I feel more challenged being away from such a strong Catholic community," she noted.

Keenan was among the more than 20 young adults from St. Gabriel Catholic Church who spent a recent weekend at the Catholic Conference Center taking part in a retreat entitled "Catechism 101".

Like Keenan, the group of young,

single adults in their late 20s, 30s and early 40s shared a desire to step away from their busy lives and focus on what is truly important — learning more about the Church and their faith.

Roberta Ayers professed that she had always had a strong faith but didn't have all the explanations or background she needed as an adult

believer. "During this retreat, I hope to rediscover my (Catholic) roots," she noted.

Darrin Williams admitted that he became distracted with outside interests in high school, and his Catholic education "dropped off." He felt challenged as a minority religion in North Carolina and needed answers to the many questions asked by non-Catholic friends.

The workshops, led by Andy Getz, St. Gabriel parish's adult education coordinator, ranged from basic truths about the faith to attempts to explain some of the greatest mysteries, including "Why did God create man?"

Father Ed Sheridan, pastor at St. Gabriel, celebrated Mass with the

retreatants. Before the service, upon request, he offered a lesson on his vestments and their significance.

During his homily, Father Sheridan related the Gospel reading where Jesus calms the sea to every day struggles. "In our lives, we experience turbulence. We can pray, but we need to recognize we need other people." His message encouraged the young adults to be like Christ and offer that calming influence for others who may be having difficulties.

The participants left with many answers and may have more questions as they begin to assimilate the information they received. Donna Richardson especially enjoyed the discussion on church tradition. "It is important to remember that the Christian message began as an oral message," she said.

As adults exploring Catholicism, the parishioners found that faith is indeed a God-given gift which requires much from those willing to learn enough about it to truly live it.

## Correction

The Catholic News & Herald's July 11 article on the 1997 Catholic Leadership Institute in Gastonia (page 1) incorrectly identified Father John Schneider as the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Tryon. Father Schneider is pastor of St. Barnabas Church in Arden.

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His Excellency, Bishop William G. Curlin, announces the following appointment in the Diocese of Charlotte.

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## Multiplying Loaves



"Jesus said, 'Have the people recline.' So the men reclined, about 5,000 in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining and also as much fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to the disciples, 'Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.' So they collect them and filled 12 wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves...." (John 6:10-13)



Readings for the week of  
July 27 - August 2

2 Kings 4: 42-44  
Ephesians 4: 1-6  
John 6: 1-15

Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34  
Matthew 13: 31-35

Exodus 33: 7-11; 34: 5-9, 28  
John 11: 19-27 or Luke 10: 38-42

Exodus 34: 29-35  
Matthew 13: 44-46

Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38  
Matthew 13: 47-53

Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37  
Matthew 13: 54-58

Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17  
Matthew 14: 1-12



Readings for the week of  
August 3 - 9

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15  
Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24  
John 6: 24-35

Numbers 11: 4-15  
Matthew 14: 13-21

Numbers 12: 1-13  
Matthew 14: 23-36

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14  
2 Peter 1: 16-19  
Mark 9: 2-10

Numbers 20: 1-13  
Matthew 16: 13-23

Deuteronomy 4: 32-40  
Matthew 16: 24-28

Deuteronomy 6: 4-13  
Matthew 17: 14-20



# Church, Community Continue To Pray For Teen's Safe Return



Kristen Modafferi

CHARLOTTE — St. Matthew Church community is joined by parishes across North Carolina and other parts of the country in offering prayers for the safe return of a missing teenager.

Kristen Modafferi, 18, the daughter of Robert and Debbie Modafferi, has been missing in California since June 23. A North Carolina State student attending summer school at the University of California-Berkeley, Kristen disappeared one day after saying she was going to the beach.

Her parents flew to San Francisco earlier this month and spent two weeks searching for their daughter. The FBI and

local law enforcement officials have uncovered no substantial leads, and the family has also hired a private investigator.

Back in North Carolina, area parishes have rallied to assist the family in its time of need. On July 16, the St. Matthew council of the Knights of Columbus turned a summer family barbecue into a benefit for the Modafferis. More than 550 parishioners and friends attended the event, which was put together in 48 hours. Approximately \$5,500 was raised.

"It was really a spontaneous outpouring of support from so many people," said Capuchin Father Edmund Walker, St. Matthew pastor.

At the gathering, Robert Modafferi thanked everyone for "their loving, moral support."

Grand Knight John Norton, who organized the effort, said other parishes are becoming involved as well. "St. Gabriel Church donated a check and are printing and distributing cards," he said.

Father Ed Sheridan, pastor of St. Gabriel, said his parishioners immediately wanted to reach out and help the Modafferis. "One of our own is suffering tremendously," he said. "We want to assist in any way we can."

To date, the parish has donated \$5,000 to the case and is sending fliers and letters to churches in the Archdioceses of San Francisco and Oakland, Father Sheridan added.

St. Matthew and St. Gabriel churches also recently joined together in a fast. "We asked our parishioners to fast for three consecutive days (July 22 - 24), asking for Kristen's safe return," Father Sheridan said.

According to Father Walker, the family hopes to keep the efforts to find Kristen before as many people as possible. Fliers are being distributed in Catholic churches in North Carolina as well in hopes of uncovering new leads. "This needs to have as much media attention as possible, especially out West," he said. "The chances of finding something out are much greater by keeping Kristen's picture in the news. If someone has a lead, they might come forward."

"Prayer is the most important thing (people can offer)," Father Walker added.

An Internet page has also been set up for Kristen and is linked to a missing-persons network. The web site is located at [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com). Once entered, type in Kristen Modafferi.

A fund has been started to help defray the costs of private investigators and trips to California. To contribute, send checks to: "Kristen Fund", c/o St. Matthew Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28277.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call (800) 521-0917, extension 237, anytime.

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among the Polish people — faith not only in God, but in themselves and their causes as well.

"To come out of all that country has experienced as well as it has really says something about the strength of its people," said Father Cintula. "Deep faith still exists, they embrace their culture;

we can truly learn from their example."

"Some of the most religious people I have ever met in my life are the Poles," added Wesp, herself an Episcopalian. "Their spirit is indomitable. Throughout their history, they have always persevered, and that is a great example to the world."

*This article was completed as the worst flooding in decades continued to devastate Wroclaw and the surrounding region. Between 30 and 50 people were reported dead in Poland July 18 as a result of the two-week period of storms. Sister Cities of Charlotte was planning a major humanitarian relief effort for Wroclaw. For information, call (704) 333-3399.*



Father Frank Cintula and Spiritan Father Ed Vilkauskas participate in the Eucharistic procession during the Corpus Christi celebration in Wroclaw.

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

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Dedication of monument to victims of abortion  
Knights of Columbus Council 10891  
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Asheboro

**July 27 — 11 a.m.**

Installation of Father Richard Hokanson as  
pastor of Queen of the Apostles Church  
Belmont

**August 10 — 11 a.m.**

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Ecumenical Movement Is Unstoppable, Pope Tells Lutherans

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Improvements in Catholic-Lutheran ties are irreversible and the ecumenical movement unstoppable, Pope John Paul II told a global Lutheran gathering in early July. "The progress made in our relations over the years since the Second Vatican Council is a sign that the Lord is blessing our efforts," the pope said in a message addressed to the Rev. Gottfried Brakemeier, outgoing president of the Lutheran World Federation. The Geneva-based organization was holding its ninth general assembly in Hong Kong. Organizers reported the meeting attracted an estimated 900 participants, about half of whom were delegates from 68 countries.

#### Pope, In Letter To Yeltsin, Urges Redraft Of Religion Bill

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a personal letter, Pope John Paul II urged Russian President Boris Yeltsin to reject a religious freedom bill that would discriminate against Catholics.

The pope said that for the Catholic Church in Russia, the legislation "would constitute a real threat to the normal carrying out of its pastoral activities and even to its survival."

He said the bill's wording makes it appear that "Russian civil authorities want to liken the Catholic Church to a foreign community, without any consideration for its centuries-long presence and action in Russia." He called for a complete redrafting of the proposed law.

The pope's letter, released by the Vatican July 17,

was written June 24, shortly after the Russian Parliament passed the legislation. The bill was awaiting Yeltsin's signature to become law.

The legislation, designed to curb the activity of some religious sects in Russia, designates Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism as "traditional" religions "worthy of respect." All other religions, which are not specified in the legislation, would come under a variety of government controls.

Catholic Church officials have warned that the bill, if enacted, could be a powerful tool for limiting the activities of the Catholic Church, which has operated freely only after the 1991 break-up of the Soviet Union.

In his letter, the pope expressed regret that the proposed law does not even mention the Catholic Church.

In a clear invitation to veto the legislation, the pope said he was counting on Yeltsin to be vigilant and "make the appropriate decisions" so that no legal or administrative obstacles are created for Catholics. He reminded the Russian president that a sizable number of Catholics live in Russia and "expect respect and security from civil authorities."

The pope told Yeltsin that while he supported the idea of encoding principles of religious freedom, the Russian legislation had included a number of regulations that go in the opposite direction. The pontiff emphasized the principle that all religions should be equal before the law.



## Guest Column

Christopher Carstens

### Getting Good Advice

Poking about on the Internet the other day, I saw this interesting notice.

"PEER ADVICE: Although I am only 16, I hope to be a psychiatrist someday. Feel free to e-mail me for advice about your personal problems. Whatever it is — home, school or relationship problems — I can help."

This was just a little scary. Several things could happen when sending in a personal problem for this person's sage commentary.

- He might be a deep, warm, perceptive fellow, who could really help you understand your issues more clearly.

- He could be a very nice guy, but a dope. No matter how well meaning he might be, his suggestions could be useless or worse.

- He might be a 16-year-old creep, who will e-mail all your "confessions" to his buddies just for laughs.

- He possibly could turn out to be a 56-year-old creep, with much more sinister plans than merely making you feel foolish.

You can't tell. This, by the way, is a difficulty with much that is found on the Internet. Much of the information out there is useless or simply wrong. There's no quality control in cyberspace.

But that's probably true for much advice traded in the hallway at school. Another person's thoughts can be useful, but you need to be a wise customer in the advice business.

Just because somebody sounds sure of herself doesn't mean you ought to plan your life according to her proposals.

Here are three tips for judging the value of the advice people give you.

First, the less a person knows about you and your situation, the easier it is to give useless advice. Place

more trust with people who take time to listen before they start telling you what to do. If you aren't two sentences into your problem before you get, "Here's what I think you ought to do about that," the suggestion is almost certainly based on the advice giver's preconceived notions, rather than on understanding your life.

Second, lean on people who ask you questions that help clarify your thinking rather than giving you specific answers for life's problems.

For example, "Have you thought about why she would say a thing like that?" is way better than, "I think you should tell her she's a liar and you're finished as friends."

Finally, the best advice is often no advice at all. A really good friend is somebody who's willing to share a long walk while you vent your feelings, asking questions while you rant and rave. When you ask, "What do you think I should do?", this trustworthy friend is likely to say, "I don't know for sure. You really have to decide for yourself."

It's good to have help thinking through a problem or a worry, but in the end you decide on your own. Somebody really good at giving advice always respects your capacity to decide what's right for yourself.

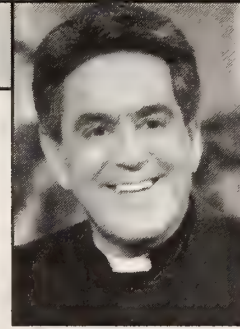
If you want useless advice or worse, go to some stranger on the Internet. For really helpful input, stick with the friends who know you well, and who take time to listen. Sometimes you may decide that a counselor, a pastor or a therapist can be helpful. Still, remember, the same rules apply: The professionals need to listen before they talk; a good question is often better than a good suggestion; and, you still have to make your own decisions in life.

Your comments are welcome. Please address: Dr. Christopher Carstens, c/o Catholic News Service, 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### "The Last Breath"

The French essayist Montaigne confessed, "It is not death, it is dying that alarms me." It is an important distinction. Intellectually we admit the inevitability of our own mortality, but thinking about the actual process of dying is another story. It makes us anxious and afraid.

The question of what happens during life's final moments increasingly fuels the best seller lists and television dramas. Authors range from mystical writers, who research near-death out of body experiences to distinguished surgeons, like Yale's Sherwin Nuland, who's *How We Die* charts the anatomy of the dying process. In my youth, priests and nuns admonished us to make novenas and pray regularly for a *happy* death as opposed to an *unhappy* death. A happy death today might take on the serene "passing over" as depicted on TV's *Touched by an Angel*.

Yet, one of the best-known poems

in the English language suggests what may be our truest shared response to the idea of dying: "Do not go gentle into that good night.... Rage against the dying of the light." Dylan Thomas was outraged by his father's death and said so memorably and honestly. He made no attempt to cover up the wound inflicted on his spirit by the brutal finality of death. "Do not go gentle into that good night" brings to mind much of what theology, psychiatry and psychology say about our attitudes toward dying.

They warn that our institutionalized dishonesty about death is destructive. We try to disguise death. We try to repress our true feelings about it. We try to run away and hide from it. The sham, the simulation, the artificiality are destructive forces in our lives, they tell us.

In the funeral parlors, a dead body never looks dead. "Isn't he lifelike?" or "She looks so good!" We have been conditioned to say. I have seen corpses looking 30 years younger and ready to wake

up and join the get-together. And the deceased never really die. People "pass away" or "expire." We go to great lengths to avoid seeing and saying death.

Not to embrace death as part of our given life is, finally, not to embrace life. Or as Mark Twain put it: "Each person is born to one possession which outvalues all the others — his last breath."

I am convinced that the sorrow and anxiety that come from thinking about dying are caused not only by fear of the unknown but also an unacknowledged sense of guilt. We remember the postponed good intentions, the unhealed animosities, the failures in kindness and understanding.

It is important for us to understand that one of the sources of sorrow at a funeral is the pain of self-disclosure of having to think about and make decisions

about our own lives all over again. If we fail to honor death for what it is we will likewise fail to honor life for what it is. And we will never, on this earth, know who we are and what we ought to do.

But Christians face death squarely by kneeling before

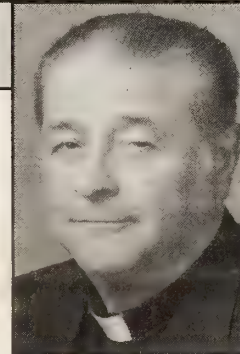
what must be the most vivid depiction of the dying process: Jesus the Christ crucified on a wooden cross. There one finds the strength to go gentle through the darkness of that good night with honesty and dignity. There God gives us the strength to be at peace when, at last, we say, "It is finished."

First an ending, then a new awakening. First Good Friday, then Easter morning.

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## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Outdoor Weddings

**Q.** Our daughter and her fiance found a beautiful outdoor place for their wedding and reception. But our priest told them he could not have the ceremony there, since they are both Catholic.

**Why can't a marriage be performed in the beauty of God's creation? Is this just a rule in our state?**

**A.** The Catholic Church has great respect for our church buildings. They are sacred places where the most sacred events of our Christian life should happen, and marriage is one of them.

The general law of the church is that marriage between two Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-

Catholic, in other words a sacramental marriage, is celebrated in a parish church.

Thus, not only because it is an act of worship, but because a marriage is a solemn action that should not be trivialized in any way, a church is the preferred location.

Specific permission may be granted by the local bishop for marriage elsewhere. Sometimes, for example, at least one of the baptized parties has so little connection with or respect for religion that a marriage somewhere else could be equally appropriate.

If the non-Catholic party is not baptized, the wedding may be held in church or another suitable place (Canon 1118).

Exceptions may be made, as I said. The usual and general policy, however, is the one explained by your priest.

**Q.** Several weeks ago your column dealt with *Communion in the hand*. You said that extending our hands to receive Jesus could be a meaningful symbol of trust, openness and desire for the Eucharist, among other things.

**Don't you know you are contradicting Mother Teresa? According to a magazine I receive, a priest in New York asked Mother Teresa what is the most**

**destructive and evil thing in the world today.**

**She answered, receiving Communion in the hand. Why are you and the church at odds with such a holy person?**

**A.** I received several letters quoting the same priest and the same periodical about Mother Teresa.

I continue to be amazed by people's gullibility. Can you honestly imagine Mother Teresa, who has seen and cared for the worst misery this earth can con-

See Dietzen, page 13

## Letters

### Why Catholics Conform To All Values Of Our Culture?

This letter is in response to your recent article entitled "Why are U.S. Catholics so Pro-Death Penalty?" (June 27 issue).

I pose a more general question: "Why are U.S. Catholics so conforming to all of the values of our culture?" Could it be 30-plus years of failing to expose our children, in the home and through religious education programs, to the true and complete teachings of the Church? Do recent generations of Catholics understand the truths regarding the teaching authority of the Church and our moral obligations regarding this authority?

If the "cafeteria Catholic" mentality continues to be explicitly and/or implicitly fostered in our youth, is it realistic to expect a significant difference between Catholics and society in general regarding matters of morality?

Thomas E. Rafferty Jr.  
Greensboro

Editor's Note: Following is a sampling of the letters received in response to Marco Cipoletti's comments printed in the June 27 edition of *The Catholic News & Herald*. Cipoletti's letter addressed an article entitled "Salvation for Gays Requires Celibacy" taken from the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

### Christians Called To Live Chastely

This is in response to Marco Cipoletti's letter in which he expresses anger against the "prejudice" he perceives in the Church's statement that those with homosexual tendencies remain celibate in order to attain salvation. He asks why heterosexuals are not held to the same standard.

The answer lies in the Church's teaching that sexual intercourse is reserved for marriage alone (Corinthians 6: 18-20), marriage being the sacramental union of a man and a woman (Matthew 19: 4-6). Not all men and women,

of course, are called to the vocation of marriage. Some are called to priestly or religious life, in which case they are called, also, to be celibate (i.e., unmarried). Others are called to live out their Christian vocation as single lay people. Each of us, however, regardless of our sexual "orientation" are called to live chastely.

The writer states that he looks forward to reading more "positive" articles regarding the "goodness" and "holiness" of his lesbian gay brothers and sisters. Surely that goodness and holiness will shine forth not only from homosexually oriented Catholics but from heterosexual Catholics as well when we all begin again to live according to our Lord's holy will.

Estelle Wisneski  
Charlotte

### Laws Apply Equally To Everyone

I have always understood that the laws of God apply equally to everyone.

As I understand it, sex outside mar-

riage is either adultery or fornication — this applies to heterosexuals or homosexuals.

If one is not married, one stays celibate. That seems simple and straightforward — but not necessarily easy.

A.J. Mackie  
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## St. James Parishioners Lay Foundation For Future

The endowment fund at St. James serves the church family today and will leave a legacy to future generations.

CONCORD — Redemptorist Father Daniel Carboy likes to plan for the future.

As pastor of St. James Church, he is always looking for ways to keep the parish on financially sound ground. A fund drive begun in 1991 helped build a new parish center nearly three years ago, but the center's dedication in 1994 also produced another avenue for Father Carboy and parishioners to serve the faithful for generations to come.

"Bishop Curlin was here for the dedication with some friends and afterward, I was talking to one of the Washington D.C. priests visiting," Father Carboy explained. "We got on the subject of money and the pastor said he had \$20,000 a year coming into his parish 'free' every year. I asked him how and he told me they had a \$400,000 endowment."

Soon thereafter, Father Carboy was presented with the opportunity to create an endowment for St. James in the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte when a parishioner donated \$4,000. "I asked her if I could use the money to start an endowment and she agreed," he said. Since that initial donation in the summer of 1994, the endowment has grown to nearly \$30,000.

The money will continue to generate funds for the church because, as an endowment, the principal is never used. At St. James, the church also reinvests income generated by the principal.

"I think having an endowment is very important to the life of the church," Father Carboy said. "As a parish grows, so do its needs."

Each year, parishioners are given two opportunities to earmark donations specifically for the endowment; second collections are taken at Easter and in August (to commemorate the church's anniversary). "We have special envelopes we provide, and I explain the endowment process in the bulletin a few weeks before each collection. I tell them how this will better prepare the church for the future," Father Carboy said.

"Parishioners have been very generous," he added. "It's a challenge to convince people of something that might happen 20 years from now, but I keep on trying to educate our parishioners,"

Father Carboy said. "I try not to talk about money much, but they seem to be responding."

Although the endowment's funds have not been earmarked for a specific purpose yet, the pastor said it will serve the St. James family for many years.

"I think it's a great legacy to leave the next generation," he said. "The endowment keeps producing. And we can use the assets from it and it's still there. I like that idea."



Father Carboy

Many churches do not plan for the future, but according to Father Carboy, creating an endowment is something he recommends other parishes to consider.

"It's almost like a young family," he said. "They start out with their jobs and have 'x' amount of money earmarked for food, clothing, electricity and other necessities. They also need to plan for the future. The church is no different. We need to be prepared for the future as well."

For information about the Foundation or establishing an endowment, contact Jim Kelley, Executive Director of the Foundation, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, or call (704) 331-1709, or (704) 377-6871.



St James Church, Concord

## Bishops From Atlanta Province Gather In Charleston



Photo courtesy The New Catholic Miscellany

Shown, from left: Archbishop John F. Donoghue; Bishop David B. Thompson; Bishop F. Joseph Gossman; Bishop William G. Curlin; Bishop J. Kevin Boland.

BY JORDON MCMORROUGH

*The New Catholic Miscellany*

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The five bishops from the Atlanta Province met in the see city of the Diocese of Charleston July 6-9 for a working session of sharing and coordinating.

The bishops gathered in Charleston were host Bishop B. Thompson, Archbishop John F. Donoghue of Atlanta, Bishop William G. Curlin of Charlotte, Bishop J. Kevin Boland of Savannah and Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of Raleigh.

Archbishop Donoghue presided at a noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist July 8, with the other four bishops concelebrating. In his homily, the archbishop noted that he and his fel-

low prelates receive "much comfort from the notion that we are united in faith."

"We stand together as Catholics. We can weather the storm and come out on top," Archbishop Donoghue stated.

"In today's world, we are up against powerful forces indeed. But we shouldn't allow ourselves to be discouraged," he stressed.

The Atlanta prelate emphasized, "We keep alive the attitude with which Christ met his accusers. Let us pray for those who cannot surrender to the love of Christ."

Following their working sessions, the bishops dined as guest of Bishop Thompson and toured the Lowcountry.

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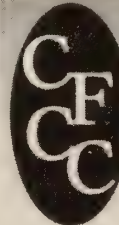
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# Entertainment

## "Contact" Presents Philosophical Concepts, Optimistic Outlook

NEW YORK (CNS) — Jodie Foster solidifies her Oscar-winning career playing an astronomer willing to sacrifice her life to be the first human to visit alien life in "Contact" (Warner Bros.).

This sweeping movie, which tries and to some extent succeeds in blending entertainment with loftier philosophical questions, has at its center the driven character of astronomer Ellie Arroway (Foster).

First seen as an only child whose widowed father (David Morse) encourages her interest in radio transmissions and astronomy, Ellie is orphaned by age 9 and grows up solely consumed by science and the determination to discover if there is life out there.

While doing pure research in Puerto Rico at the world's largest radio telescope she meets former seminarian Palmer Joss (Matthew McConaughey), who is exploring the relationship between science and faith.

He is wary of technology but a firm believer in God, and she is just the opposite. Yet they manage to put aside their differences for one passionate night, but the next day she leaves to continue her research from New Mexico.

After four years of ridicule for monitoring radio signals from deep space, she succeeds in taping audio communications and then video images from the distant star Vega.

Revealing her findings, Ellie is immediately surrounded by powerful White House players with their own agendas. James Woods as the national security adviser wants to militarize any response while Ellie's ambitious former mentor, David Drumlin (Tom Skerritt), is eager to usurp her glory and take charge.

And Palmer, now the president's spiritual adviser, is also key to determining who will be the first human to make alien contact — in person. It seems the intergalactic message is a blueprint for an elaborate space vehicle with room for one human only to make the historic voyage to Vega.

Drumlin campaigns to be the chosen one and uses Ellie's refusal to say she believes in God as a deterrent against her, as does Palmer, whose motivations are more complicated.

Although Drumlin wins the seat in "The Pod" spacecraft, waiting in the wings is the techno-mogul (John Hurt) who funded all the years of Ellie's research, and who is convinced she should be the one to make first contact.

Oscar-winning "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis blends science fiction, romance, political intrigue and spiritual concerns into his two-hour and 22-minute movie, based on Carl Sagan's 1985 best-selling novel.

It's an ambitious project and certainly a more serious and sophisticated approach than recent comic alien-themed movies where extraterrestrials are deadly killers as in "Independence Day," "Mars Attacks" and "Men in Black."

As the besieged scientist, Foster is tense and intense, and thoroughly believable as someone for whom human connections are secondary to nonhuman connections in the name of science.

But McConaughey is less credible as a hunk who left the seminary when celibacy proved a problem and somehow ended up as a charismatic New Age-type guru whose spoutings about technology's impact on society have the rapt ear of the president. Together Foster and McConaughey seem more like sheer symbols of science and religion than lovers who are trying to find common ground.

Yet the movie makes pains to stress neither science nor faith are mutually exclusive, as Ellie experiences a spiritual awakening of sorts based on her experiences that cannot be empirically proved.

Woods, and Angela Bassett as another presidential adviser, are brittle characters of little definition, and Hurt as the billionaire techno-nut seems mostly to provide whimsy in the narrative and the financial means for Ellie to persevere.

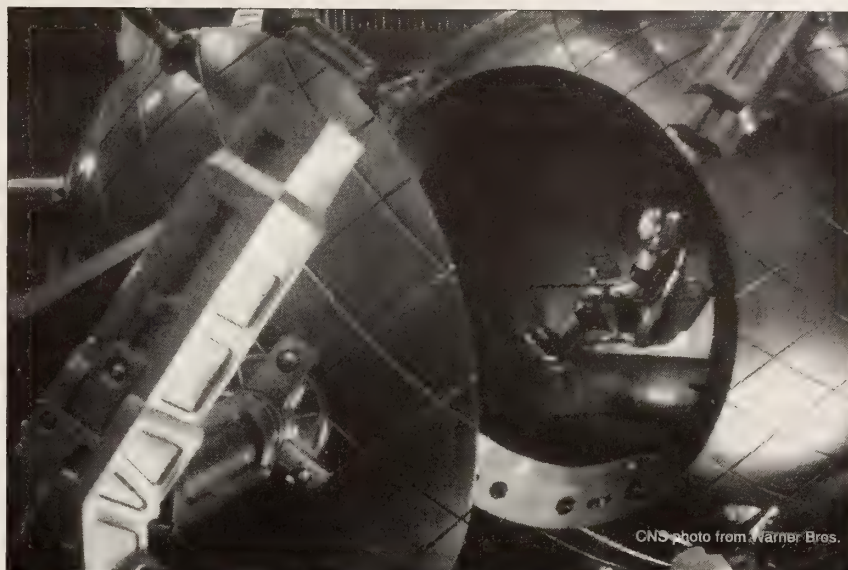
Viewers will hardly fail to notice many Gumpian touches throughout the movie, as when President Clinton appears alongside the cast, or in a climactic scene by the Washington Mall's Reflecting Pool.

But it seems almost anti-climactic when the crucial in-person contact is finally made, given what the breathlessly awaited alien verbal response is.

However, visually the movie never disappoints, from telling close-ups of Ellie caught between conflicting political infighting to glorious linked vistas of mammoth dish-shaped radio telescopes in the desert to the remarkable-looking circular revolving space vehicle to in-flight views of other golden galaxies.

Zemeckis seems hard-pressed to balance the basic story of making alien contact with the philosophical issues raised and at the same time keep a dubious romance going and the subplot of Ellie being dished out of credit for her discovery by the devious Drumlin. It certainly keeps the long-running film moving along but some may wander out wondering just what the message of the movie was anyway.

This is the kind of movie that is involving because it is very open to personal interpretation. Its ultimate outlook is one of great hope and optimism, but a few may find it presents religion negatively as some of religiously oriented characters are fanatics.



Jodie Foster stars as an astronomer willing to sacrifice her life to visit alien life in "Contact." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

On the other hand, the script makes a point of stressing that 95 percent of humanity believes in a Higher Power and Ellie is scorned for her staunch atheism unless she gets scientific proof of God's existence.

"Contact" is surely one of the more interesting movies of the year in daring to actually present philosophical con-

cepts, even if the conclusions are superficial at best.

Because of some sexual innuendo and fleeting violence, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Videos

*The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.*

### "Destry Rides Again" (1939)

Western sheriff (James Stewart) uses his wits rather than his dead aim with a six-shooter to rid a lawless town of its ruthless boss (Brian Donlevy). Director George Marshall mixes humor and action in equal measure neatly meted out by a good cast including Marlene Dietrich as a saloon singer ("See What the Boys in the Back Room Will Have") who shows her mettle in a knockdown brawl with Una Merkel. Stylized gunplay and fisticuffs. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Broken Arrow" (1950)

Thoughtful Western set in 1870 Arizona, where an ex-Army officer (James Stewart) persuades the warring Apache leader, Cochise (Jeff Chandler), to make peace, then takes an Apache bride (Debra Paget) who's soon killed by vengeful whites out to break the treaty. Directed by Delmer Daves, the fact-based story has plenty of colorful period action, some Indian lore and a bit of romance, but was notable at the time for its sympathetic treatment of Native Americans as fellow humans rather than howling savages. Frontier violence in a meaningful context. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Glenn Miller Story" (1954)

James Stewart gives an ingratiating performance as the trombone player who starts his own band, discovers the "sound" that makes it a national favorite, then dies in a World War II flight over the English Channel. Directed by Anthony Mann, the story's interesting and the acting good (June Allyson as his supportive wife) with plenty of examples of Miller's music and appearances by many of the era's musicians. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Spirit of St. Louis" (1957)

Meticulous but lengthy re-creation follows the thoughts and reflections of Charles Lindbergh (James Stewart) while making aviation history in 1927 as the pilot of the first nonstop flight from New York to Paris. Directed by Billy Wilder, Stewart manages to hold viewer interest on the solo flight across the Atlantic, partly because of the journey's dangers en route but mostly because of the character's courage and determination in accomplishing this feat of early aviation. Some threatening situations. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**



# A Way To Say Thanks



Thanks to the parishioners of the Charlotte Diocese, priests serving in western North Carolina will be assisted in their retirement years by the people they have faithfully served.

## Annual Collection Help Provides Needed Retirement Benefits For Priests

In a recent interview with *The Catholic News & Herald*, Bill Weldon, diocesan fiscal manager, talked about the priests retirement policy and about changes affecting the annual collection.

*During the weekend of August 9-10, the annual diocesan collection for the priests retirement will be held. What is this retirement fund?*

The priests retirement fund provides monthly retirement benefits for our retired priests. However, it is more than just a retirement plan; this is our way of providing for the priests who have served us for so many years.

*Does the retirement plan provide for all priests serving in the diocese?*

The provisions of the diocesan retirement plan provide each of our retired diocesan priests with monthly benefits. However, the diocese is keenly aware of the significant contributions of religious order priests. Thus, we help support the retirement funds of the representative orders. The contributions to religious orders comes from the annual collection as well.

*The dollar amount needed from this year's collection is significantly more than the amount collected last year. Why the increase?*

Changes to the benefits package for retired diocesan priests and increased funding of the retirement programs of religious order priests have significantly increased the amount needed. The plan provides our retired priests with a substantial increase in benefits this year. This will bring them up to a more amenable level, that, combined with social security benefits, can provide our priests with a livable retirement. It is important to note, that this year's increase is only a portion of the enhanced package. The overall increase includes an annual cost of living adjustment every year, based on the consumer price index. Additionally, our contribution to religious order priest funds will approximately triple from the amount contributed for last year.

*How is the amount needed determined?*

Funding of the retirement plan for diocesan priests is determined by an actuarial firm hired by the diocese. They perform an actuarial valuation of the plan from which the amount needed is derived. This involves projecting the future retirement benefits of all diocesan priests based on anticipated benefit levels and the projected years of retirement. These costs are factored over the priests' working years to determine the annual funding needed. Essentially, we are providing for the future retirement of those priests who are currently working. This insures that the funds are available when a priest becomes eligible for retirement benefits.

The contribution we make to religious orders' retirement funds is derived from our own plan experience. Based on the diocesan plan, we calculate the "per priest" amount needed for the year. We then make contributions to each of the religious orders who serve the diocese approximately equal to that "per priest" amount times the number of priests serving in the diocese.

*What does this mean for the parishioners, parishes and missions of the diocese?*

To help insure the needed funds are raised, the total amount needed has been assigned to each parish in the diocese based on 3 percent of their 1996 total offertory. This represents a significant increase over the amount collected last year. If the amount collected falls short, the parish will make up the difference. Thus, we are appealing to all the faithful of the diocese to be as generous as possible.

## Collection To Ensure Retired Priests' Well-Being

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

As Father Mark Lawlor prepares for his new priestly assignment as parochial administrator of Our Lady of the Americas Church in Biscoe on Aug. 1, he admits planning for retirement is an obligation not at the top of his list.

"In a sense, it is not the first of my priorities," says the 36-year-old priest of pondering retirement, which in this diocese averages at 70 for clergy. "But through discipline and professionalism, I know that I do need to consider those plans now."

Thanks to the parishioners of the Charlotte Diocese, Father Lawlor, his brother priests of the diocese and religious order priests serving in western North Carolina will be assisted in their retirement years by the people they have faithfully served.

The annual diocesan collection for the Clergy Retirement Plan is Aug. 9-10. As in past years, the money taken in will support retired priests in a variety of ways, health care and housing among them. And this year's efforts come with added emphasis to upgrade the benefit for retirees.

"I pray that our brothers and sisters in this diocese show their appreciation for the many years of service that our retired brother priests have given," says Bishop William G. Curlin, himself celebrating 40 years of priesthood in 1997. "This collection enables our retired priests to have adequate funds to live out their final years in well-deserved dignity and needed support."

The projected goal of this year's drive is \$583,000, of which \$194,000 is intended for the pension funds of the religious orders whose members also serve within the diocese. All told, this year's collection drive appeals to the stewardship of all parishioners like never before.

In order to meet the proposed funding, diocesan officials recently announced that every parish and mission has been assigned a target goal, 3% of its annual offertory, which officials hope will be met in the pews during the second weekend in August. Church communities not meeting that goal through the collection will be responsible for making up the difference.

"Our priests have served us very well, and in many cases for long periods of time," says Rita Stefani, a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point. "They are deserving of a (comfortable) retirement where they don't have to worry about medical expenses and a place to live."

"I am a product of 16 years of Catholic education, and I certainly have always felt that way. I very strongly support retirement programs for all members of the clergy. It's a way to give back something to them," she adds.

In the fall of 1996, the Chancery established a task force of lay people, clergy and diocesan staff to study the benefits offered in the retirement plan.

Following an intensive series of meetings, a scenario was developed that would increase priests' monthly retirement income from the diocese by 25 percent for the new fiscal year.

The plan also includes modifications that, over time, will increase the monthly benefit annually.

"We recognize that as people grow older, the cost of health care and other considerations increases," says the Very

*In the Diocese*

**61** diocesan priests

**46** religious order priests

**17** retired priests

**55** is the median age of priests

**\$583,000** is needed to serve

Rev. Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor. "Though our priests' standard of living is modest in their retirement years, their existence should be without worry."

With the revised plan, retired priests will continue to receive monthly installments for life. That money combined with Social Security benefits, investments and savings in most cases compose the priests' retirement income.

For Francis Manley, dedicated ministry in western North Carolina is a vocation he has witnessed for decades. "The priests' whole lives are their parishes," says the lifelong parishioner of the Basilica of St. Lawrence in Asheville.

Manley counts the church he was baptized in as being "blessed with excellent, very caring pastors," adding that they — like all who have made the priesthood their life plan — "should be taken care of in their retirement."

While the amount expected from each parish is vastly higher than the collection has yielded in past years, Father Lawlor agrees the effort will ensure the comfort and well-being of his fellow priests as they retire. "It's 34 years away for me," he says, "but in the next decade or so, we're going to have quite a number of retirements — perhaps exceeding ordinations."

Appreciative of the assistance he will someday receive from the retirement program, Father Lawlor is also thankful for the gifts of his predecessors. "Especially for my older brother priests who are approaching or entering retirement age, this fund is a gracious and grateful way for all of us to support them in their needs," he says.



# Priests Continue To Serve Church In Retirement

"Many of us will be working beyond our time because of the shortage of priests ....and even though we are retired, we continue to try to fill in and help when we are able." *Father Patrick Gavigan, retired priest living at Maryfield*

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

Correspondent

**HIGH POINT** — Without the desire to accumulate material assets, these men dedicated their lives to a career which would leave them without the security of material wealth upon retire-

would like to return to his first love, parish work. In three short months Bishop Begley, with true determination, has already began to take steps with a specialized walker. "He just won't give up," smiled a friend, Father Patrick Gavigan, also a retired priest living at Maryfield.

Even though Bishop Begley is limited, not only with neuritis but a heart condition, he enjoys being able to minister in his current residence. "It brings me great joy to be able to concelebrate Mass daily, take prayer requests, give advice and hear confessions," he said. Even in the retirement home, he keeps abreast of the concerns of the diocese. He is currently trying to think of ways to raise money to send young men to seminary and try, in some way, to repay the diocese for his care at Maryfield.

Only a corridor away is a retired priest of 43 years, Father Gavigan, stricken with Parkinson's disease. It was diagnosed nine years ago and has left him in a very weakened state. With Bishop William Curlin's authorization, Father Gavigan is able to have the Blessed Sacrament in his room, which is a source of comfort for him as he struggles with this debilitating neurological disease.

"Many of us will be working beyond our time because of the shortage of priests. This is part of the dedication that comes with being a priest. Even though we are retired, we continue to try to fill in and help when we are able," he said.

Father Gavigan has also given much to the diocese. In 1953, he became a trappist monk, and after 22 years at the monastery, decided to become a diocesan priest. Originally assigned to a parish in Memphis, Tenn., he was offered a position in North Carolina. Without hesitation, he accepted because of his love of the mountains. His first assignment was at St. Mary Church in Shelby, and he moved to several other parishes until his last job as an associate at St. Benedict Church in Greensboro. He lived in an apartment for a few years until the progressive symptoms of his disease ultimately brought him to Maryfield.

"A retirement fund is the sensible way to go, especially for those priests who are unable to support themselves," said Father Gavigan, who sees it now as his "livelihood."

It may never be possible to repay these men for their contribution to the diocese. Their works are far reaching and impact the entire church. Fortunately the church has a tradition of honoring those great saints of the past who carved the present road by their Christ-like example.

With just a little effort and financial assistance, these retired priests and the many to follow, who have unselfishly dedicated their lives to service, can have the dignity and honor they deserve for a job well done.



Father Bernard Manley, 75, is shown celebrating Mass July 20 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Lexington. Although he retired from the priesthood in 1996, Father Manley continues to fill in throughout the diocese. "Retired priests can be a great help," he says. "We just don't have enough priests." Father Manley, who is in residence at St. Eugene parish in Asheville and celebrates Masses there one weekend a month, also celebrates Masses frequently at St. Joseph's Hospital. "I just want to stay active," he adds.

## Senior Pastors Hope To Serve Church Into Next Millennium

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

Father Ed Kirsch, pastor of St. William Church in Murphy and Immaculate Heart of Mary mission in Hayesville, is nearing retirement, but like many older priests, hopes to continue serving the Church well into the next millennium.

"I can request to retire next May, but I don't know when my ultimate retirement date will be. I can't see around that corner yet," he said.

With the shortage of priests in the diocese, Father Kirsch, 74, is eager to minister for as long as possible. "I plan to fill in whenever needed," he noted.

Ordained nine years ago, Father Kirsch was called to his vocation later in life after a lengthy career in pharmaceutical management. While he is approaching a second retirement, the pastor feels the clergy retirement collection is an important component for priests who have dedicated their entire lives to ministry.

"It relates to individual situations. Often you have priests who have no family," he said. "I do have family, but I wish not to prevail upon them, so I like the opportunity of a pension through the diocese."

Like other retirees, priests face the ever-increasing costs of healthcare, housing and other variables that make it incumbent to have a framework laid for their future, Father Kirsch added.

"Retirement from ministry is no different from lay retirement," he noted. "It's a matter of keeping body and soul together with whatever resources are available."

Msgr. Richard Allen has served the Catholic Church in North Carolina since 1956, and like Father Kirsch, plans to continue being active in ministry for several more years.

"I am 67 and eligible to retire in the year 2000, but I don't see myself retiring," the St. Ann pastor said. "I'll continue to work as long as I can."

Ordained for the Diocese of Raleigh 41 years ago, the priest served the late Bishop Vincent S. Waters until Father Allen's appointment as rector of St. Patrick Cathedral in the newly formed Charlotte Diocese in 1972. All of Msgr. Allen's priestly assignments in the Tar Heel state have been off the I-85 corridor, except for a stay in Smithfield.

Msgr. Allen points to insights shared by Msgr. Charles Fahey, director of the Third Age Center at Fordham University, when discussing his future. Msgr. Fahey's paper, "The Graying of Clergy," addresses the priestly retirement issue.

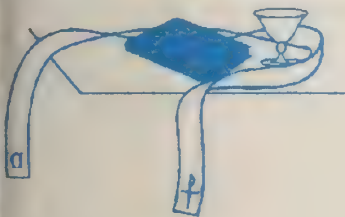
"The whole concept of Third Age is that priests don't really retire, they shift their emphasis of ministry," Msgr. Allen explained. "We need to come up with ways in which older priests can somehow be involved in ministry beyond retirement age. They can help at schools, hospitals, hear daily confessions; there are so many ways priests can continue to stay involved."

"Many older priests have never known anything but ministry and the Catholic priesthood," he added.

While other careers see individuals retire at age 65 or earlier, priests are asked to serve until age 70 and beyond, Msgr. Allen noted.



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priests in their retirement.

ment. It did not matter to them, because with trust, they willingly chose to respond to God's call and become a Roman Catholic priest, a vocation, where their investing would be in others. The retired priests in the Charlotte Diocese, some with failing health, will look to God for their future care.

"Once ordained, I placed my life in the hands of my bishop. I knew that he would be responsible for me," said Bishop Michael J. Begley, bishop emeritus, one of the better known retired clergy in the area. Bishop Begley, the founding bishop of the Charlotte Diocese, honored during the diocese's 25th jubilee celebration in January, has an impressive past which all began in 1926, as a young high school graduate from Massachusetts with a vocation. He has contributed much in his 63 years as a priest, building from scratch, many of the North Carolina parishes he was assigned. From 1972 to 1984, he was the bishop of the Charlotte Diocese starting with only 34,200 Catholics.

After spending most of his retired years assisting at St. Ann Church, Bishop Begley recently moved to Maryfield Retirement Home in High Point. Because of neuritis, inflammation of nerves which has caused immobility in his right leg, he undergoes daily physical therapy and gets the extra care he needs at the home. Known by the staff and residents as "Bishop", people gravitate to him because of his faith which keeps him upbeat and optimistic.

"I hope to be back on my feet so that I can continue to help the diocese," said the 88-year-old retired bishop who



## People In The News

### Surveys Uncover Widespread Catholic Confusion On Communion



A man receives Communion during Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (CNS) — An ongoing series of discussions about the Eucharist in Rochester parishes has already reached one conclusion — there's a lot of confusion about Communion. "A lot of people have a little of the truth, but not everybody has all of it," said Joan Workmaster, director of the Office of Liturgy of the Diocese of Rochester.

"Even some of the priests of the diocese say (of some teachings), 'No, that can't be true.' Oh, yes it is." Liturgy office staff members discovered confusion over a central teaching of the Catholic Church — that during the Mass the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. "There's a lot of confusion over the whole issue of real presence, how that is defined and understood," Workmaster said.

### Couple Helps African-Americans Forge Strong Marriages

By DEIRDRE DALY O'NEAL

CHICAGO (CNS) — Andrew and Terri Lyke, married for 22 years, know that all couples face an uphill battle in trying to build satisfying, long-term marriages.



The Lykes

But African-Americans face a number of additional difficulties and obstacles that may combine to make the dream of a happy marriage seem like "an elusive fantasy," Terri Lyke said in an interview.

Some of those obstacles include the prevalence of guns and the influence of gangs in many black neighborhoods, the destructive impact of drugs, and the lingering effects of racism manifested in diminished educational and career opportunities.

Additionally, the large number of children growing up in "father-absent" households means that there are few role models of successful, two-parent families for young black men and women to emulate, the Lykes said.

To combat the many forces working against the formation of successful marriages among African-Americans, the Lykes have served since 1982 as co-ordinators of the Marriage Ministry to the African-American community for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In addition, in 1986 they established "Lyke to Lyke Consultants," through which they offer a variety of workshops, retreats and seminars that can take anywhere from a few hours to several days.

These programs include the

"Kupendana" workshop, an eight-hour, one-day workshop for engaged couples. "Kupendana" means "love one another" in the Kiswahili language, Andrew Lyke said.

Among the discussion topics covered in the Kupendana workshop are: effective communication, marriage roles and adjustments, intimacy, techniques of negotiation, marriage as a sacrament and vocation, and "God as the center" of any truly happy marriage.

Also offered are the "Ushuda" (witness) workshops, which generally last three to four hours, and the "Arusi" (marriage celebration) weekend retreat, in which "couples retreat from their day-in, day-out routine to focus on their marriage," Andrew said.

The Lykes acknowledge that they are not professional marriage counselors or therapists.

But they feel that what they may lack in professional counseling credentials, they make up for in 20-plus years of marriage experience and a "just plain folks" ability to identify with the people who come to their seminars.

Andrew Lyke, 44, is a member of the campus ministry team at DePaul University in Chicago and worked for 23 years for Ameritech Services Inc., formerly Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Terri Howard Lyke, 43, is supervisor of the medical sonography department at Community Hospital in Munster, Ind.

They have two children, Andrea, 15, and Martin, 12.

In 1995 their work with African-American engaged and married couples was recognized by the Archdiocese of Chicago with the Augustus Tolton Award, given annually to those who have made a "significant contribution" to the

### Pope To Preside Over Celebrations With Youths During France Trip

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II will preside over liturgies and an evening celebration with young people from all over the globe during his Aug. 21-24 visit to conclude World Youth Day ceremonies in Paris. During his stay, the pontiff also will beatify Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and meet French civil authorities. He will travel briefly to the nearby town of Evry to pay a visit to the modern cathedral there. The Vatican announced the detailed schedule for the pope's trip, which centers around celebrations for the 12th annual World Youth Day.

### Plant Images Show Shroud Is From Jerusalem, Botanist Says

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Images of flowers and pollen samples that appear on the Shroud of Turin are those of plant species that grow in the area of Jerusalem, says an Israeli botanist. "The assemblage of plants ... shows (the shroud)

could only come from the Middle East, and the best fit is Jerusalem," said Hebrew University Professor Avinoam Danin, an expert in the flora of the Holy Land. Some 96 percent of the 28 flower species identified on the shroud grow between Jerusalem and the Qumran Caves. Add the southern Dead Sea area to the equation and 100 percent of the species can be found, said Danin.

### Bishops Launch Catechism For Filipino Catholics

TAGAYTAY CITY, Philippines (CNS) — Excitement surrounded the July launching of the catechism for Filipino Catholics, crowning 13 years of teamwork by lay and religious. "I am proud to present the catechism for Filipino Catholics with a sense of achievement, history and gratitude," Archbishop Leonardo Z. Legaspi of Caceres, Philippines, told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. The catechism was presented at the start of the 75th plenary assembly of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in early July in Tagaytay, about 35 miles southeast of Manila. The Holy See approved the text last January.

### Black Catholics Honor Priest As 'The Father Of Us All'

QUINCY, Ill. (CNS) — "For black Catholics, he is the father of us all," Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis said at ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Augustus Tolton. Hundreds of pilgrims from Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Tennessee, Louisiana and New York came to Quincy July 12-13 to honor Father Tolton, the first U.S.-born African-American priest and founder of the first black Catholic church in Chicago. "Father Augustus Tolton was a fighter. He was a follower, just as the disciples were followers of Christ. He was a bridge builder," said Father Davis, author of "The History of Black Catholics in the United States."

### Farrell Named Editor Of National Catholic Reporter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (CNS) — Michael Farrell, executive editor of the National Catholic Reporter, has been named editor of the Catholic weekly newspaper. Farrell started with the Kansas City-based newspaper in February 1980 as trends and reviews editor. "Michael is the right person to lead NCR as the paper moves toward a new century and a new and exciting era in the church," said Tom Fox, NCR's former editor and current publisher.

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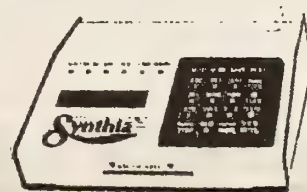
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**CSS Program Unites Hispanic Women** — Once a month, "Mujeres Unidas" (Women United) meet in the Asheville office of Catholic Social Services. The group of Hispanic women discuss daily issues and gather for companionship. At the July meeting, the women learned street signs in English. The next gathering will focus on useful English phrases. The oath of trust and respect is repeated at the beginning of every meeting to assure each woman that "Mujeres Unidas" is a safe haven and place of acceptance.

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## Friars Elect New Provincial



The Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception recently elected Father Canice Connors as Minister Provincial of the Order. Also elected were Father Justin Biase as Vicar Provincial, Brother John Joseph Dolan as Secretary, and Father Jude DeAngelo and Father Curt Kreml as definitors.

The team will serve a four-year term and have the responsibility of overseeing ministries and daily operations as well as planning for the future of the order's spiritual life. Some of their immediate goals include working more with the elderly and recruiting lay Franciscans to serve the poor.

In the Charlotte Diocese, members of the order serve St. John Neumann parish in Charlotte and Our Lady of Mercy Church, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

Pictured, seated, from left: Brother Dolan, Rev. DeAngelo. Standing: Very Rev. Biase, Very Rev. Connors; Rev. Curt Kreml.

## Vatican Denies It Held Gold Smuggled From Croatia At End Of WWII

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican denied a report that it had been a repository for gold smuggled out of Croatia by Nazi allies at the end of World War II.

"This news has no basis in reality," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement about the assertions in a recently declassified U.S. Treasury Department memo reported in the international media July 22.

"The presumed information, lacking any documentation, is based only on 'an authoritative Italian source' which, if it exists, remains unidentified, and whose authoritativeness is more than doubtful," Navarro-Valls' statement said.

The government memo, discovered by the producers of a television documentary, states that the Vatican was used to funnel cash and gold coins for members of the puppet government established by the Nazis in Croatia. That government was run by members of the Croatian Fascist organization, Ustasha.

Ustasha leaders were responsible for the murder of hundreds of thousands of

Serbs, Jews and Gypsies, along with the looting of their property, during the war. After Nazi Germany collapsed, a number of Ustasha officials escaped to other countries.

The document valued the cash and coins at 200 million Swiss francs, which would make them worth about \$170 million today. Written in October 1946 by a Treasury agent to his superior, the memo was classified until last December. It quotes a "reliable source in Italy" saying 200 million Swiss francs which the Ustasha confiscated had not been accounted for and were being held at the Vatican.

Speaking to members of the Vatican press corps, Navarro-Valls said any transfer of money would have been done through the Institute for the Works of Religion, the Vatican bank.

"There is no trace" of such funds, he said.

"It is a serious matter," Navarro-Valls noted. "So we had to say something, even if just to point out that there is no foundation for it."

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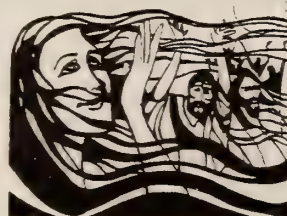
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# Cardinal Commends TWA Victims' Families For Keeping Faith

**By TRACY EARLY**  
NEW YORK (CNS) — Cardinal John J. O'Connor July 17 commended family members of victims of last year's TWA crash for "the way you have kept faith with God."

He spoke at a memorial Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on the first anniversary of the crash of Flight 800 that took 230 lives.

Cardinal O'Connor, of New York, told family members that they would not yet be able to feel the tragedy was over, but he encouraged them to let God work his healing power.

The Mass at the cathedral, the site of funerals for several crash victims and of a memorial Mass one month after the crash, was part of a series of events marking the year that has passed since the flight went down off the southern coast of Long Island.

The cardinal, who spoke at the end of the Mass, took note of the presence of non-Catholics among the families and friends in attendance and said he had received many letters from them revealing that they were keeping faith within

their various traditions. In both Christian and Jewish theology, he said, suffering "can be offered to Almighty God and used in ways we never dreamed of."

When plans for the St. Patrick's Mass were made, Cardinal O'Connor expected to be out of the city that day so a priest at the cathedral, Father John T. Ferry, agreed to be the celebrant and homilist.

The Mass proceeded as planned, but the cardinal was able to change his schedule at the last minute to be there.

Father Ferry called for remembering not only the deaths of those on Flight 800 but "how they lived." While their goodness goes with them, it also "remains with us," he said.

New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and FBI Director Louis J. Freeh were among a number of public officials present.

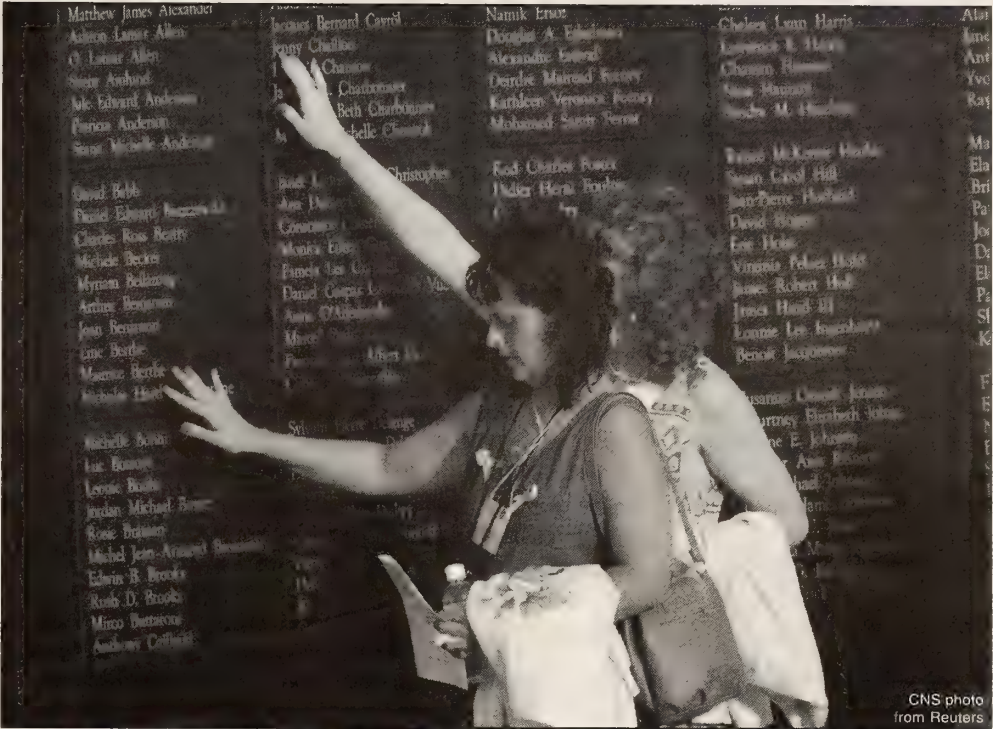
Giuliani spoke at the conclusion of the Mass, and said the loss of Flight 800 affected not only New York but the nation and the world. It was among those extraordinary occasions that "you remember where you were when you learned about it," he said.

He also acknowledged the frustration felt by family members and others in still not knowing a year later what caused the crash. "To this day we don't have an answer," he said.

But the mayor said they all now know the importance of the love that has bound them together and the strength that has come from relying on each other.

"Many waters cannot quench love," Giuliani said, quoting from chapter eight of the Song of Solomon as he recalled the 230 lives suddenly and inexplicably lost in the Atlantic.

Following the Mass at St. Patrick's, family members and friends gathered at



Family members of victims of the crash of TWA flight 800 touch a memorial to the 230 people killed in the crash a year ago. The granite memorial was constructed on New York's Long Island near the site of the crash.

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trive, saying that Communion in the hand is the biggest evil in the world?

After awhile, however, the volume of mail prompted me to ask an official of her community about it.


Her answer: The Missionaries of Charity respect the freedom given by the church to receive Communion either on the tongue or in the hand.

Their general practice is to receive on the tongue, but they are free to receive in the hand when necessary. Obviously, Mother Teresa does not consider it the greatest evil.

Regardless of that, some will continue to believe anything, no matter how ridiculous, if it's what they want to do.

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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Support Couples Gathering

CHARLOTTE — A barbecue for Engaged Encounter support couples is Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the home of Karl and Mary Schultz, District III coordinators for Engaged Encounter. All pastors are asked to forward the names of Engaged Encounter support couples to Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1740, or Geoffrey and Ann Hoffman, (704) 483-1384, fax (704) 483-7121. The event is open to all interested couples. Help is needed at all levels of involvement in the Engaged Encounter program. Contact any of the above parties for more information.

## Jesuit House of Prayer

HOT SPRINGS — Register now for "Spirit Without the Spirits," an Aug. 22-24 retreat at the Jesuit House of Prayer for recovering alcoholic women. For information, call (704) 622-7366, or Sister Eileen, (704) 343-9954.

## Spirituality Gathering

CHARLOTTE — An introductory gathering for office workers, teachers and health care workers focusing on spirituality in the workplace is Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Cost is \$15. Books related to spirituality will be available for purchase. For reservations, call (704) 523-5524.

## BMHS News

WINSTON-SALEM — Bishop McGuinness High School recently received a \$1,000 Community Involvement Plan grant from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for expenses of the school's Home School Association fund-raising auction held last April. The plan provides financial support for selected projects in organizations where RJR employees volunteer. Peggy Carter of the company's public relations office recommended the grant. She will serve as co-president of the BMHS Home School Association for the upcoming term.

Also, BMHS' Language Clubs were named Volunteer Organization of the Year by the Forsyth County Special Olympics at its banquet last month. The volunteers were recognized for their continuing support of the organization. Accepting the award on behalf of the clubs were sophomores David Brooks and Nikki Miller of Winston-Salem, and Mary Addie Heaton of Clemmons.

## Alzheimer Support Group

CHARLOTTE — The Alzheimer Support Group meets the second Monday each month and is offering several new experiences this summer. The Aug. 11 meeting is at The Little Flower Catholic assisted living facility. For details, directions or reservations, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720.

## Secular Franciscans Meet

ASHEVILLE — The Order of Secular Franciscans meets the second Saturday each month at the Basilica of St. Lawrence's St. Justin Center. For information, call Helen Turek, (704) 684-1533.

HICKORY — The Fraternity of Brother Francis meets the second Sunday each month from 2-4 p.m. Inquirers are welcome. Call Bill Brockhoff, (704) 464-5113, or Herman Thoni, (704) 294-0347, to confirm the date and location.

## Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Saturday each month in the chapel at St. Joan of Arc Church from 2-4 p.m. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday and concludes Saturday at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

GREENSBORO — St. Paul the Apostle Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. the first Friday each month and ending at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by a prayer service. Call (910) 294-4696 for information.

NEWTON — St. Joseph Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration the first Friday each month following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and lasting until 10 p.m.

## First Sunday Rosary

NEWTON — The rosary is prayed the first Sunday each month following 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.

## First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are Aug. 2 and the first Saturday each month at Belmont Abbey with rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11:30. For information, call Terri or Phil, (704) 888-6050.

## Charismatic Mass

CHARLOTTE — Charismatic Mass is celebrated Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. A healing service is at 3 p.m. A potluck supper follows Mass. Call (704) 527-4676 for information.

## Silver And Golden Celebration

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at the 18th Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Celebration Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. Couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 1997 are encouraged to contact your parish office to register. The celebration includes Mass and renewal of marriage vows.

## Catholic Youth Conference

The National Catholic Youth Conference is Nov. 20-23 in Kansas City, Mo. Events include workshops, a concert and a dance, and some 15,000 teenagers are expected to attend. A \$100 deposit is required when registering. For details, contact your parish youth minister or the Diocese of Charlotte's Office of Youth Ministry, (704) 331-1711.

## Widowed, Separated, Divorced, Remarried Catholics Support

GREENSBORO — The Separated,

Divorced and Remarried Catholics group meets each month for meals and fellowship. Call Gerry Anderson, (910) 856-0390; Mike Bohen, (910) 373-7358; Patrick Tracey, (910) 545-6939; or Lois Vrba, (910) 855-8471, for details.

HICKORY — Catholic Social Services of the Charlotte Diocese offers the annual Widowed, Separated, Divorced Retreat Aug. 2-3 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$60, which includes a \$15 non-refundable deposit. Some financial aid is available. Brochures are available in your parish office, or call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1730, ext. 314, for information. (See ad in this issue.)

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social Services of the Charlotte Diocese monthly support group for widowed, separated and divorced persons meets Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center. Call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1730, ext. 314, for details.

## Ultreya

BOONE — Ultreya meets the first Sunday each month at 12:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church.

THOMASVILLE — Ultreya for the Thomasville, Greensboro and High Point areas meets the first Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Highways Church. Leaders' School follows.

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya meets the second Friday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Leaders' School is the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

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## Young Adults Group

ASHEVILLE — The Catholic Young Adults Group of Asheville for single or married people in their 20s-40s gathers after 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Eugene Church. Call David Hill, (704) 252-7118, for information.

## Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

## Vacation Bible School

MONROE — The Our Lady of Lourdes Church Vacation Bible School is Aug. 4-7 from 6-8 p.m. each day. Call the church, (704) 289-2773, for details.

## Grief Support Groups

WINSTON-SALEM — A grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

CHARLOTTE — The initial meeting of Healing Hearts, a support group for widowed persons, is Aug. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church in the parish

center. Bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert are provided. For information or registration, call (704) 543-7677.

## Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. To register, call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424. For information, call Steve or Peggy Geiger, (704) 845-5081.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Eucharist and Contemplation" is an Aug. 6-12 retreat directed by Msgr. William H. Shannon stressing the contemplative moments in the celebration of the Eucharist. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

"Our Journey of Faith" is an Aug. 15-21 retreat directed by Msgr. Chester Michael focusing on our earthly life as a continual course of growth in faith, hope and charity. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

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## Carmelite Retreat

DURHAM — The Secular (Third) Order Discalced Carmelites sponsor a silent retreat Oct. 31-Nov. 2 (3) at the Avila Retreat Center facilitated by Father Regis Gordon, OCD, centering on St. Therese of Lisieux. Cost is \$105 for three days, \$150 for four days (Sunday p.m.-Monday). To register, send a check for \$15 payable to OCDS to Kathy Smith, 3619 Courtland Dr., Durham, NC 27707. For information, call (910) 493-2712.

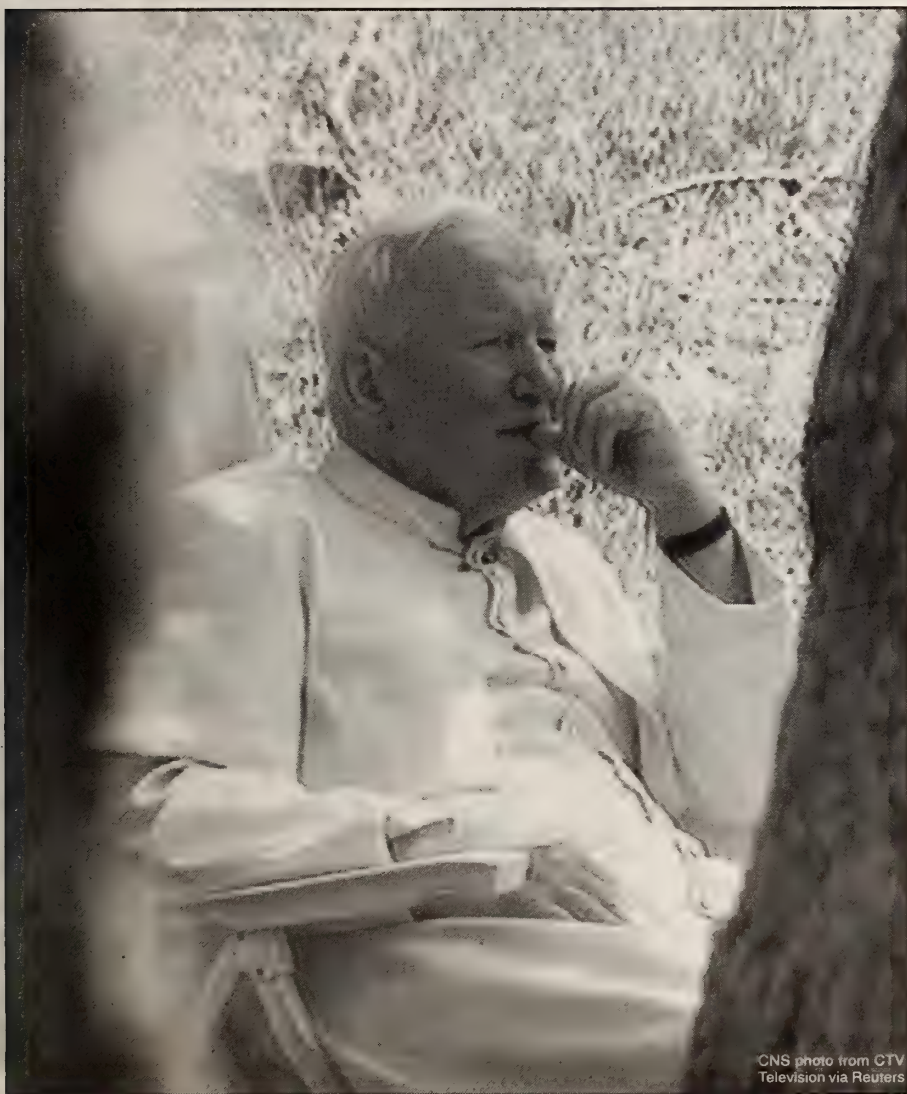
## Liturgy and Prayer Concert

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Liturgist, composer and musician Dan Schutte offers a concert of music for liturgy and prayer and a day-long workshop co-sponsored by St. Ann Church and the Oratory for liturgical ministers Sept. 26 and 27 at St. Ann Church. Cost for the concert is \$10; the workshop is \$20. To register, contact The Oratory: Center for Spirituality, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731-1586, Attn: Sarah Morgan, or call (803) 327-2097 weekday mornings.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



## World And National News Briefs



**Pope Resting** — Television footage shows Pope John Paul II taking a rest after a walk July 14 near Les Combes. The pope, who has spent five previous vacations in this mountain region in northern Italy, passes the time reading, writing, praying and walking trails.

### Internet Mass Creates Interest, Raises Questions

RALEIGH, N.C. (CNS) — News stories about a weekly Mass available on the Diocese of Raleigh's World Wide Web home page aimed at homebound Catholics have generated lots of interest and raised some questions. After a recent article by the *Raleigh News & Observer* daily newspaper was picked up by The Associated Press, phone calls from news media around the country flowed into the diocesan Catholic Center. "After the article passed through several organizations," said diocesan communications director Frank Morock, "the story began to read as if we were offering the opportunity for Catholics to meet their Sunday obligation on the Internet. Clearly that is not possible. However, for those who cannot attend Mass because of illness, age, infirmity or incarceration, the use of the Internet Mass can be a valuable tool for their spiritual well-being."

### Divorced Have Gifts For Church, Gathering Told

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — Catholics who have gone through separation or divorce can be a gift to the church, Trinitarian Brother Loughlan Sofield told an international gathering of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics. About 50 men and 175 women attended the conference at the University of Notre Dame's Center for Continuing Education. Brother Sofield, a specialist in lay ministry development, described to the group various ways divorced people have witnessed to him levels of spiritual discernment and sensitivity to others which have resulted from their learning to come to grips with the pain and challenges of divorce.

### Plant Images Show Shroud Is From Jerusalem, Botanist Says

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Images of flowers and pollen samples that appear on the Shroud of Turin are those of plant species that grow in the area of Jerusalem, says an Israeli botanist. "The assemblage of plants ... shows (the shroud) could only come from the Middle East, and the best fit is Jerusalem," said Hebrew University Professor Avinoam Danin, an expert in the flora of the Holy Land. Some 96 percent of the 28 flower species identified on the shroud grow between Jerusalem and the Qumran Caves. Add the southern Dead Sea area to the equation and 100 percent of the species can be found, said Danin.

### Full-Communion Plan By U.S. Protestants Draws Catholic Notice

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As four U.S. Protestant denominations move closer to full communion with each other, how they are making that move is drawing interest from a leading Catholic ecumenist. Rather than merge, the denominations — the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Reformed Church in America — are working toward sharing congregations, clergy and sacraments. "We may discover new forms for us of relating to them in new ways, while respecting their characteristic distinctions," said Father John Hotchkin, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

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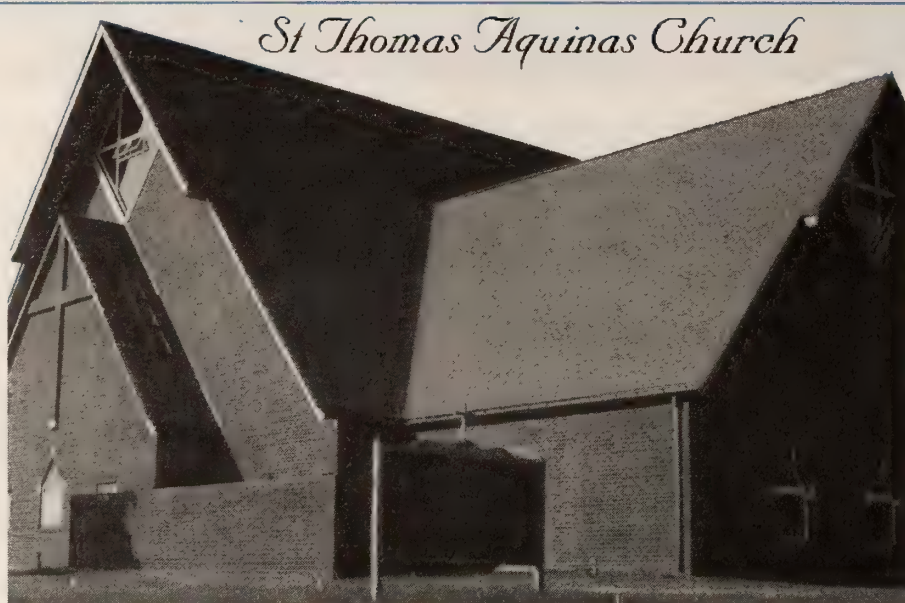
## Parish Profile

CHARLOTTE — During the 1970s, the Catholic community that became known as St. Thomas Aquinas parish celebrated Masses in dormitories, apartments, a Lutheran church and a rest home chapel before settling in its first church in 1979. Now, with nearly 1,600 registered families, the St. Thomas Aquinas parish gathers as a rapidly growing congregation in one of Charlotte's largest sanctuaries.

The roots of St. Thomas Aquinas Church lay in the soil of the nearby campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Consolata priests ministered to Catholic students there prior to the founding of the Charlotte Diocese in 1972. By the mid-'70s, the student congregation was being ministered by Oblates of Francis de Sales Father Joseph Travers, then Catholic campus minister.

The diocese soon announced plans to establish the ninth parish in the see city, and Father Travers began preparing to build a church with money donated by an anonymous benefactor. Catholics from northern Mecklenburg and southern Cabarrus counties were invited to join the students as the founding members of the new parish.

Oblates Father Joseph Zschmidt succeeded Father Travers in August 1978, and building efforts continued. A nearby house was purchased that month for use as a rectory, and the 250-seat church was completed in March 1979. Bishop Michael J. Begley dedicated the structure in April, giving the St. Thomas Aquinas community official par-



St Thomas Aquinas Church

ish status. The registry jumped to 40 families.

By the mid-'80s, booming growth in northern Charlotte led to the need for larger worship space for St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners. A multi-purpose building including worship space for 350 was dedicated in 1985. Although the new church served parishioners well for a few years, it, too, was outgrown by decade's end.

Father Ray Berg was pastor at the time of a third groundbreaking ceremony, in June 1994. Construction proceeded during the pastorate of Msgr. John McSweeney. At the invitation of Bishop William G. Curlin, Capuchin Franciscan Friars assumed responsibility of the parish in January 1995. The new 1,116-seat sanctuary was dedicated by the bishop in November of that year. The original church is now used as the parish office, and the second building is utilized as the parish hall.

Among the church furnishings are ones that once adorned the sanctuary at St. Francis Seminary in Newton, N.J. They include the three-ton marble altar,

the tabernacle and its altar, the sanctuary lamp, holy water fonts, and Stations of the Cross. New York craftsman Don Shephard designed these items, which placed first in a liturgical art competition in the Vatican pavilion at the 1964-65 World's Fair in New York.

Shephard also designed the church's stained glass windows, originally crafted for St. Francis Seminary as well.

Another highlight is the large crucifix located above the altar. Crafted by a local parishioner, the wooden cross measures more than 15 feet in length. Hanging from it is a seven-foot-tall, custom-made corpus of Christ from Italy, designed in the San Damiano style.

Spiritual and educational outreach are active throughout a variety of faith groups and ef-

forts. Students attending UNCC continue to play an important role in the vitality of the parish through "Chi Rho," the campus ministry. A faith formation program involves more than 1,300 children and 100 volunteers. A Mother's Morning Out program includes 145 children. A Men's Group, Women's Group, charismatic prayer group, youth ministry group, and RCIA program meet regularly to share and learn in faith and friendship. Parishioners attend weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, and monthly nocturnal adoration begins the first weekend in August.

In February 1997, Bishop Curlin dedicated the latest addition to the St. Thomas Aquinas church grounds, the Family Life Center, which includes a full-sized basketball court, classrooms and offices. The addition marks steady growth of a parish — ministered by Capuchin Fathers Ignatius Zampino, pastor, and Martin Schratz, parochial vicar — located in a continually expanding area of Charlotte.

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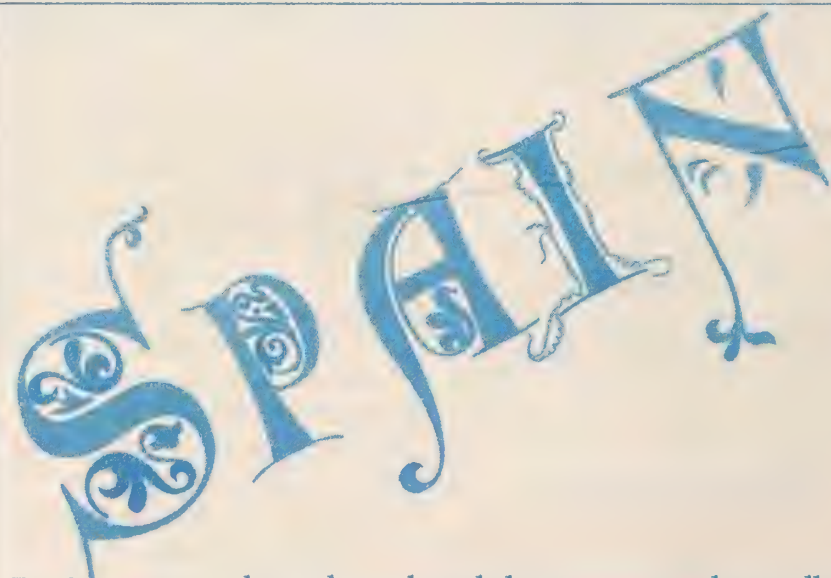
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The Assumption is depicted in this stained glass window at Notre-Dame du Sacre-Coeur in Quebec. The holy day of obligation, celebrated Aug. 15, commemorates the taking into heaven of Mary — soul and body — at the end of her life on earth.

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## Knights, Parish Dedicate Memorial To Unborn

By MIKE KROKOS

Editor

ASHEBORO — If not for the strong faith of his mother, Bishop William G. Curlin could have been one of the victims.

"I remember a story of a woman who lost a child. She had a tragic accident and was going to have another child, but someone in the medical profession suggested she might want to terminate the pregnancy because it could endanger her life," the bishop said.

"But that woman believed in the sanctity of human life," he continued. "She had the child. And I thank God for that woman. She was my mother, and I was the child."

Bishop Curlin's comments were delivered to a crowd of more than 100 people who gathered at St. Joseph Church July 26 for a Pro-Life Memorial Dedication.

At the bilingual ceremony, parishioners from St. Joseph, members of the Knights of Columbus and pro-life advocates from across the state watched as the bishop blessed two monuments adjacent to the church. The marble monuments' inscriptions read: "In Loving Memory of Unborn Children" and "Life: God's Sacred Gift."

"Our Holy Father begs us to be witnesses to Jesus Christ. Not just by prayer, but by public professions of faith," Bishop Curlin said.

The project, sponsored by Asheboro Knights of Columbus Council 10891, began last November, said Ardist Holyfield, Grand Knight. "This is being done by (K of C) councils throughout the state and nation," he added. In the Diocese of Charlotte, more than 25 parishes have dedicated monuments to the unborn.

Bob Smith, the Council's pro-life chairman, said Father Joseph Mack, St. Joseph pastor, urged the Knights to take the project one step further. "We told Father Mack we wanted to put up a (pro-life) memorial, and Father said he'd really like to have two monuments," Smith said.

St. Joseph parishioner Ad van der Staak, an artist, helped design and erect the monuments.

John Harrison, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, called the memorial "a great example of our dedication to the pro-life movement, and in the fight for the unborn in our society."

Barbara Holt, president of N.C. Right To Life in Greensboro, said pro-life supporters should use the dedication of the monuments as a "time of rededication on our part to the cause of life."

"Let us look for opportunities to be messengers of the Gospel of life to our own families, friends, co-workers, elected officials, and all with whom we come in contact," she added.

The N.C. Right to Life president said the monuments represent a stand against euthanasia as well.

"If euthanasia gains a foothold, it will be because of lack of dili-

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## McDermott Begins Work As Director Of Campus, Young Adult Ministries

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — College students, young adults and campus ministers throughout the Diocese of Charlotte have

a new advocate. Her name is Colleen McDermott.



Colleen McDermott

The campus ministry veteran, former camp director and teacher assumed her role this

week as diocesan director of campus ministry and young adult ministry. The ministries are two forms of outreach that McDermott says can help shape lives.

"Being with people as they figure out how to live a life where faith is very important is exciting," she says.

Her insight comes from first-hand experience: In addition to serving as Charlotte Catholic High School's campus minister and religion teacher for the past year, she has nearly a decade of teaching and campus ministry work in Georgia and California to her credit, supervised a household of new mothers and their infants, and overseen a summertime diocesan youth camp ministry.

After earning her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Augusta State University in 1987, she moved on to the University of San Francisco. There she served as a campus ministry intern and resident minister before being named the school's associate director of campus ministry in 1992, the same year she received a master's degree in theology.

Ministering to young adults, she says, presents an opportunity to reach out to those who are encountering significant transitions. "It's a time in people's lives when it seems that everything is up for grabs," she explains. "They sift through all the values that they've been taught and they begin to internalize them."

As diocesan director of the two ministries, McDermott will coordinate efforts across western North Carolina, where there are 14 Catholic campus ministries and several parish-based young adult groups currently in existence.

Her appointment came after a year-long review conducted by the diocesan education vicariate. Results of that research included the decision to hire a diocesan director of campus as well as young adult ministries. Father James Hawker, education vicar for the Diocese of Charlotte, says McDermott's variety of experience will serve her well in her new role.

"This is very much a new beginning (for the diocese), whereby we have a person who is being asked to coordinate both ministries," Father Hawker adds. "There will be a natural connection between the two."

As director of campus ministry, McDermott's pastoral and administrative duties include providing support to the diocese's Catholic campus ministers. The director cites professional development of the ministers as a primary objective, as well as reaching out to students attending colleges without campus ministries. She will also plan and coordinate a retreat program, mentor to those ministers and students seeking to enhance the ministry, and continue to develop an overall vision for campus ministry as it exists in the Charlotte Diocese.

Father Hawker stresses that young adult ministry is equally as vital to the diocese. "First, it creates a setting in which young people can come together to be nurtured spiritually, educationally and socially," he says.

"Secondly, these settings would be useful in assisting young adults deal with their needs, questions and concerns within the perspective of faith."

McDermott plans to meet with representatives of the existing young adults groups to help evaluate how to effectively build communities of faith at the local and diocesan levels. Experience has taught her that providing a diversity of occasions for enrichment — spiritual retreats, socials, involvement in parish life, for instance — often appeals to a larger group of people.

Like Father Hawker, McDermott sees young adult ministry as an extension of campus ministry. "It's very similar in terms of education and searching for God and understanding our Catholic tradition," she says.

And as has been the case in her past, McDermott looks forward to journeying with young adults in their walk of faith. "It's those conversations you have with people from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., the ones exploring who God is and what we should believe. That's what's really exciting," she says.

"Once people ask those questions, they begin to realize how to live their lives — to put things into action."



His Excellency, Bishop William G. Curlin, announces the following appointment in the Diocese of Charlotte.

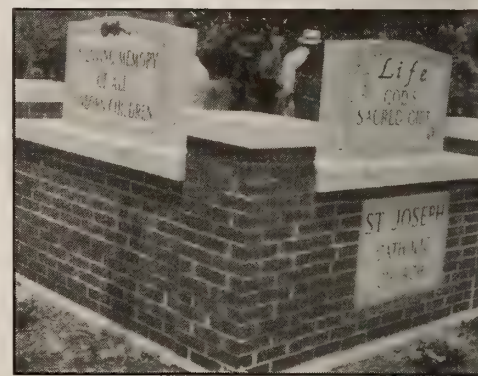
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## Memorial To Unborn Dedicated, from page 1

gence and commitment on our part," she noted. "Diligence and commitment require that we act when the call to action comes. That diligence and commitment will not be easy, but will be rewarding in this life and the life to come."

Bishop Curlin agreed, adding that abortion and euthanasia are the revelation of a deeper decay in society. "The lack of respect for life is the great tragedy of our day," the bishop said. "As Christians, we believe that Jesus lives in the people around us."

"And if we truly believe this, how can we turn our backs and keep from professing the sanctity of God in all stages of human life?" he added.



The pro-life monuments at St. Joseph Church.



Pictured, from left: Anthony Otranto; Father Anthony Marcaccio; State Advocate David Onofrio; State Treasurer Tony Petite; Bishop Curlin; Father Joe Mack; State Deputy John Harrison; Grand Knight Ardist Holyfield.

Scripture		
Readings for the week of August 10 - 16		Readings for the week of August 17 - 23
1 Kings 19: 4-8 Ephesians 4: 30 — 5:2 John 6: 41-51	Sunday	Proverbs 9: 1-6 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58
Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 Matthew 17: 22-27	Monday	Judges 2: 11-19 Matthew 19: 23-30
Deuteronomy 31: 1-8 Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14	Tuesday	Judges 6: 11-24 Matthew 19: 23-30
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Matthew 18: 15-20	Wednesday	Judges 9: 6-15 Matthew 20: 1-16
Joshua 3: 7-10, 11, 13-17 Matthew 18: 21 — 19: 1	Thursday	Judges 11: 29-39 Matthew 22: 1-14
Assumption of the Virgin Mary Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27 Luke 1: 39-56	Friday	Ruth 1: 13 — 6: 14-16, 22 Matthew 22: 34-40
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## Hickory Parishioner Brings Suitcases for Kids

**HICKORY** — Twelve-year-old Aubyn Burnside is on a mission. The St. Aloysius Church parishioner has volunteered for a service project to collect a suitcase for every boy and girl who faces the reality of life in foster home after foster home. About 300 children currently live in foster care in Catawba County alone.

Aubyn founded the ongoing effort, called Suitcases for Kids, after learning that the average child in foster care moves seven to eight times while in the program, and that he or she often has only a garbage bag to carry belongings from one home to another.

"I thought it was horrible that the children had nothing to carry their things in and that they moved so much," she said. "I wanted to make them feel special by giving them something of their own to keep. I tried to put myself in their place and think how I would feel."

The project is being sponsored by the Families for Kids program of Catawba County Social Services.

Aubyn got started by asking mem-



St. Aloysius parishioner Aubyn Burnside has collected nearly 2,700 pieces of luggage for Suitcases for Kids.

bers of her Junior Girl Scout Troop 211 and her 4-H Club to help. She contacted local churches to publish the request in bulletins, and made several in-person appearances in front of congregations. Her

efforts have also included putting up posters in the community.

The campaign has received statewide attention as well. Aubyn recently addressed the annual meeting of North

Carolina Foster Care Directors in Burlington.

As the scope of the project has increased, Aubyn enlisted the help of Chris Young of Sardis 4-H Club, naming the 15-year-old co-chairman of the drive. The two recently received Catawba County's 1997 4-H Achievement Awards.

The volunteer corps is growing as surrounding counties are becoming involved. Blue Skies 4-H members Charles and Isaac Meadows, 14 and 11, have been named Caldwell County chairmen. Ten-year-old Laura Rhinehart is chairman for Alexander County. And Hickory resident John Laughter, 13, organizes deliveries to other nearby counties.

Aubyn says that response to the project has been positive. The entire stock of suitcases in the Caldwell County Salvation Army store — 31 in all — was purchased and given to the drive, for instance. The volunteer group has received local press, too, and has been nominated for the 1997 Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Nearly 2,700 suitcases have been collected to date, and Aubyn continues to implement the project in an ever-growing area. The coordinator has begun drives in two South Carolina counties and has contacted Girl Scout councils in Virginia and Tennessee.

Some of the luggage will be donated to children's relief services in other regions of the globe, including Russia and Bolivia.

While the project has met success thus far, Aubyn and her friends still carry on their mission. Anyone who has suitcases, large duffel bags or backpacks is encouraged to participate in the Suitcases for Kids project.

*To donate hard or soft luggage or for more information, call Aubyn Burnside, (704) 328-3645, or Chris Young, (704) 462-1028. The collected suitcases will be distributed in Catawba County and the surrounding counties through their Social Services departments.*

## Diocese Gears Up For Aug. 9-10 Collection

By **JIMMY ROSTAR**

Staff Writer

**CHARLOTTE** — The annual collection for the Diocese of Charlotte's Clergy Retirement Plan is Aug. 9-10, and parishioners are asked to be as supportive as possible as diocesan officials have set an unprecedented goal to support the priests who have given their lives in service to western North Carolina parishes.

Following a period of task force research and meetings which resulted in increased benefits to retired priests, the diocese announced that the targeted amount for this year's collection is \$583,000. Of that, \$194,000 will support the pension funds of religious orders represented in the Charlotte Diocese.

"Historically, there has been an annual collection to fund the priests' retirement plan, but the proceeds would not be enough to fund the revised plan ad-

equately," said Bill Weldon, diocesan fiscal manager. "What we have done this year is ask parishes to try to raise more money, and we have assigned an amount to each parish."

The amount to be collected, 3% of every parish's and mission's annual offertory, will provide peace of mind to priests serving in the diocese.

"During my 40 years as a priest, I have frequently seen many of my brothers outlive their families," said Bishop William G. Curlin, offering just one example of how the fund benefits clergy. "This collection is a wonderful way to recognize the devoted service given by our priests, both of this diocese and of religious communities."

This year's collection comes at a time when vocations are thriving in the western part of the Tar Heel State. By the fall of this year, 29 men will begin

or resume preparations for priesthood in the Diocese of Charlotte. There are currently 61 diocesan priests serving, and 46 religious order priests join them in active ministry in western North Carolina.

But priestly retirement is a reality that both clergy and parishioners are faced with as well. In the past two years alone, eight diocesan priests have retired from full-time ministry. And as the median age of priests serving in the diocese is 55, those numbers will continue to rise within the next several decades. The average retirement age for priests is 70.

The collection is the only funding vehicle for the plan, which supports retired priests in a variety of ways, housing and health among them. Thus, the fund ensures the well-being of retired diocesan and order priests of both today and tomorrow.

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Bishop William G. Curlin

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Russell House Ballroom, U.S.C., Columbia, S.C.

Thursday, Sept. 4 — 2 p.m.

"Respect for Life: Spiritual Reflections"

Mepkin, Abbey, Monks Corner, S.C.

For more information, see article, page 12

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will  
take part in the following events:

August 9 — 5:30 p.m.

Mass

St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

August 10 — 11 a.m.

Mass

St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

1 p.m.

Profession of Vows of

Dominican Sister Martina Thu  
Dan Vu

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Charlotte

August 12 — 12 noon

Ecumenical meeting of the  
bishops of Western North  
Carolina

Hickory

7 p.m.

Confirmation

St. Joseph Church  
Newton

August 13 — 8:45 a.m.

Mass

St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

August 14 — 10 a.m.

Board meeting of the

Foundation of the Roman  
Catholic Diocese of Charlotte  
Charlotte

August 15 — 1 p.m.

Groundbreaking

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle  
School  
Charlotte

7:30 p.m.

Mass

The Assumption of  
Our Lady  
Holy Day of Obligation  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
Charlotte

August 16 — 10 a.m.

Editorial Board meeting

The Catholic News & Herald  
Catholic Conference Center,  
Hickory

August 17 — 10:45 a.m.

Mass

St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Mary Shared Fully In Life Of Church From Beginning, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience July 30.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now consider her as she is described in the words of the Second Vatican Council: "a pre-eminent and altogether singular member of the church" ("Lumen Gentium," 53). Together with the disciples, Mary was present in the upper room at Pentecost and she shared fully in the life and prayer of the church from the beginning (cf. Acts 1:14; 2:42). Her holiness, placed at the service of her brothers and sisters, is a powerful incentive for Christians to live in a way worthy of their calling. As the Mother of all the Lord's disciples (cf. Jn 19:26), Mary offers her intercession and aid to all who journey towards the fullness of the Lord's kingdom. As the Bride and Temple of the Holy Spirit, she encourages us to imitate her openness to the workings of the Spirit and to live in constant, loving communion with the Blessed Trinity.

I am pleased to greet the visitors from St. John's University in New York, including the recent graduates of the University's Rome Center.



### Pope Meets O'Dell's Widow, Sister Prejean At General Audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At the end of a general audience, Pope John Paul II met and consoled the widow of Joseph Roger O'Dell III, who was executed for murder in Virginia despite protests in Italy and a papal message to the U.S. president. Lori Urs, who married O'Dell eight hours before his death, was traveling with U.S. Sister of St. Joseph Helen Prejean, the capital punishment opponent and author of the book "Dead Man Walking." Sister Prejean was at O'Dell's side just before his death July 23. Urs and Sister Prejean attended the pope's July 30 general audience at the Vatican. They were to proceed from Rome to Palermo, where O'Dell was to be buried the next day.

## Guest Column

Rev. Michael T. Mannion, S.T.L.

### Mary's Assumption: God's Call to Come Home

It is one thing to say, "Yes, I believe!" It is quite another to explore what the belief means to me, to those I love, to the Church that I call home.

The belief in "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, upon the completion of her earthly life, body and soul, into the glory of heaven" was defined by Pope Pius XII on Nov. 1, 1950, after centuries of requests from bishops and countless numbers of lay people.

But what does this teaching mean?

It means that Mary paved the way. She is now with the Resurrected Lord Jesus, her Son. We are called to follow. In a world of division and disintegration, the Son who created the Mother then called the Mother home to himself for all eternity.

The Feast is not about the powers of an autonomous Mary who should be worshipped to the detriment of the honor due her divine Son. This feast is about the woman who bore the Author of Life, and thus was herself freed from the bodily corruption that accompanies death.

We honor Mary as a special saint and intercessor, but certainly do not worship her as a god. She who was an integral part of God's plan of salvation was one whose life was a definite "yes" to this plan.

Her yes to the message of the Archangel Gabriel could have only been a continuation of the smaller yet significant yesses of her childhood faith.

Mary's yes to tenderly rocking the cradle of Jesus at Bethlehem led to her incredibly painful yes to tenderly rocking her dead son in her arms when he was taken down from the cross.

The many yesses in between reveal a Mary who was a simple Jewish peasant woman and the wife of a working man — a Mary whose daily steps led her through the dusty alleys of Nazareth, to the synagogue where her son would preach age-old scriptures referring to himself, to the cliff where those who hated him would like to cast him off.

The yesses led Mary from the celebration of the wedding at Cana to the desolation of Calvary — a disaster to those who understood not, but the consummate act of suffering and redemptive love to those who did.

We Catholics firmly believe that all of Mary's

yesses — from before the cradle to years beyond the cross — give us hope as we struggle with our "No's": "I can't!" "I won't!" "It's too hard!" "Not now, Lord!"

This Mary of the "Yes, be it done to me as you will" was no plastic saint, isolated from the daily pangs and anguishes of life, but a deeply courageous young teenager (probably 14) who allowed her first yes to God to become a pattern of a lifetime, a living gift to us for all eternity.

To celebrate the Assumption of Mary is to take nothing away from Christ. In fact, it is to honor and remember her as Jesus wishes.

What does this Feast of the Assumption mean for you? Ultimately, that's up to you to decide. But let us not divorce faith from reality, for faith is the cornerstone and the key to the understanding of reality:

\* Many today struggle with the possessions they seek to own and then gradually realize their possessions own them. Mary died as she lived — detached from the world, deeply loving all those in it.

\* Many today worship the creatures and creations of God and yet fail to recognize the Creator. Mary's life was focused, centered, and given to the Son to whom she gave biological and physical life, just as he gave her spiritual life.

\* Many today try to forget the past and the painful, only to be oppressed by it tomorrow. Mary treasured all that she experienced in her heart, seeking to understand everything in terms of faith and God's will.

The Assumption of Mary, then, cannot be seen as an isolated event, but in the context of the plan of a loving God who invited but did not force her to play an incredible role in the salvation of all those who came before her and all those who would follow.

Could Jesus have done it without her? Certainly. But he chose not to. And in a world where women are often degraded and children are often disregarded, that makes all the difference. Welcome home, Mary!

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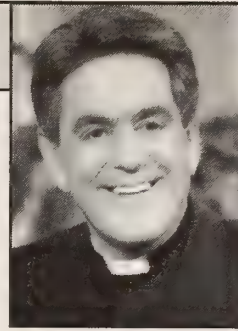
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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### 'Nobody Ever Died Of Old Age'

As a loyal viewer of ABC's newsmagazine 20/20, I have long admired Hugh Downs's concern for issues affecting our elderly. So I was delighted to talk with him about his interest recently on our weekly television program, *Christopher Closeup*.

You may be surprised to know that Downs holds a post-Masters degree in gerontology, a certificate in geriatric Medicine, and is currently co-chairperson of the Research and Education Committee in the Geriatrics Advisory Council of Manhattan's Mount Sinai Medical Center. He also wrote a valuable sourcebook a few years ago titled *Fifty to Forever*.

He is committed to encouraging older people to make the most of their lives. More than that, Hugh Downs wants to demolish the false images of aging, the stereotypes and misinformation about the elderly that so many of us accept unthinkingly. He believes that "No-

body ever died of old age. The causes are accident, disease, electrolyte depletion, etc., but never old age."

He argues that many problems once thought to be caused by age are really caused by poor health habits. A balanced diet and regular exercise can improve health at any age. One group of 70-year-old men who took part in an exercise program had the physical reactions of men of 40 at the end of a year.

Younger people often think that large numbers of older people are in nursing homes. In reality, only 5 percent of those over 65 live in nursing homes at any one time. A cure for Alzheimer's disease would cut that number, possibly by as much as half. "By simple mathematics, you can see that 75 to 80 percent of our elders are in relatively good health and able to function independently in society."

One myth that really gets to Hugh Downs is the idea that mental ability declines with age. He points to a moun-

tain of evidence showing that the great majority of people who continue to use their minds actively and have absorbing interests do not decline in intellectual ability.

Examples: Artist Pablo Picasso was still producing drawings at 90 — and his painting became more innovative with the years. Pianist Arthur Rubinstein gave one of his greatest recitals at 89. Actress Jessica Tandy won an Academy award at 80 for her performance in *Driving Miss Daisy*. Congressman Claude Pepper of Florida was still actively championing the rights of the elderly and the poor at age 88.

I learned that Hugh Downs believes, as do more and more of us, that we can do a lot to contribute to our own well-being. Still, we cannot control all the variables that dictate health of mind and body — at any age. Life will never be that simple.

I was especially touched by Hugh's reflection on the vital role that personal spirituality has on one's longevity. "Again, the evidence is overwhelming. Those, who have the ability to let go of personal losses, to live in the present moment with passion,

clearly experience spiritual growth and perspective. Those without a spiritual resource sort of hit the wall and fall apart."

"To let go of personal losses, to live in the present moment with passion" — there's a challenge, however old we are or whatever circumstances we face.

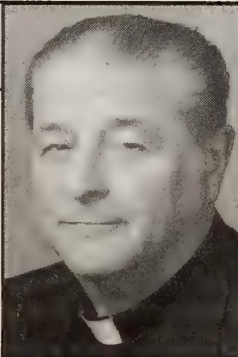
Let's try to take care of ourselves and those around us. And live, really live, each day God gives.

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Retirement: A Time to Renew," write to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the *Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### Mass Intentions

**Q.** Our 24-year-old son died three years ago. Since then, we have had several Masses said for him.

Sometimes his name is mentioned at Mass, which makes us happy; sometimes it is not. Is there any way to request this? It means a lot to hear his name.

**A.** As our Eucharistic Prayers and other parts of the Mass make quite clear, we believe that every celebration of the Eucharist is as far-reaching, as universal, as the first offering of that sacrifice on Calvary.

It embraces the whole human family.

The church always has been concerned not to cloud that belief. Especially since the custom began (about 1,000 years ago) of giving offerings for par-

ticular intentions at Mass, it has tried to avoid any misunderstanding of what these offerings mean.

Thus, statements that a Mass "is being offered for" an individual are generally considered inappropriate. Some mention of a special intention, however, is surely not objectionable. Certain parishes announce something like, "Jane Jones is being especially remembered at this Mass."

Others include the name in the general intercessions that day. Either of these would seem to respect the desires of the family, and the traditions of the church concerning the eucharistic celebration.

**Q.** Our normally insightful pope and your normally insightful column have endorsed the theory of evolution — just

as it is collapsing.

Studies have proven gradual evolution is impossible. It is kept alive to disprove everything biblical and godly.

How can the church pretend to accept evolution, which denies God and creation?

**A.** I don't wish to go into the whole evolution matter again, but one point you make needs to be addressed.

The theory of evolution in no way contradicts belief in God. Nor does it imply that God did not create the world, that the cosmos came into existence somehow by itself rather than through a divine creative act.

Some theorists may hold those un-

orthodox positions, but most do not. Certainly such matters of faith have no essential connection with the position that human bodies developed over the ages from other pre-existing living beings.

Those Christians and people of other faiths who believe the weight of evidence points to an evolutionary process also believe that God created the universe and all that is in it.

How he created it in the beginning, or how the energies placed in the cosmos by the Creator work to move all things toward greater and greater complexity — or simplicity — is not part of

See Dietzen, page 13

## Family Reflections

Andrew & Terri Lyke



### Finding Christian Fellowship While On Vacation

We recently returned from our annual family excursion to Macinac Island. Since 1979 this island between Michigan's Lower and Upper Peninsulas has been a regular family getaway, first for us as a couple, then as a family with children. There's not much we haven't seen or done there. Yet there is nothing trite about our summer vacations there. It's where we best leave our routine, reconnect with our spirit and bond as a family. There's something magical about this simple stretch of land that is 430 miles from our northeastern Illinois home and is no more than about eight miles in diameter. Macinac Island has proven over the years to be able to take us farther away than we've ever traveled.

In the last 10 years or so we have

always stayed at the Small Point B&B, a late 19th century manor that is situated far enough from the tourist bustle in town to experience the quiet stillness of nature. Yet it is close enough to the attractions and restaurants that we can be anywhere we want to go within minutes on our bicycles. The hosts at Small Point, John and Lois Findley, have become dear friends over the years. We look forward to spending a few days catching up with each other each year.

This year we met another family touring the island. The Davis family of Detroit, Floyd and Jennette, their son Brian and nephew Darius was visiting Macinac Island for the first time. We had the pleasure of sharing with them our love for the island, and we suggested a few attractions. Floyd and Jeanette joined us for dinner while our kids

watched theirs, taking them to skip rocks on the lake and later watched a movie and had pizza in the room.

In our conversation with Jeanette and Floyd we found that we shared similar values and interests. Not long into our discussions we also discovered our shared love for the Lord. Sharing the many ways God has blessed us and the challenges of being followers of Jesus in a society driven by individualism and materialism, we found ourselves rapt in prayerful praise and thanksgiving. What started as warm and friendly chitchat became very quickly a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

How appropriate it was for us to find such fellowship on Macinac Island, a

place where we've always felt so close to God. Over the years we have found warm hospitality, memorable sunsets and sunrises and family bonding. We appreciate that our children, at the ages of 15 and 12, are still fascinated by the island and look forward to the next family vacation there.

Possibly next summer our daughter, Andrea, will work at Small Point B&B. We are confident that John and Lois will look after her and keep her on her toes. And though we don't usually keep in touch with people we encounter while on vacation, the depth of our conversation with Floyd and Jeanette suggests that the Spirit will bring us together again.



# Good Shepherd Employees Win Home Care Awards



Bill Smith, president of the board of directors of the North Carolina Association for Home Care, honors Tom Taaffe as the 1997 Administrator of the Year.



Smith presents Ernie Zapetis with the 1997 Medical Social Worker of the Year award.

HAYESVILLE — Two Good Shepherd Home Health and Hospice Agency employees have won prestigious awards from the North Carolina Association for Home Care (NCAHC).

Social worker Ernie Zapetis was named 1997 Medical Social Worker of the Year, and Thomas J. Taaffe, executive director, was honored as 1997 Administrator of the Year. The awards were recently received in Raleigh at the annual NCAHC conference.

Zapetis graduated summa cum laude from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work and completed a Master's degree in Social Work at East Carolina University. He taught social work policy at WCU.

"Ernie exemplifies professional competence as a social work practitioner with a strong base of knowledge, skills, principles and experience," said supervisor Jean Anderson, clinical manager of Good Shepherd's Hayesville office. "His clients are his top priority, and he is dedicated to providing resources for their environmental, financial, social and emotional needs."

Taaffe joined Good Shepherd in 1986. At that time, the staff numbered less than 20 and provided only home health services. Since then, the agency has grown to 80 staff members and provides a full range of services including home health, hospice, and rehabilitation

therapies from two locations. In addition to his responsibilities at the agency, Taaffe served on the North Carolina Association for Home Care's Board of Directors from 1988 to 1993 and as the association's president in 1991 and 1992.

Appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt in 1993, he currently serves on the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. He continues to actively serve and lead the home care industry through his advocacy and involvement in Medicare Reform, serving on the National Prospective Payment System Work Group. Since 1994, Taaffe has served as chairman of the Medical Care Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Medicaid Program. He was recently appointed to the Board of Hospice for the Carolinas. Locally, he serves as president of the Tri-County 2000 Community Health Project.

"Tom has a unique leadership style and the ability to see not only obvious issues, but also small and important peripheral issues," said Judy Wilson, director of operations for the agency.

Good Shepherd has provided home care in Western North Carolina under the leadership of the Diocese of Charlotte since 1977. The agency serves approximately 750 patients each year. Bishop William G. Curlin serves as the chairman of the board, and the Very Rev. Mauricio W. West, vicar general and chancellor, serves as secretary/treasurer of the board of directors.



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# Entertainment



**'Operation Condor'** — Martial-arts star Jackie Chan jumps high in the comedy-action adventure "Operation Condor." The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

CNS photo from Dimension Films

## Welcome To "Good Burger" May I Take Your Order?

NEW YORK (CNS) — The recipe for a secret sauce causes no end of complications for newfound buddies in "Good Burger" (Paramount).

The comedy is based on characters from Nickelodeon TV's sketch comedy series, "All That." Ed (Kel Mitchell) is a shy, good-hearted innocent who cooks at the Good Burger fast food joint and has personally concocted a zesty hamburger sauce that is drawing customers back from the glitzy new rival across the street, Mondo Burger.

With an eye more for a fast buck than fast food, Ed's new co-worker, Dexter (Kenan Thompson), recognizes the sauce's potential and gets trusting Ed to sign a partnership contract — with 80 percent of the profits retained by Dexter.

Meanwhile, over at Mondo Burger, where the eats are immensely oversized and served up with soulless technological efficiency, maniacal owner Kurt (Jan Schwieterman) or-

ders his mean-spirited minions to stop at nothing to steal the sauce recipe so Good Burger will shutter forever.

Checking out Mondo Burger for themselves, Dex and Ed discover illegal chemicals being added to make the burgers swell to bursting. Before they can call in the cops, Mondo's minions catch them, ship them off to a nuthouse and poison Good Burger's stockpile of sauce.

Somehow the lads must exit the asylum before Good Burger opens its doors and kills its customers.

Brian Robbins directs in airy fashion suiting the silly shenanigans on-screen. The proceedings are mostly innocuous broad comedy showing more heart than craft.

In fact, the movie betrays its TV origins in that the plot unreels like abbreviated back-to-back sitcom episodes.

But the two leads give breezy performances that are hard to fault and Abe Vigoda adds an amusing comic touch as a 77-year-old co-worker who's got a real beef with the monsters over at Mondo.

Sinbad and Shaquille O'Neal have cameo roles as well, and by and large the light-hearted tone of the comedy is appealing even if the movie is not otherwise remarkable.

Due to some slapstick violence, mild sexual innuendo and a few crude expressions, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

### "The Eighth Day" (1997)

Separated from his wife and family, a depressed salesman (Daniel Auteuil) is transformed by a young man (Pascal Duquenne) afflicted with Down syndrome whom he finds on the road and has difficulty returning to a mental institution. Writer-director Jaco Van Dormael's French movie about a man finding his inner child by opening his heart to a needy innocent is a bold blend of affecting drama, colorful fantasy sequences and unabashed sentimentality. Subtitles. Ambiguous treatment of a suicide, brief violence, a restrained bedroom scene and a few crude gestures. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-IV — adults, with reservations. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Mikey and Nicky" (1977)

Nicky (John Cassavetes) is a bookie who steals some money from his boss and, fearing he is marked for death, contacts the only man he can trust to help him, his boyhood friend Mikey (Peter Falk). Writer-director Elaine May follows their odyssey through the course of one wild evening but the complications encountered along the way are entirely predictable, buoyed only by the strong performances of the principals. Some violence, rough language and a frank treatment of sex. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation" (1962)

Uneven comedy in which a St. Louis banker (James Stewart) makes the best of things when his wife (Maureen O'Hara) insists on using a friend's West Coast beach house for a holiday with their two children and two grown daughters with their spouses and offspring. Directed by Henry Koster, the comic complications range from the saccharine (Fabian romances their 14-year-old daughter) to the heartwarming (a father-son sailboat misadventure), with some daffy interludes along the way (notably birdwatcher John McGiver and wife Marie Wilson). The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "The Relic" (1997)

Gruesome horror flick in which a genetically altered creature goes on a murderous rampage at a gala museum party while a homicide detective (Tom Sizemore) and a biologist (Penelope Ann Miller) at the gathering work to kill it before they all die. After much murky plotting, director Peter Hyams' dark

monster movie delivers a final half-hour of suspenseful jolts. Graphic fantasy violence with shots of decapitated heads, some rough language and intermittent profanity. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Rendezvous in Paris" (1996)

Three droll anecdotes of the mating game involve a law student (Clara Bellar) and her unfaithful boyfriend; a woman (Aurore Rauscher) who insists on meeting a suitor in out-of-the-way parks; and a painter (Michael Kraft) infatuated with a woman (Benedicte Loyer) he follows into a museum. Writer-director Eric Rohmer playfully spins each tale around the fragile, uncertain relationships between intelligent people with more on their minds than sex. Subtitles. Mature themes. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

### "Smilla's Sense of Snow" (1997)

Convinced the death of a little Inuit boy in her Copenhagen apartment building was murder, a reclusive mathematician (Julia Ormand) is aided by a mysterious neighbor (Gabriel Byrne) in uncovering a fantastic conspiracy going back three decades that puts their lives in danger. Director Bille August creates a remarkable tale whose visuals are filled with mystery and echoes of a Native culture being exploited for reasons involving a jarring plunge into the realms of melodramatic science fiction. Brief sexual innuendo, some violence and intermittent rough language. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

### "Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie" (1997)

Inane action fantasy from the children's TV series has the teen rangers trying to stop a power-mad Valkyrie (Hilary Shepard Turner) and a volcano monster from wreaking havoc on the entire universe. As clumsily directed by David Winning and Shuki Levy, the lame result is a choppy mix of formula mythic characters, derivative situations and extended martial-arts battles. Special-effects violence and stylized mayhem. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.



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# The astonishing apostle to the gentiles

By Father Paul J. Schmidt  
Catholic News Service

**A**nn Landers and Abigail Van Buren are famous letter writers. Daily they pour out answers in letter form to newspaper readers with problems and questions.

It is interesting to read their answer first and see if one can figure out what question the reader had asked. For example:

"Wake up and smell the coffee" usu-

Paul's shortest letter, the Epistle to Philemon, is a good place to start. It resembles a letter one of us might write. It has a salutation, a message and a sign-off. It deals with a particular situation.

Onesimus, a slave, ran away from his master, Philemon, who was a Christian. Paul notes that the slave was useless to his master, and Paul offers to pay for any wrongs the slave committed. (Had Onesimus stolen something?)

Paul does not directly condemn sla-

may be compilations of shorter letters.

If we take them bit by bit, however, we see that Paul often is answering questions and solving problems which emerged in the communities he established.

At the beginning of Chapter 7 of First Corinthians, he states clearly, "Now, concerning the matters about which you wrote ..." He goes on to give advice to married, unmarried and widowed people.

Earlier in First Corinthians, Paul addressed the problem of quarreling factions in the community, a situation reported to him (by letter?) by "Chloe's people" (1:11).

In Chapter 5 he condemns a case of incest, gives practical advice about dietary restrictions (Chapters 8-11), reprimands the people for misbehaving at the Lord's Supper (Chapter 11),

Our conduct is always seen as a response to the unfathomable love of God.

Paul often strays from his topic into associated topics, personal reflections or biographical information. At these places we see the personality and spirituality of the great apostle to the gentiles:

—We witness his struggle with sin, similar to the struggle each of us experiences (Romans 14-25). He writes, "I do not understand my own actions."

—He tells the Galatians about his conversion and ministry (Galatians 2:14).

—He recounts the lows and highs of his life as an apostle (2 Corinthians 11:23-12:10): "When I am weak, then I am strong."

The whole Letter to the Philippians speaks of Paul's deep affection for his first converts in Europe, "whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown" (4:1).

Sometimes we puzzle over the complexity of Paul's letters, but so did the author of the second Epistle of Peter, who wrote that in Paul's writing "there

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deals with the matter of charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit (Chapters 12-15), and answers questions about Jesus' resurrection and the resurrection of believers (Chapter 15).

Paul wrote two Epistles devoted primarily to the subject of the law, Galatians and Romans.

Galatians is a kind of rough draft of Romans. It is written in anger and shoots from the hip: "You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?" (3:1)

Paul was angry at the truth squads which followed him around and contradicted his teaching that faith in Jesus Christ brought salvation.

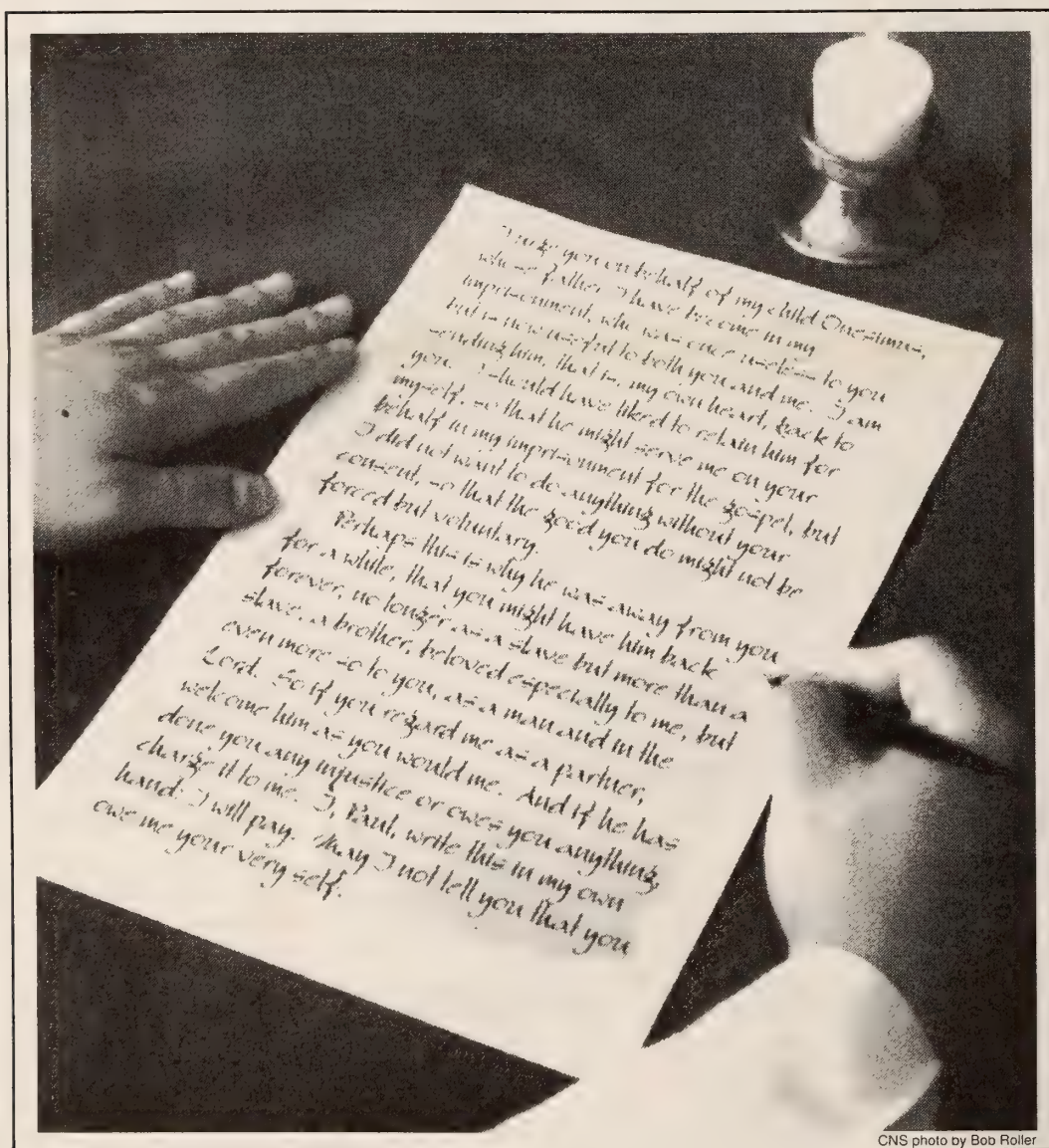
By the time Paul wrote Romans, he had calmed down and was able to make a more moderate presentation of his arguments. This time he was also introducing himself to people he had not met (1:11-15) rather than correcting errant converts. And he had spent time reflecting on Israel's role in salvation history (9-11) and was able to outline Christian teaching in a way that should have ended anti-Semitism once and for all.

Paul's approach to moral life is evident in the prescriptions given at the end of most of the epistles.

are some things hard to understand" (3:14-17).

But we find in these letters most of all the astonishing person who was their author: a man of wisdom and passion, weakness and strength, a spirit on fire with the Holy Spirit, a teacher who answers questions we still ask.

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CNS photo by Bob Roller

ally means that a reader has been in denial about a problem that should have been fairly obvious.

"Ten lashes with a wet noodle" means the reader has improved on the columnist's own advice.

Reading the New Testament letters of St. Paul is very much like reading Ann or Abby backward. In Paul's letters, we have the answer. What we do not have in written form is the question — the situation that caused Paul to write.

We have to figure that out — with the help of knowledgeable Scripture scholars.

very, simply taking it for granted. But while acknowledging that Onesimus is Philemon's slave, Paul appeals beyond that to a new fact: Onesimus is now baptized.

Paul sends Onesimus back to Philemon. But Paul asks Philemon to receive Onesimus "no longer as a slave but more than a slave" — as a brother. And Paul hints that Philemon may want to set Onesimus free and send him back to be of service to Paul, who at this point was imprisoned.

The other New Testament letters of Paul are more complicated. Some circulated from church to church. Some

## In a Nutshell

- The books of the New Testament were recognized by the early Christians as containing the proper understanding of Jesus and his meaning.
- First Thessalonians is the earliest Christian writing we possess.
- In his letters, St. Paul often is answering questions and solving problems which emerged in the communities he established.



FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

**Tell of a letter you once received that remains vivid in your memory. What made it unforgettable?**


"It was a letter from my dad that I received when I was 10 or 11 years old. At the time our family was living apart because of a health crisis. I treasure that letter because it's a link to my dad. It's the only letter I still have from him — and he's been gone 20 years now." — Kathy Henry, Madison, Wis.

"I received a letter out of the blue once from someone I only talked with occasionally on the phone. That she took the time to write really touched me and made me feel good." — Laurie Boyle, Andover, N.J.

"My father wrote me long letters when I went away to college. I loved to get his letters because he filled me in on all the events of the previous week.... He was an avid fisherman and hunter and often wrote of his experiences. Those letters brought back the memories of our time together." — James Harmon, Richmond Heights, Ohio

"My younger brother was away at summer camp in 1970. He wrote: 'Dear Carole, How are you? How is your cat? Send money. Love, Ernest.' He's in his 30s now, still a man of few words, and still asking for money!" — Carole Greene, Baltimore, Md.

An upcoming edition asks: What is the "hard part" of prayer for you? If you would like to respond for possible publication, please write: Faith Alive! 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100.



Overview of the letters Paul wrote

By Father John J. Castelot  
Catholic News Service

The seven letters unquestionably written by St. Paul himself are First Thessalonians, Galatians, First and Second Corinthians, Philippians, Romans and Philemon.

First Thessalonians, written from Corinth, is the earliest Christian writing we possess. Paul wrote it to the Thessalonian Christian converts to encourage them in their trials and to clarify their confused notions about Christ's second coming. Those still alive when Christ returns will enjoy no advantage over Christians who died before then, Paul explains.

The letter to the Galatians was written from Ephesus. It pleads with the Christians there, recent converts, not to be taken in by some Jewish Christians who insisted that, if the Galatians wanted to be saved, they had to become Jews first.

Quite different is Paul's affectionate letter to the Philippians. It was originally a thank-you note, for they had sent him a care package when he was briefly imprisoned at Ephesus. Two other short letters to them were added to the thank-you note to form our present Letter to the Philippians. It is a gem, especially the hymn to Christ in Chapter 2:6-11.

Also written from Ephesus were the two letters to the Corinthians.

First Corinthians attempted to respond to alarming reports about a situation in Corinth and also to reply to questions submitted to him.

Paul treated a wide variety of subjects in this lively letter: factions in the community, a scandalous case

of incest, participation in pagan sacrificial meals, the abuse of spiritual gifts, worship — especially the Eucharist — and mistaken notions about the resurrection.

Apparently this letter did not satisfy the Corinthian Christians, and Paul made a "flying" visit to settle matters in person. While he was there, someone publicly insulted him, making light of his role. And when Paul got back to Ephesus he wrote the Corinthians a no-nonsense letter. He later referred to it as a "letter written in tears." This letter no longer exists independently.

Titus was sent to deliver the no-nonsense letter. But before Titus could report back to Paul, the apostle had been driven out of Ephesus.

When Paul and Titus crossed paths as Titus returned from Corinth, the apostle received encouraging news. Titus reported that the Corinthians had received the bitter letter well.


Paul was so relieved that he sat down and wrote Second Corinthians, expressing his relief and warm concern for them.

But Second Corinthians as we now have it is a composite of several letters. And many scholars feel that what I labeled Paul's "no-nonsense" letter is now found in Chapters 10-13 of Second Corinthians. The tone of these chapters is much different from the rest of the letter.

Back again in Corinth, at a crossroads in his career, Paul wrote his masterful letter to Rome's Christians. It is a leisurely exposition of his position on justification by faith, the wonder of God's grace, the Spirit's work in their lives and Christian conduct in their pagan city.

Paul's shortest letter, a charming, remarkably delicate note to a Christian named Philemon, appeals to him to welcome a runaway slave as a brother and to consider freeing him.

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Back to the beginning

By Father Lawrence E. Mick  
Catholic News Service

I enjoy offering adult education talks and courses on the liturgy. Usually my presentations include some history of the liturgy. This helps people understand the changes experienced since Vatican Council II.

Many things that seemed new to us were actually ancient practices of the early church. What we assume in looking back to the beginning is that those

unity in Christ. Some people were eating well, even getting drunk, while others had nothing to eat.

Should this concern us?

Paul goes on to remind the Corinthians of the meaning of the eucharistic meal, and his teaching applies to our liturgy as much as to the first-century liturgy in Corinth.

Paul first recalls the origin of the Eucharist in the action of Jesus himself at the Last Supper. He reminds the Corinthians that this meal is linked to the death of Christ: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (vs. 26).

Next he warns the Corinthians that receiving the body and blood of the Lord unworthily is a serious matter. He urges them to examine themselves before sharing in this sacred meal. "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks a judgment on himself" (vs. 29).

Scholars tell us that the concern here is that the people were not recognizing that the worshiping community was the body of Christ. Since Christ died to reconcile all people to the Father and to each other, celebrating the meal that proclaims his death should unite us with God, yes, but also with each other.

To celebrate the meal while ignoring our brothers and sisters violates the Eucharist's fundamental meaning.

In our era we have relearned the ancient truth that the Eucharist unites us not only with Jesus but also with all our brothers and sisters. This crucial insight has been central to the reform of the order of the Mass and continues to challenge us.

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who were close to the time of Christ had a good sense of what he intended the church to be.

A similar impulse leads the church to rely on the Scriptures as a touchstone of our faith.

Among various writings of those early centuries, only certain texts were included in the canon of the New Testament. These writings were recognized by the community of believers as containing the proper understanding of Jesus and his meaning for us.

Since that time these writings have served as a constant reference point for Christians, and they offer useful insights for our own time.

Consider St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. In Chapter 11:17-34, he addresses a problem that arose in the liturgy of the church in the Greek city of Corinth.

The liturgy in Paul's time still included a full meal, and Paul notes that the Christians were not sharing their food with each other, even though such sharing would represent a mark of their

St. Paul spoke eloquently, but pointedly. Paul told it like it is, for example, in cautioning that even if we speak in "angelic tongues," we are nothing but "a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal" if we do not love (1 Corinthians 13:1).

He went on to present what may be our most familiar definition of "love," which is patient, kind, not jealous, not pompous and "does not rejoice over wrongdoing" (Cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

Paul, our counselor, advised:

— "If you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:15).

— "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Paul urged Christians to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15), and to "welcome one another" (Romans 15:7).

For we ought to remember that we need each other, Paul thought. He said: "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you'.... Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary." But this wasn't an anatomy lesson. Underscoring his point, Paul concluded: "You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it" (1 Corinthians. 21-22; 27).

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## People In The News

# Brennan Dies: Was One Of Nation's Most Influential Jurists



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Pallbearers carry the casket of the late Supreme Court Justice William Brennan down the steps of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington July 29. Brennan, who died July 24 at age 91, was eulogized at the funeral Mass by President Clinton.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, who died July 24 at the age of 91, was one of the nation's most influential jurists and for 30 years the only Catholic on the nation's highest court.

In his 34 years on the court before ill health following a stroke forced him to retire in 1990, Brennan wrote some 1,200 opinions — more than any justice except William O. Douglas.

A stalwart defender of individual liberties whose views had shaped the direction of the court since 1956, he opposed capital punishment, said the Constitution supported a right to abortion, upheld religious liberties and church-state separation and advanced affirmative action and civil rights for minorities.

In a 1987 interview with National Public Radio, he described himself as a "devout Roman Catholic" who attended Mass every Saturday evening.

Last year he fractured a hip and contracted pneumonia during his recovery. He had been living in a nursing home in the Virginia suburbs of Washington.

Born April 25, 1906, in Newark, N.J., Brennan was one of eight children

of an Irish immigrant worker who became an important labor leader.

He earned his law degree from Harvard University, practiced law in New Jersey and was a judge on the New Jersey Supreme Court when President Eisenhower named him a Supreme Court justice in October 1956.

As a recess appointment, he began serving on the court immediately, although the Senate did not confirm him until the following spring.

As only the sixth Catholic to serve on the high court, his religion became a source of controversy in the confirmation hearings.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, at the request of the National Liberty League, asked him how he would act on the court if faced with a conflict between his religious convictions and U.S. laws or constitutional principles. It was the first time a Supreme Court nominee was questioned on the issue.

He responded, "In everything I have ever done, in every office I held or that I shall ever hold in the future, what shall control me is the oath that I took to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and I shall so act upon the

cases that come before me for decision."

At the time of his retirement in 1990, he was one of three Catholic justices — Antonin Scalia had joined the Supreme Court in 1986 and Anthony M. Kennedy in 1988 — and the so-called "Catholic seat" on the court was no longer an issue.

Brennan was considered a primary influence in the court's 7-2 *Roe vs. Wade* ruling that legalized abortion nationwide in 1973, although he did not write the majority opinion.

Because of his views on abortion as a clear constitutional right, he was the object of pro-life protests when he made public appearances for speaking engagements or academic honors.

In a major ruling on religious freedom in 1963, he wrote the majority opinion citing "compelling state interest" as the test government had to meet to justify interfering with religious liberties.

In 1987 he wrote the majority ruling ordering Florida to grant unemployment benefits to a Seventh-day Adventist who was fired from her job for her religious refusal to work on the Sabbath.

In one of his last opinions before his retirement, he wrote the dissent from the court's 6-3 ruling in 1990 upholding a government ban on religious use of peyote in a Native American sacramental rite.

The majority ruling in that case was widely regarded as significantly eroding religious rights and provoked Congress to respond with the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. This June the current court struck down RFRA as unconstitutional.

Brennan was author of the majority opinion in 1985's *Aguilar vs. Felton*, striking down use of public teachers on parochial school grounds to provide federally funded remedial education for poor children. This year the high court reversed that ruling.

He could be counted on to write passionately, and often eloquently, in defense of the rights of prisoners, the poor or the mentally handicapped to the constitutional rights enjoyed by other citizens.

After the high court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, he continued to vote consistently in dissent against all rulings in support of capital punishment.

In his National Public Radio interview in 1987, he reacted sharply to a question about allegations that he was hostile to religion.

"Oh my — that could not be more wrong," he said. "It could not be more wrong. 'Course I'm not hostile to religion. My heavens, I'm a devout Roman Catholic."

He described his position on religion as simply "that under our Constitution, government has to stay away from trying to regulate religion. And religion has to stay away from butting in on matters that are for government."

## Pope To Baptize Teen In Paris

OGDEN, Utah (CNS) — Megan Lynn Costello was all set to be baptized and confirmed on Pentecost Sunday this spring when she had a sudden change of plans. She was selected to be baptized by Pope John Paul II in Paris Aug. 23 along with nine other youths from around the world. "This has all happened so quickly," she said. "I think the only thing that's real to me right now is my dress." The 15-year-old student at North Ogden Junior High School in Utah had already made plans with other members of the St. James Parish youth ministry group to visit Paris for World Youth Day. But she had no idea until May 13 — five days before Pentecost — that her request would be granted to be received into the church by the pope himself during the event. The Aug. 23 ceremonies will mark the first time that the pope has conducted a baptism as part of World Youth Day observances.

## Knights Set New Records For Donations, Volunteering

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — The Knights of Columbus contributed more than \$105 million and well over 48 million hours in service to church, community and youth programs last year. The total monetary donation of \$105,976,102 is the highest in the organization's 115-year history.

## Couples Urged To Bring Others Into Marriage Encounter

SAN ANTONIO (CNS) — Archbishop Patrick F. Flores of San Antonio urged the thousand-plus couples and their families attending the 26th Worldwide Marriage Encounter International Convention to seek out other couples to attend Marriage Encounter weekend gatherings. "We need to bring in people of all nationalities and all colors," Archbishop Flores said. "Our love for each other is the thermometer that measures how much you love God." The archbishop spoke at the opening ceremony of the recent convention in San Antonio.

## Cardinal Praises New York's Abstinence Education Plan

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York applauded Gov. George E. Pataki's recent proposal for a \$7 million program to teach New York state teens the benefits of sexual abstinence. "We are pleased the governor recognizes the benefits of providing children with the tools they need to resist the pressures of today's society and to engage in healthy behaviors," he said in a statement. "Surely parents want and need this kind of support and leadership from elected officials," said the cardinal, president of the New York State Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops.





Seventeen students and teachers from Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem recently traveled to Europe, visiting Berlin, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Munich and Heidelberg. Sponsored by BMHS' history department, the visit was designed to expose students to the cultures they had studied during the school year. Pictured with Archbishop Donato Squicciarini, papal nuncio, whom the group met in Vienna, are junior Barrett Norris, teacher Kim Eads, junior Jim Tillery, teacher Mike Streich, and senior Anna Goings.



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**Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.**

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## Southern Catholic Conference Sponsors Catechetical Conference As First Event

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Diocese of Charlotte is co-sponsoring a province-wide catechetical leadership conference Oct. 17-18 at White Oak Baptist Conference Center.

Catechetical facilitators of the Atlanta Province's five dioceses have joined in a collaborative project called the Southern Catholic Conference, and the October event is the first of its kind sponsored by the group. Participating with the Charlotte Diocese are the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the dioceses of Columbia, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; and Raleigh, N.C.

The schedule of events includes Mass presided over by Bishop Kenneth Untener, shepherd of the Diocese of Saginaw, Mich., since 1980. Bishop Untener is nationally recognized for his concerns for the poor. He will present a keynote speech at the event as well.

Father James Hawker, education vicar of the Charlotte Diocese, and Joanne Frazer, director of the Charlotte Diocese's Office of Justice and Peace, will also take part in the conference as facilitators. Jean Marie Hiesberger, a 30-year veteran of religious education and former director of the Institute of Pastoral Life, will lead group sessions.

Grayson Warren Brown, a liturgical composer, author and recording artist, will perform a concert and give a

keynote speech.

The theme is "Visioning Discipleship." Topics include "The Church: A Future Full of Hope" and "Many Spokes, One Center."

The cost for the event is \$35 before Sept. 15; afterward, the fee is \$45. Singlerooms are available for \$46, double rooms for \$40 per person. Meals are included. For meals only, the cost is \$15.

For information or registration, contact the Diocese of Charleston, Dept. of Christian Formation, Attn.: Conference, 1662 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407.

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## Patterson Named CEO And President

House of Mercy continues to help those living with AIDS.

BELMONT — Stan Patterson has been appointed president and chief executive officer of the House of Mercy, a residential facility for men and women in the end stages of AIDS. He replaces Mercy Sister Margaret Straney.

"The House of Mercy has an excellent reputation, and I am pleased to be associated with this important and unique ministry of the Sisters of Mercy. I look forward to working with the staff and board of directors in furthering this mission first begun in 1991," Patterson said.

Patterson most recently served as vice president of Carolinas Physicians Network, part of the Carolinas Health Care System in Charlotte. Prior to that, he served as president of Mercy Medical Services, Inc., which was part of Mercy Health Services, Inc.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Patterson also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. Additionally, he is past president of the Carolinas Society for Health Care Planning and Marketing and a member of the Medical Group Management Association and the American College of Health Care Executives. He and his wife, Jane, live in Charlotte with their two sons.

Mercy Sister Mary Rosalind Picot, president of the Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina regional community, said Patterson's credentials made him the right person for the position.

"He combines the necessary enthusiasm for, and an extensive knowledge of the health care industry," she said. "These are essential qualities to the administration of a ministry such as this. We are confident that he will move the House of Mercy forward while retaining efficient, accountable caregiving practices."

## Mercy Foundation Announces \$763,000 in Grants to 13 Area Organizations



Catholic Social Services representatives receive their grant from the Sisters of Mercy Foundation. Shown, from left: Paul Franz, president of the CSS board of directors; Gerri King, director, Charlotte CSS office; CSS Executive Director Elizabeth Thurbee; Mercy Sister Mary Jerome Spradley of the Mercy Foundation; and Father Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor.

CHARLOTTE — Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation announces grant awards totaling nearly \$763,000 to 13 non-profit organizations located in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Burke, and Cabarrus counties in North Carolina, and York and Spartanburg counties in South Carolina. These awards are being made following the close of the Foundation's second grant making cycle for 1997, which began on April 1.

The grant funds will be used for a variety of purposes by the organizations for the economically disadvantaged. Supported programs include education for children, services for the disadvantaged, community advocacy, medical services, legal assistance and housing.

The Sisters of Mercy Foundation was established in 1995 and operates

from a mission to support non-profit healthcare, educational and social service organizations in the Charlotte metropolitan area and in North and South Carolina. Its program focus is on services benefitting women, children, the elderly and the economically poor. The Foundation is particularly interested in promoting systemic change and the quality of life for unserved and underserved populations.

The 13 organizations that will benefit from the Foundation's grantmaking activities are as follows:

- Catholic Social Services, Charlotte, will receive \$150,000, over a three-year period. In partnership with the United Way of Central Carolinas, the grant will be used to establish a Hispanic Resource Center that will reach the underserved Hispanic community by providing an umbrella of services including case management, immigration assistance, translation/interpretation services and employment services.

- Broughton Hospital, Morganton, will receive \$17,800. This grant will be used to purchase equipment for the Enola Learning Center, which provides education for children who are patients at Broughton Hospital. The center serves emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children between the ages of 12 and 21.

- Charlotte Organizing Project, Charlotte, will receive \$57,500 over a three-year period. This organization provides community organization and training in Charlotte's low-income and minority communities. The grant will assist in organizing and training participants to address lack of compliance with the city's housing code by landlords who rent substandard housing.

- Charlotte Pregnancy Care Center, Charlotte, will receive \$26,000 over a two-year period. The grant will assist with operating expenses for a medical clinic. Charlotte Pregnancy Care provides alternatives to abortion through crisis and peer counseling and limited medical support.

- Children's Law Center, Charlotte, will receive \$150,000 over a three-year period. This grant will be used for the Abused/Neglected Children Project which provides legal representation for abused and neglected children.

- Communities in Schools of Rock Hill/Fort Mill, Rock Hill, will receive \$75,000 for the Teen Mothers Program. This program helps teen mothers complete their high school education by providing an onsite nursery, transportation to and from school and assistance in providing for the basic needs of participants and their children.

- The Community Free Clinic, Concord, will receive a grant of \$20,000. The clinic's purpose is to improve accessibility to primary medical care, prescription medications and counseling for Cabarrus County residents who are without private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid coverage.

- Family Housing Services Inc., Charlotte, will receive \$30,690. Family Housing Services provides comprehensive housing counseling to eligible families. The grant will be used to extend mortgage default and rental delinquency/eviction counseling to families who are in danger of losing their homes.

- Family Service, Inc., Gastonia, will receive a grant of \$36,000. The organization works with families and the community to overcome various problems. The grant will provide for a Domestic Violence Program Coordinator who will deliver group services and coordinate services with the court system, agencies and victims.

- The Foundation for the Multihandicapped, Blind, and Deaf of South Carolina, Spartanburg, will receive \$51,000. The School provides education and assistance to individuals who are sensory disabled and to their families. The grant will provide for assistance devices which will help sensory disabled students be more self-reliant.

- Johnston Memorial YMCA, Charlotte, will receive \$60,000 over a two-year period. The grant will be used to expand the Learning Center which is used by children and adults to learn basic computer skills and to improve academic performance, prepare resumes and search for educational or employment opportunities.

- Kinder-Mourn, Inc., Charlotte, will receive \$44,000 over a three-year period to fund the "Helping the Hurt" outreach program which makes Kinder-Mourn services accessible to grieving children in disadvantaged families.

- Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Charlotte, will receive a grant of \$45,000. The organization provides civil legal assistance to low-income people.

Since announcing in October, 1996 that it was ready to begin receiving grant applications, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$1,693,000 to organizations serving unserved or underserved populations. For information concerning the Foundation, call (704) 366-0087.

## Pro-life Advocate Helen Alvaré To Speak In Columbia

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Helen Alvaré, pro-life spokeswoman for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, presents a series of lectures Sept. 3-4 in South Carolina.

She will give three lectures at the University of South Carolina Sept. 3, and a fourth Sept. 4 in Moncks Corner. Although each is intended for a specific audience, all are free and open to the public. Early seating is recommended.

Alvaré, who in 1994 was named by *Time* magazine as one of the top 50 leaders in America under the age of 40, will address such topics as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and capital punishment.

Her schedule for Sept. 3 follows:

- 2-3 p.m. "Respect for Life: A Radical Proposition?" USC Capstone House campus room. Intended for USC students, faculty and high school students.

- 4-5 p.m. "Euthanasia: Courts Reflect on Aging, Sickness and Disability,"

USC Law School auditorium. Intended for USC Law School faculty and attorneys.

- 8-9 p.m. "The Third Millennium: Who Will be Free to Live?" Russell House ballroom. Intended for a general audience.

On Sept. 4, Alvaré will travel to Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner. She will discuss "Respect for Life: Spiritual Reflections" at 2 p.m.

Most recently, Alvaré has been heavily involved in federal congressional hearings on behalf of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on the issue of partial-birth abortion.

Alvaré's visit is sponsored by the University of South Carolina and the Diocese of Charleston.

For information about Helen Alvaré's visit, call Dr. Donald Jones in USC's Religious Studies Department, (803) 777-2283.



# St. Luke Parish Celebrates Hispanic Culture

**By STEVE UZZELL**  
*Correspondent*

MINT HILL — More than 50 people joined together at St. Luke Church recently to focus on Spanish celebrations and traditions.

Participants began by sampling delicious ethnic foods. Trying to memorize their names and origins was a challenge for some. For others, it was a homecoming to familiar cuisine.

"Flan," a Spanish egg custard dessert from Spain; "arroz con pollo," a Panamanian rice with chicken dish; and "tamarindo," a bittersweet pod from the Caribbean, were a few of the delights.

Many had as much fun tasting the food as they did meeting the cooks and discovering new recipes.

The crowd then assembled to hear stories, music and presentations from individuals. Through the first-hand accounts and memories of several speakers, Hispanic traditions were shared.

Maria Conrad Duncan began a nar-

rative on religious observances by describing the Puerto Rican celebrations of "Año Nuevo" and "Maria, Madre de Dios" — "New Year's" and "Mary, Mother of God." Sylvia Hilliard told of "Semana Santa," or "Holy Week," in Costa Rica. Olga Montagnino recalled the feast day of "San Pedro y San Pablo" — "St. Peter and St. Paul" — from yesterday in Ecuador.

"It feels like a long time ago. But I have not forgotten how the whole town joined together for the celebration and chased the bulls before the bullfight," Montagnino said.

Julie Courtney shared memories of annual events she experienced while living in Peru. She talked of the September celebration for Santa Rosa de Lima, the first saint of the Americas, and the November feast for San Martin de Porre, the first black saint.

In each of the presentations, a singular message could be heard. It reflected a tradition steeped with honor and reverence for Church and God.

Songs and dances also demonstrated how important movement and music are to bringing spirit and faith alive in the Hispanic culture.



Parishioners and guests enjoy the music as they celebrate Hispanic traditions. The event was the first in a series of multi-cultural events at St. Luke Church in Mint Hill. Photo by Steve Uzzell

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our faith.

People are free to reject the evolutionary explanation of the development of life if they can figure out how to do it rationally. But they shouldn't attempt to use faith as a club to squeeze or neutralize people's intelligence on the subject. Acceptance of evolution is not rejection of God or creation.

Scientific support for some form of evolution of earthly life is far from collapsing. Just the opposite.

This is what prompted Pope John Paul to remark last year that the growing convergence of evidence for the theory, from several sciences working independently, is a significant argument in favor of it.

Such a scientific theory is not something he would "endorse." Nevertheless, he obviously finds the evidence intellectually weighty.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

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# Diocesan News Briefs

## Table of Plenty Concert

CHARLOTTE — Catholic musicians John Michael Talbot, Tony Melendez and Tom Booth perform a concert on Oct. 21 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. General admission tickets are \$15 each, and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the St. Thomas Aquinas parish office, at Carolina Catholic Bookshoppe, or by calling (800) 521-0290.

## St. Barnabas Blast

ARDEN — The Fourth Annual St. Barnabas Blast is Aug. 17 on the church grounds following the 11 a.m. Mass. Highlights include a dunking booth, winner's choice raffle, food, children's games, crafts showcase and a musical variety show. Call the church office, (704) 684-6096, for more information.

## Spiritual Growth Series

GREENSBORO — A spiritual growth gathering focusing on music as prayer takes place Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the daily chapel at St. Pius X Church. Marge and Al Birge are the facilitators. Call Deene Kennon, (910) 299-9418, or Kitty Rodgers, (910) 288-4584, for details.

## Rummage Sale

LENOIR — The St. Francis of Assisi parish annual rummage sale is Aug. 23. Furniture, housewares, dishes, bedding, lamps and pictures are among the items still needed. Sale items will be accepted through Aug. 18 at the faith formation building from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Wed., Fri. Volunteers are needed for sale day. Call Carol Reynolds, (704) 754-8145, for information.

## Weight Down Workshop

CHARLOTTE — A Bible-based weight loss seminar incorporating lectures, videotapes, audiocassettes, guide books and group discussions begins Aug. 14 at 7:15 p.m. and continues for 12 weeks on Thursdays in classroom 14 at St. John Neumann Church. Cost is \$103. For information or registration, call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916.

## Jesuit House of Prayer Retreat

HOT SPRINGS — "Spirit Without the Spirits" is an Aug. 22-24 retreat at the Jesuit House of Prayer for recovering alcoholic women. Early registration is encouraged. For information, call (704) 622-7366, or Sister Eileen, (704) 343-9954.

## Spirituality Gathering

CHARLOTTE — An introductory gathering for office workers, teachers and health care workers focusing on spirituality in the workplace is Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Books related to spirituality will be available for purchase. Cost is \$15. For reservations, call (704) 523-5524.

## Alzheimer Support Group

CHARLOTTE — The Alzheimer Support Group meets the second Mon-

day of each month and is offering several new experiences this summer. The next meeting is Aug. 11 at The Little Flower, a Catholic assisted living facility. For details, directions or to make reservations, call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1720.

## Eucharistic Adoration

CHARLOTTE — St. Gabriel parish hosts perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127, for details.

Eucharistic Adoration is at St. Matthew Church each Friday after the 9 a.m. Mass until the 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday. Call Pat Gundaker, (704) 366-9687, or Bernice Hansen, (704) 846-2958, for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

ASHEVILLE — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Basilica of St. Lawrence daily from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the office, (704) 252-6042.

HIGH POINT — Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at the Maryfield Nursing Home chapel. For information, call Joe or Cathy Lanham, (910) 454-4551.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

CHARLOTTE — A contemplative prayer group open to all people regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation or HIV/AIDS status meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at St. Peter Church. Gather at the rear entrance to the sanctuary. For details, call David Brown, (704) 535-3684.

## Charismatic Masses Celebrated

HIGH POINT — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated the third Thursday each month in the Maryfield Nursing Home Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

CHARLOTTE — A Charismatic Mass is celebrated Aug. 17 at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral.

## Silver and Golden Celebration

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at the 18th Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. All couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 1997 are encouraged to contact your parish office to register for the celebration, which includes Mass and renewal of marriage vows.

## 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — The 50+ Club meets Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church. A cosmologist will visit the group and provide tips to enhance your appearance. Bring a bag lunch, desert and beverages are provided. For information, call Joann Halgas, (704) 535-3745.

## Widowed, Separated, Divorced

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Social

Services of the Charlotte Diocese offers a monthly support group for widowed, separated and divorced persons the second Thursday each month. The next meeting is Aug. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center. Call Suzanne Bach, (704) 331-1730, ext. 314, for details.

## Ultreya

ASHEVILLE — Ultreya meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Eugene Church.

CHARLOTTE — Vietnamese Ultreya meets the third Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Leaders' School is the second and fourth Friday each month at 7 p.m.

## Healing Service

ASHEVILLE — A Healing Mass for people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses is the second Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church. For information or transportation call (704) 252-3151.

## Grief Support

WINSTON-SALEM — A grief support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joanne Parcell, (910) 924-9478.

## Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — "Our Journey of Faith" is an Aug. 15-21 retreat directed by Msgr. Chester Michael focusing on our earthly life as a continual course of growth in faith, hope and charity. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

"The Stillness of the Forest" is an Aug. 25-31 nature retreat directed by Father John Quigley, OFM, and Gus Tamborello focusing on being drawn into the mystery of God's love through Scripture, story, sharing and song. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

"Drink the Living Water" is a Sept. 4-10 nature retreat directed by Father William Fickel, SSS, and Sister Patricia Froning, OSF, focusing on an active, interactive experience with nature and liturgy in a prayerful, healing atmosphere. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

To register for these retreats, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

## Liturgy and Prayer Concert

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Liturgist, composer and musician Dan Schutte offers a concert of music for liturgy and prayer and a day-long workshop for liturgical ministers Sept. 26 and 27 at St. Ann Church, 1694 Bird St., Rock Hill, S.C. Cost for the concert is \$10; the

workshop is \$20. To register, contact The Oratory: Center for Spirituality, P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731-1586, Attention: Sarah Morgan, or call (803) 327-2097 weekday mornings. This event is co-sponsored by St. Ann Church and the Oratory.

## CRS Committee Offering Mini-Grants

CHARLOTTE — The diocesan committee of Catholic Relief Services will award mini-grants of \$500 to parishes, schools, vicariates or other programs for local initiatives on international issues or projects.

The grants will go to projects which reflect diversity among Catholics; a range of international, immigration or migrant issues; and a range of approaches (example: linking faith and justice, education, advocacy, media).

The deadline to apply is Sept. 8. Each pastor has received an application. For more information or additional applications, contact the Office of Justice and Peace, (704) 331-1736.

## Retrouvaille

CHARLOTTE — Retrouvaille, a program for couples who want to improve their troubled marriage, works to build relationships between husbands and wives. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program, but is open to people of all faiths. For information, call Nick and Irene Fadero, (704) 544-0621 or (800) 470-2230.

## Bargar Joins Abbey Staff

BELMONT — Beth Bargar of Charlotte has joined the staff of Belmont Abbey College as director of public relations.

Bargar has nearly 20 years of experience in professional communications in higher education, health care and other not-for-profit fields. She earned a degree in journalism from Ohio State University and is active in various professional and civic concerns.

Belmont Abbey College, founded in 1876, is the only Catholic college in the Carolinas. It is an independent coeducational liberal arts institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees and continuing education programs.

Belmont Abbey College is located in Belmont, N.C., just west of Charlotte. For information, call (704) 825-6890.

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## World And National News Briefs

### Center Is U.S. Catholic Think-Tank

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center will be the premiere U.S. Catholic think-tank as well as a world-class living museum, according to the U.S. cardinal who is the founder and driving force behind the project. At a press conference in Washington, Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida said the new facility in the nation's capital "will be a place for exploring the Catholic faith, culture and the impact of papal teachings on current events and issues facing all peoples every day." The \$50-million facility, consisting of an intercultural forum and interactive museum, will be built on 14 acres adjacent to The Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

### TV Portrayal Of Priest Criticized

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Los Angeles priest who was consulted about the pilot episode of a new ABC-TV comedy series centering on the life of a young priest criticized the series and rebuked its producer for implying that the church had approved the show. Meanwhile, the head of the U.S. bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting called the pilot episode "a mixed bag" and the television reviewer for the Jesuit magazine *America* said it "looks like the best television series ever produced about the rich and often complicated lives of American Catholics." The series, "Nothing Sacred," is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Eastern time on Thursdays beginning Sept. 25.

### Bishop Pilla Lauds Yeltsin Veto

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, has praised Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin's decision to veto legislation sharply restricting most religions in Russia. Bishop Pilla also commended the efforts of the Clinton administration to get Yeltsin to veto the bill. "Your efforts in this case are an example of how U.S. foreign policy can help stave off threats to religious freedom around the world," he said in a July 25 letter to President Clinton which was released July 30 by the NCCB.

### Caritas Appeals For Flood Relief

ROME (CNS) — The Catholic aid organization Caritas was appealing to people throughout Germany to contribute food, clothing and other donations to flood relief efforts in the eastern part of the country. Flooding that started July 23 forced people in three villages on the German-Polish border, as well as numerous residents along the Oder River, to abandon their homes. "We are doing everything we can to help those who have been displaced," Steffen Mehnert, coordinator for the Caritas office in Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, told Catholic News Service July 31. "But it is not nearly enough."



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### Astronaut On Mir

— U.S. astronaut Michael Foale is helped into a space suit aboard the Russian space station Mir. Researchers at a Catholic college in Louisville are assisting in a project to determine why the hearts of astronauts become smaller in size while in space.

### Bishop Apologizes For Priest's Sex Abuse

DALLAS (CNS) — Bishop Charles V. Grahmann of Dallas offered an emotional public apology July 27 to the 10 young men involved in a sexual abuse lawsuit against the Dallas Diocese. None of the men showed up for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Corsicana, 55 miles south of Dallas, where the bishop traveled in hopes of meeting some of them. "I want to look into the eyes of each of the victims of this terrible crime perpetrated against them and say, from the most intimate part of my being, that I am profoundly sorry," Bishop Grahmann said in a statement during the Mass. Three days earlier the 10 young men and the parents of an 11th man who committed suicide in 1992 won a \$120 million verdict against the diocese — by far the largest amount ever awarded in a clergy sex abuse lawsuit.

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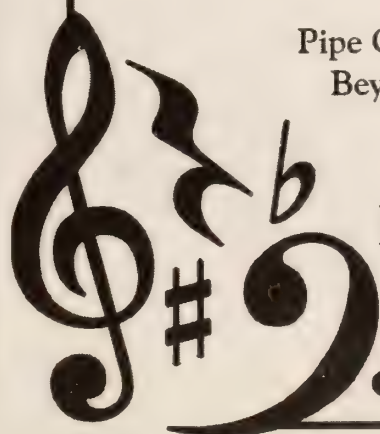
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GREENSBORO — The Catholic community of St. Paul the Apostle Church was founded in July 1974, when Bishop Michael J. Begley of Charlotte invited the Paulist Fathers to create the fifth parish in the Guilford County seat.

Paulist Father Robert T. Scott, pastor, celebrated St. Paul the Apostle parish's first Mass at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. While a long-term, three-phase building plan was drawn up in those early days, the congregation first gathered at a number of Protestant churches and a funeral home for liturgies and parish functions.

At a time when the number of families continued to grow from its original 90, the parish set sights on constructing its church. Ground was broken in August 1975 for a multi-purpose facility on the present property, and the parish gathered for its first Mass in the new 450-seat sanctuary in April 1976.

In addition to the central worship space, the new building was also furnished with a chapel, kitchen, and a half-dozen rooms which served as space for a nursery, classrooms, religious education offices and meeting rooms.

Bishop Begley served as principal celebrant at the dedication Mass in May 1976. Concelebrating was Paulist Father Thomas F. Stransky, then president of the Paulist Fathers, who delivered the homily, and Father Scott, pastor. The registered congregation by then numbered 350 families.



While the Paulists ministered to the ever-growing parish of St. Paul the Apostle, they also served in campus ministry to Catholic students attending Guilford College, Greensboro College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. That ministry has developed into the Catholic Student Fellowship of Greensboro, and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father John Gilvey, priest in residence at St. Paul the Apostle Church, serves as campus minister for students of the three schools.

An ecumenical outreach developed during the Paulist presence in Greensboro as well. The Catholic parish signed a covenant of cooperation with Cross of Christ Lutheran and St. Barnabas Episcopal communities, both of whose churches were utilized by St. Paul parishioners in the early years for parish functions.

Emphasis on community — among the congregation and beyond — has been an important facet of parish life. Father Scott, in the mid-1970s, brought a ministry to the parish for divorced and remarried Catholics. And in 1978, the

parish made local news when it "adopted" a family of Vietnamese refugees. A variety of community and ecumenical projects continue today, including involvement in Habitat for Humanity, local bloodmobiles, and several family-related service ministries.

Parish growth continued through the 1980s, both in the number of ministerial efforts and the size of the congregation.

The Paulist Fathers continued their pastorate at St. Paul the Apostle Church until 1991. That year, the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales assumed pastoral leadership, and Oblates Father James O'Neill was appointed pastor.

The parish at that time was composed of almost 1,000 families, and Father O'Neill immediately began plans to enlarge the church facilities. The expansion, which yielded additional worship space, was dedicated by Bishop John F. Donoghue of Charlotte in March 1993.

The parish council has developed a vision statement that stresses St. Paul the Apostle Church's commitment to the Eucharist as the center of each parishioner's life. "Our Vision 2000"

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Father O'Neill continues to serve the Greensboro parish, which now includes more than 1,800 families.



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## Out Of Africa

# Synergy Springs From Global Experience

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

BALTIMORE — When ordained to the priesthood, he will serve the spiritual needs of a still-young and developing diocese. And during an overseas visit that acquainted him with the bleakest human conditions, he saw the necessity for a different sort of development whereby groups of people are often fighting for their very survival.

David Brzoska, a seminarian of the Charlotte Diocese, recently joined eight fellow seminarians this summer in traveling to Zimbabwe, Africa. The journey was part of the 1997 Global Fellows Program, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and aimed at promoting global awareness for seminarians in the United States.

For Brzoska, it provided an opportunity to encounter the catholicity of humanitarian efforts.

"The Catholic Church has always done a good job with education and support of schools in Zimbabwe," said Brzoska, who is studying at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Penn. "But especially since Zimbabwe has gained independence (in 1980), the Church's presence is much more service-oriented towards the whole community — not just the Catholic parish, but all of the people."

The Global Fellows were selected through a comprehensive application process including a personal essay from each applicant and recommendations from each seminarian's rector, vocation director and bishop.

In Zimbabwe, the group received a quick introduction to the struggles of a largely agricultural nation fighting health problems compounded by a lack of basic human necessities.

At two Catholic missions — one located along the eastern border, the other in the west toward the countries of Botswana and Zambia — the seminarians met with villagers taking a stand against oppression manifested by economic deprivation, deficiency in education, and devastation from the virus and disease infecting, at the very least, 30% of the national population.

"One of the major problems is HIV and AIDS," explained Brzoska. "It's predicted that by the year 2010, one-third of the children in Zimbabwe will be orphaned. Only now are people coming to terms with the fact that it's a problem."

Brzoska added that education is a vital commodity, and the people of the missions and elsewhere are making efforts to learn more about self-sufficiency in all areas of life.



Photo courtesy of DAVID BRZOSKA

Children of the Tonga ethnic group pose for this photo taken during a visit to Zimbabwe, Africa, by nine American seminarians through the 1997 Global Fellows program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services.

The missions, sponsored by the Mutare and Hwange dioceses, run self-help projects in agriculture and education with the assistance of Catholic Relief Services. Entrepreneurial endeavors give economic promise, and schools and clinics provide learning and healthcare opportunities. Home-based care programs connect local volunteers with the sick and needy.

"These volunteers, people who live in the area, go around each day visiting those who are ill," said Brzoska of the home-based programs that reach out to many. "They provide medicine, nutrition, education, spiritual support."

While in the Diocese of Mutare, the Fellows met with Auxiliary Bishop Msgr. Patrick Mumbure Mutume to discuss the Church's role in justice and peace issues in Zimbabwe. In addition to his concern with AIDS and healthcare issues, the bishop has made inculturation

of the faith a priority in a country where about one-quarter of the population is Christian. Another quarter still adheres to traditional tribal beliefs, while the remaining half is devoted to a faith incorporating elements of both Christian and traditional beliefs.

"One of the problems of the early missionary efforts is that a lot of cultural beliefs and practices really were not taken into account," said Brzoska. "Now the Church realizes that there are positive cultural aspects that need to be fostered."

"In a sense, the program helped me appreciate more what we have here, especially as a Church and a diocese," he added, "and it also emphasized looking at the Church as one global community."

Joanne Frazer, director of the Charlotte Diocese's Office of Justice and Peace, hopes to consult with Brzoska in the future. "By seeing the problems firsthand of the developing Third World," she

said, "David will be able to advise us in our local efforts — in how we can be part of the solution by working through our Church."

Despite whatever challenges the people of Zimbabwe face, their conviction largely remains strong, said Brzoska. "I had the opportunity to meet with a lot of different people," he added. "Some of them didn't have much of anything. But they are very proud and very faith-filled at the same time."

The examples of faith in action Brzoska witnessed, he said, truly can have global effects. "We're all neighbors, and if one part of the world grows in faith, it can help all of us grow and pass that experience along to others."

*Jennifer Brill of the communications department of the national Catholic Relief Services office contributed to this article.*



## Bishops Approve Home Mission Collection, New Mass Books

By JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops have approved a new national Collection for the Home Missions and the texts of new official liturgy books for use at Mass.

The liturgy books are the first part of a new Lectionary, which is the book of readings used at Mass, and a new Sacramentary, the book of the prayers at Mass.

The new texts, which must still be confirmed by Rome, mark the first major revisions of the Mass in English in more than a quarter-century.

The bishops' decisions were announced Aug. 11 by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. They were the result of mail balloting conducted in July after votes taken during the bishops' national meeting in June were inconclusive.

Bishops who head dioceses — the only ones allowed to vote on financial decisions — approved the Collection for the Home Missions by a vote of 141-44. At least 130 votes — two-thirds of the diocesan bishops — were needed for passage.

The collection is to be taken up in all U.S. parishes on the last Sunday of April each year, starting in 1998.

Its goal is \$7 million a year to assist poorer dioceses in the United States and its possessions and to help fund other evangelization and formation programs, especially those that reach out to Catholic minority groups.

The collection replaces the 40 percent portion of the fall Mission Sunday Collection that used to go to the home missions. Several years ago the Vatican asked bishops of the three remaining countries which kept part of their mission collection at home to phase that practice out and begin devoting all proceeds to the foreign missions.

The mail ballot that concluded four years of work by the bishops on a new Sacramentary consisted of a single vote on a single prayer.

By a vote of 192-48 they approved a change in words the priest uses to invite people up to Communion. Instead of saying, "blessed are those who are called to his supper," he will say, "blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb."

With that vote the bishops completed work on the new English Sacramentary that had occupied substantial portions of every national meeting since November, 1992, when they adopted special procedural rules to guide them through the review and voting process.

The new Sacramentary must be submitted to the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments for confirmation. Approval from Rome is needed before it can be published and distributed for use in parishes.

In their action on the Lectionary, the bishops voted 199-50 to "approve the submission of Volume I of the Lectionary for Mass ... to the Apostolic See for confirmation and authorize, after a period of five years, a full review of the Lectionary with a view to its possible updating."

For both the Lectionary and the

Sacramentary, approval required affirmative votes by at least 174 bishops — two-thirds of the active Latin-rite bishops in the country.

The Lectionary vote represented the conclusion — at least for now — of a long struggle over the degree to which horizontal inclusive language is acceptable in English translations of Scripture intended for use in the liturgy.

In 1992 the U.S. bishops approved and submitted to Rome a revised Lectionary based on a partially updated translation of the New American Bible, adapted to reflect criteria for inclusive language in such texts which the bishops had adopted in 1990.

In 1994 the Vatican informed the bishops that changes would have to be made before the Lectionary would be confirmed.

Although most of the negotiations and communications were conducted in secrecy and strict confidentiality, Vatican and U.S. church officials involved said publicly that one of the key issues was the use of certain translation techniques in the proposed Lectionary to make the English text inclusive.

This spring a working group of three U.S. archbishops and several Vatican officials spent a week hammering out differences and agreeing on a compromise text. While inclusive language was kept in the translation of some passages, changes were made in other passages to reintroduce masculine terms.

Because of time constraints, only the first part of the revised Lectionary — containing the texts for Sundays and major feasts — was presented to the bishops for a vote in June. The second part is to be dealt with in November.

The format of the formal motion presented to the bishops left no room for them to amend the compromise translation.

After several bishops took the floor to express strong dissatisfaction with the text, the bishops amended the motion approving the text to add language authorizing a review and possible updating of the text after five years.

## Doing The Work Of Catholic Social Services In Your Parish

CHARLOTTE — Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has served as the official overseas relief and development agency of American Catholics since 1943. As a ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte, CRS is directed by the Office of Justice and Peace, which works in partnership with parishes to alleviate hunger, suffering and deprivation throughout the world. At the local level, parishes can support CRS in several ways.

Parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte contributed more than \$15,000 during the 1997 Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving. During Lent, families are encouraged to place symbolic rice bowls on their tables to help eliminate the causes of hunger, injustice and poverty by providing material and spiritual assistance in the form of prayer and sacrifice. Of the funds collected, 75% goes to the national office to be used in responding to worldwide human needs, while 25% stays in the diocese.

Work of Human Hands, a collaborative effort between CRS and SERRV International, works with community-based self-help groups of low-income people in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the United States who make traditional handcrafted products. Work of Human Hands pays the groups in advance and at a fair-market price for their work. Parishes can become part of this direct trading system by holding a Work of Human Hands sale during Christmas season. There is no upfront cost, and the parish keeps 10% of the sales to support other missions or to cover any costs. For



David Brzoska, a seminarian of the Charlotte Diocese, shares a moment with young villagers in Zimbabwe, Africa, during a CRS sponsored program. See story, page 1.

information on sponsoring a sale, call Catholic Relief Services at (800) 685-7572.

A mini-grants program of Operation Rice Bowl has been established using the program funds that remain in our diocese. Parishes or other Catholic organizations such as youth ministry, faith formation and campus ministry groups can apply for \$500 mini-grants for local initiatives on international issues or projects. Pastors of the diocese received applications in July. Interested parties should submit applications by Sept. 8.

The DEVCAP Shared Return Fund allows for tax-deductible donations of a portion of investment returns to CRS to be used for micro-enterprise efforts in developing countries.


For more information on these and other Catholic Relief Services programs, call Joanne Frazer, director of the Office of Justice and Peace, at (704) 331-1736.



Readings for the week of  
August 24 - 30

Sunday	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18 Ephesians 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5, 8-10 Matthew 23: 13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 Matthew 23: 23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 27-32
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## Black Catholic Congress To Dedicate "Our Mother of Africa Chapel" In Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON — For African-American Catholics and people of African ancestry, Aug. 30 will be a historic and monumental day to remember.

National Black Catholic Congress participants in Baltimore will board buses for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., to dedicate the "Our Mother of Africa Chapel".

The chapel will be located in the crypt level of the shrine between the chapels of Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes.

In January 1994, the National Black Catholic Congress, with the support of the 11 African-American bishops, embarked on an ambitious campaign to raise \$2.5 million to erect the chapel and establish an endowment fund. Donations from 13 organizations, 34 major religious communities, 146 dioceses, 675 parishes and 3,687 individuals helped exceed the initial goal and begin construction of the chapel. The endowment will be used to develop programs and materials to assist parishes and provide training programs.

Sculptor Ed Dwight created the statue "Our Mother of Africa and her Divine Son" and a bus relief panel depicting the struggles and challenges of the African-American people. Juvenal Kaliki, a Tanzanian sculptor from the Entebene tribe, and New York sculptor Jeffrey Brosk created the chapel's crucifix. Kaliki carved the figure of Christ and Brosk designed the cross.

More than 3,000 priests, deacons, brothers, women religious and lay persons who minister to or worship in African-American churches will arrive in Baltimore Aug. 28 for Congress VIII. A four-day celebration sponsored by the National Black Catholic Congress, the event will highlight the accomplishments that have transpired within the African-American Catholic community over the last century, particularly within recent years.

From Aug. 28-30, Congress attendees will participate in general sessions, liturgical celebrations, word events and various social and cultural activities. All activities will have "evangelization" as their central theme to prepare participants for the next millennium.



CNS photo by Michael Alexander, Catholic Standard

Bishop John H. Ricard explains details of the Our Mother of Africa chapel at Washington's Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Aug. 8. Msgr. Michael J. Bransfield (right), rector of the shrine, called the chapel, which was still under construction, "the missing link within the fabric of the shrine."

## Asheville Priest Receives National AIDS Award



Father Morris Boyd and Ana Garcia, coordinator of social services at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Pediatric AIDS unit, Miami, Fla., were recipients of Lumina Awards. Shown, from left: Rodney DeMartini, executive director, National Catholic AIDS Network; Father Boyd; Garcia; the Rev. Robert J. Vitillo, president of the NCAN board of directors.

CHICAGO — Father Morris Boyd, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church in Asheville, has received the Lumina Award from the National Catholic AIDS Network (NCAN).

The highest honor of NCAN, a network of AIDS ministries throughout the country, was presented at the network's annual ministry conference at Loyola University in Chicago.

Father Boyd is a founding member of the Caring Hearts AIDS Ministry at St. Joan of Arc parish. As conveyed in its mission statement, the ministry seeks to provide a Catholic presence and to minister to the needs of the HIV/AIDS community through God's unconditional love.

In his acceptance speech at the conference last month, Father Boyd spoke of the need of parish communities to care for people with AIDS and their loved ones.

"Don't tell people with AIDS that God loves them," he added, sharing the motivation that fuels the Caring Hearts ministry. "Tell them that *you* love them, for your hands are the only hands God has to touch them with, and your heart is the only heart God has to love them with."

Founded in 1994, the ministry is responsible for organizing food drives for people living with AIDS and other terminal illnesses; a monthly AIDS healing Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church; care teams that provide non-medical but much-needed support to the homebound; and regular meetings featuring guest speakers, education opportunities, spiritual support and fellowship.

In May 1996, Caring Hearts was instrumental in founding Cornerstone, a diocesan network of Catholic parish-based AIDS ministries in the Diocese of Charlotte.

Also among the 350 people in attendance at the NCAN conference was Michele Bennington, a facilitator of the Shepherd's Care HIV/AIDS Ministry at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte. She served on the conference's planning team and presented a workshop on parish-based HIV/AIDS ministries.

Bennington said this year's conference had the most diverse ethnic population in its 10-year history, and more than one-third of those in attendance have tested positive for the HIV virus.

"Although our diversity in Chicago represents a great step forward," she added, "(NCAN) continues to work towards a more representative community at our conference reflecting the faces of those most heavily impacted by the pandemic."

Bennington noted that this year's conference included the opportunity for youth participation with a workshop for young people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. She hopes that youth involvement will become an increasing reality not only at the annual conferences, but especially at the parish and community levels as well.

As in years past, the 1997 conference provided time for regional areas to meet and network. Representatives of the Charlotte Diocese are included in a region comprising the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee.

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### Jane de Chantal



Jane Frances de Chantal was born in Dijon, France, in 1562. She married at age 20. The couple was raising four children when her husband died in 1601. At age 32, with three other women and the help of St. Francis de Sales, she founded the Visitation Order for young girls and widows. She continued in her spiritual pursuits despite admonitions from family members to return to the world. The order spread across France and in 30 years more than 60 houses were founded. Jane died in 1641. Her feast is Aug. 18.





## Pro-Life Corner



### Blessing of Parents During Pregnancy

Gracious father, your word, spoken in love, created the human family and your Son, conceived in love, restored it to your friendship. Hear the prayers of those who await the birth of their children. Calm their fears when they are anxious. Watch over and support these parents and bring their child into this world safely and in good health, so that as members of your family they may praise and glorify you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**August 23 — 12 noon**

Catechists Conference

Bishop McGuinness High School  
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**August 24 — 12:15 p.m.**

Mass

St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

**August 29 — 8:45 a.m.**

Mass

St. Gabriel Church  
Charlotte

**August 30**

National Black Catholic Congress

Dedication of Our Mother of Africa Chapel

Basilica of the National Shrine of the

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Washington, D.C.

**August 31 — 10:30 a.m.**

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II

### Mary, Church Express Divine Love In Motherhood, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Aug. 13.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the relationship between Mary and the church, we now consider the words of the Second Vatican Council, which describe the Blessed Virgin as the "eminent and singular example" of the motherhood of the church (cf. "Lumen Gentium," 63). As the mother of the Son of God, Mary cooperates with maternal love in the rebirth and spiritual growth of all the members of Christ's body, the church. Like Mary, the church also is a mother who brings us new life in the Holy Spirit through her preaching and through baptism (cf. *ibid.*, 64). The church, as the spiritual mother of the faithful, has her example and model in Mary's holiness, Mary's openness to God's word and her complete obedience to his will. Through the motherhood of Mary and of the church, may we all be brought nearer to the saving love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

I cordially greet the groups of young people from around the world who will join me in Paris for the World Youth Day. Dear young friends, how much the world needs your witness to the love of Christ! In the days ahead, may you appreciate ever more fully the beauty of God's gift of faith and joyfully share that gift with others in building a world of justice, love and

solidarity. Upon you and upon all the English-speaking visitors, especially the pilgrims from Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, Canada and the United States, I invoke the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### Pope To Make Private Visit To Grave Of French Geneticist

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II plans a private visit a friend's grave during his Aug. 21-24 trip to Paris for World Youth Day, the Vatican press office said. The visit to the tomb of Dr. Jerome Lejeune, a French geneticist who died in 1994, is scheduled for the late afternoon of Aug. 22. After the visit was added to the pope's schedule in early August, a French organization supporting legalized abortion denounced the planned visit as a "provocation" against women who decide to abort abnormal fetuses and as a sign of support for those who want to restrict legalized abortion. Lejeune was a supporter of pro-life causes. The French Family Planning Movement, a group that supports legalized abortion, said the pope's planned visit to the tomb "symbolically and forcefully" shows "his opposition to the rights of women in general (and) to abortion in particular."

## Guest Column

Father Peter Daly

### Viewing The Position Of Kneeling In Church

In traveling this summer in the Midwest and Middle Atlantic areas, I have stopped at as many churches as I could to look at the design. (A lot of churches are locked.) Judging from the newer churches I've seen, American Catholics still are digesting the liturgical-reform movement.

Among changes that seem to be fully embraced is a new prominence of the sacrament of baptism, especially by immersion. Baptismal pools are found in most new churches. However, we don't know where to put them. Some have them on the altar, others by the church entrance.

Where you put it makes a statement.

Because we want to be able to celebrate baptisms during liturgies, especially the Easter Vigil, many churches have baptismal pools near the altar, on the sanctuary platform. Often they are worked into the pulpit to make a connection between baptism and the "word" as a font of life.

On the other hand, because baptism is the sacrament of "entry" into the church, the people of God, some people think the pool should be near the church entrance. This was most common in ancient churches. One new church in Louisville I visited this spring resolved this dispute with Solomonian wisdom by having two baptismal fountains, one by the door and the other on the altar.

While there is agreement about the new prominence of the sacrament of baptism in the architecture, there is disagreement about whether the congregation should kneel or stand during the Eucharistic Prayer. I think this reflects a larger disagreement about the role of priesthood and the Eucharist in the church.

Many of the modern churches I went to, especially in the Midwest and South, have no kneelers. The people remain standing through the whole Mass, including the Eucharistic Prayer. In some older churches the kneelers have been removed.

The theory, as I understand it, is that since we are

all "priests" by virtue of our baptism, we should emphasize our shared priesthood and all stand. Some think this better reflects our Christian dignity.

Whatever the theory, most Catholics don't seem to like it. I've noticed that even in churches where the kneelers have been removed, many people still kneel.

In one huge new church outside Chicago, I noticed that with everyone standing at Sunday Mass, it was impossible to see the priest well. Also the fidgeting of people shifting around as they stood was distracting.

This is not a liturgical change the people were asking for. It has been a trend imposed by experts in liturgy and church design. The average Catholic wants kneelers. Not just for the Mass, but for a few minutes of prayer before and after Mass, and a few moments of adoration after Communion.

Kneeling to most people is a posture of adoration and reverence. We are imitating the prophets, like Isaiah, who fell down in adoration when they found themselves in the presence of the divine, as we do in the Eucharist. Our communal kneeling follows the words of Isaiah's vision of God, the "Holy, Holy, Holy." Only the priest, who necessarily stood at the altar, remained standing because it was his role on behalf of the people. Even he genuflected in moments of adoration. (Often where the kneelers have been removed, I've noticed that the priest does not genuflect anymore, even though it is prescribed in the Sacramentary.)

I don't think this trend of standing is catching on. In fact, in two brand new churches I've seen lately, one not yet completed, the kneelers are back. The people have spoken.

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## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### Who? Me?

Just as Mike Davis was setting out to change the world, his own world imploded. And it was there, in the very midst of his agonizing misfortune, that he made a discovery. As in most of our lives, the ways we make a difference do not always happen in the way we envision. It's a story you will not easily forget.

About 10 years ago, less than a decade after graduating from St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, N.J., Mike found himself back at his old high school. This time he had a job maintaining the computers there and at the adjoining Benedictine abbey. He loved his work and delighted in being of service to others.

Looking for additional ways to use his talents, Mike was attracted to the Christopher Leadership course offered in midtown Manhattan. In nine weeks he successfully completed the program, charged with a new sense of his potential for making a positive difference in the world.

His instructors from the Gabriel Richard Institute which conducts the course tell me that Mike applied its principles well before completing it, generously sharing his unique light with his classmates. His sense of self-worth and confidence was contagious as he made new friends who were just as eager to put their ideas into action.

Mike was just getting started on putting his freshly enkindled convictions to work, when he had a seven-second encounter with a gunman. In that brief moment, on the evening of Oct. 12, 1995, the body of Mike Davis became quadriplegic. Yet his mind and spirit were anything but paralyzed. He was still certain that he could "make a difference" in the lives of those with whom God had placed him.

You see, Mike Davis is a remarkable person. With the generous mindset of a Pope John Paul II and the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago, he sought no retribution against the man who shot him: "I don't want revenge. It's

impractical. It's not an option."

With peace of soul that only forgiving can bring, he travels the arduous journey of rehabilitation. He is at a point now where he is able to teach his computer to learn his voice commands.

This has enabled him to carry on correspondence with old friends — and new ones as well, including John Cardinal O'Connor of New York.

In fact, in an open-hearted gesture so typical of Mike, he invited all his classmates and instructors of the Leadership course to join him at a special Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral offered by the cardinal for some very special people. Mike, by his regular correspondence, has brought his upbeat and hope-filled perspective into the cardinal's busy life.

Mike's dependence upon others has enabled those around him to make a difference to his life through their talents. It's hard to be the one who always seems

to be saying "thanks." But one of the greatest gifts we can give is to allow someone to serve us and to accept that person's care graciously.

The purpose in sharing this story is simply this: The next time you hear the Christopher reminder, "There is

nobody like you. You can make a difference," remember Mike Davis before you give in to the temptation to respond: "Who? Me?"

Mike Davis changes the world for the better every day of his life. So can we all.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, "Live the Golden Rule," write to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the Christophers.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### No Mass Available on Sunday?

**Q.** Two of our children and their families live in parishes where there is no longer Sunday Mass, except maybe once a month. One of these parishes has a "priestless service" most Sundays. The other has one occasionally.

We always have believed and taught our children that nothing substitutes for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. We still believe that, but what do you do when it's not available?

Since these services are not eucharistic celebrations, are we still obliged to attend Mass? Are we excused? Will these services gradually substitute for Mass?

As a committed Catholic I find that

impossible to believe. Is that where we're going?

**A.** No, it isn't where we're going, though it can sometimes look that way. Many millions of Catholics now have the eucharistic liturgy available to them only a few times a year at best.

Even speaking about the possibility of widespread deprivation of the Eucharist seems unreal, something like asking whether the human race will soon be getting along without breathing.

From the beginning, before all the books of the New Testament were written, each Sunday's Breaking of the Bread (probably the first common name for the Mass) was considered the life-

blood of Christians.

A Christian who missed several times without a serious reason was thought to have abandoned the community of the faithful or was thought to be a member who didn't understand what it was all about and needed more instruction.

Thanking the Father for his gifts to us through Jesus Christ and uniting themselves to his life, death and resurrection in the Eucharistic Prayer, joined to hearing the word of God proclaimed in their midst — all these elements of the Mass were what gave them strength and unity.

It's no wonder that through the cen-

turies Christians believed one essential responsibility of the hierarchy was to assure, in whatever way necessary, that Christian communities had the eucharistic celebration available to them at least every Sunday.

So your feelings fit very well the tradition of the

church.

To answer your specific questions, the obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days still exists. It binds all Catholics unless they are excused for a sufficiently serious reason.

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## Family Matters

Eileen Marx



### Home Alone

There's been a lot of talk in our home this summer about what my seven-year-old-son, Bobby, would like to be when he grows up. At the end of one of these conversations, I asked my five-year-old daughter, Teresa, "What do you think you want to be when you grow up?" She turned to me, exasperated at my failure to acknowledge a statement she's repeated many times during the past year, and said, "Don't you remember? I'm not going to grow up. I like to be little and I don't want to get old!" Bobby responded before I had a chance, "Well, Teresa, everybody has to grow up and it's not like you're going to be the only person out of every one on earth who gets to stay a kid."

Bobby can't fathom anyone wanting to stay little. He is jumping into the future — literally. Each day his feet leave the ground as his arms stretch high. He jumps. He shoots. He scores. Like thou-

sands of other children across the country, he wants to be just like Michael Jordan when he grows up, and he believes that by jumping and stretching each day he'll grow to Jordan's height.

All this talk of growing up has me feeling a bit uneasy. For months I've been in major denial over the fact that, come September, Teresa will be going off to kindergarten. For the first time in seven years I will be home alone.

In July, I turned 39 without a trace of age anxiety, but the day we went to Teresa's kindergarten orientation this past June, I couldn't help but wonder and worry about where the time had gone. At every opportunity Teresa insists she's going to be a kid forever, but her growing body and mind tell a different story. And her budding confidence and independence indicate that my five-year-old is not only growing up but is more than ready to head down the halls of Ben Franklin Elementary school.

There are milestones in our children's lives that offer us an opportunity to reflect on how swiftly and ably our children are growing up — birthdays, first communions, confirmations, graduations and the start of kindergarten. But there are also the more subtle signs in our everyday lives that let us know time is marching on and our children (with the exception of Teresa) will not stay little forever.

The signs that my two children are no longer little began appearing this past year. The "tippy" cups, the colorful plates with a section for each food group and the child-sized silverware were gradually being pushed to the back of our cabinets. We're now all using the same dinner plates. As we packed for our summer vacation this year, we removed the children's bike seats from the back of our

bicycles. For the first time, we all rode on our own bikes. A tell-tale sign for me that life was changing was the request to turn off the kids' sing-along tapes and turn on their Hanson tape — a popular pop music group consisting of three brothers from Oklahoma. And then came

the invitation to the kindergarten open house....

For almost seven years I have been home with my children. I was fortunate to have a rewarding professional career before I had my children, and I've been blessed to have a profession where I can work part-time from my home. I understand the importance of having an identity separate from my children's, but I also recognize that through their world of wonder, discovery and love, both my

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## You Can Succeed Where Presidents Failed

By JIM KELLEY

Two were lawyers...one was a tailor ...the other a professional soldier. The youngest died at 50, the oldest at 67. All died within 20 years of one another. Each was survived by a family. None was wealthy — one left an estate of \$230.



Jim Kelley

Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, and James A. Garfield all rose from humble origins to become president of the United States. Yet all died intestate — having failed to make legally valid plans.

With your attorney's assistance, you can make a will or other estate plans that accomplish your personal and philanthropic objectives.

If you fail to make valid plans, the state of North Carolina chooses your heirs according to law. To die without a legally recognized will, revocable living trust, or other such plans can burden your estate with unnecessary costs and taxes that might otherwise be lawfully avoided.

### How Does A Will Distribute Property?

Your will designates an administrator, who presents your will for probate (official confirmation of the will's validity). Under the court's supervision, he or she pays debts and taxes owed by your estate and then distributes the remaining assets as your will directs.

The will must describe the benefit each person or organization should receive from your estate. Remembering your parish, Catholic school, Catholic agencies, the diocesan Foundation, or the Diocese of Charlotte helps affirm your gratitude for all of God's blessings. It assures that the

good stewardship you practiced while alive continues after your death.

Without a valid will or other legal arrangement, such as a living trust or beneficiary assignment, you cannot benefit charitable, religious or educational institutions through your estate.

### Does The Type Of Gift Matter?

Since no one can accurately determine the extent, type, and location of future assets now, you may wish to specify that loved ones and Catholic charities receive percentages of your estate instead of specific dollar amounts.

Or you may remember charitable causes with a residual bequest, directing that the residential assets of your estate be paid to further Catholicism in the Charlotte Diocese. (Residual assets are those remaining after all debts and taxes owed by your estate are paid and any bequests provided to named individuals are distributed.)

It is important to coordinate your will with other legal arrangements for distributing property, life insurance, and retirement plan proceeds. The effects of community property or joint ownership should also be considered.

Tax laws change, as do the extent, type, and location of assets. Individuals you name may predecease you or move away. Thus, plans made only a few years ago may no longer be relied upon to carry out your personal or charitable objectives.

For example, you may now be in a position to increase your gift to your parish, Catholic agencies, Catholic school, the diocesan Foundation, or the Diocese of Charlotte to continue Christ's vital work. Please have your attorney review your will and/or other plans at least every five years or when family circumstances change.

*To discuss your plans confidentially, write or call me at the Diocesan Development Office, Diocese of Charlotte, 1524 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. 28207, (704) 331-1709, or 377-6871.*

## Gladd Named Director Of Alumni, Parent Relations

BELMONT — August L. Gladd has been named director of Alumni & Parent Relations at Belmont Abbey College.

Gladd is a 1991 graduate of the college, where she earned her degree in business administration. She also earned an MBA from Winthrop University and studied higher education administration at New York University.

Gladd comes to Belmont from Morristown, N.J., where she was director of student activities at the College of St. Elizabeth.

While at Belmont Abbey, Gladd was an honors student involved in sorority, student government and other activities.

## Cardinal Welcomes Hundreds Of Thousands To World Youth Day

By MAUREEN LEONARD

PARIS (CNS) — Hundreds of thousands of young people from almost every nation filled the Champs de Mars, near the base of the Eiffel Tower, Aug. 19 for the opening Mass and welcoming ceremonies of the 12th World Youth Day.

watched the opening ceremonies, which featured a procession of several hundred bishops, followed by a large banner with the portrait of St. Therese as a young woman.

In his homily, the cardinal urged the young people to look to the life of St. Therese of Lisieux as a role model.

"She set out a century ago, and she found the shortest way: the way of love, the way of Christ," he said.

Reminding the young people of Jesus' words, "To enter the kingdom of heaven, you will have to become like little children," the cardinal said: "It is by becoming small that we can become great in the kingdom of heaven. It is by making ourselves poor that we become rich. It is by making ourselves weak that we become strong."



CNS photo from Reuters

Hundreds of thousands of young people participating in the opening Mass of World Youth Day on the Champs de Mars in Paris are seen through an arch of the Eiffel Tower Aug. 19.

Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger of Paris welcomed the youths from more than 150 countries during the Mass in honor of the centennial anniversary of the death of St. Therese of Lisieux.

"It is Christ who is inviting you: 'Come and see.' It is Christ who is gathering us for this World Youth Day in Paris," he said. "It is Christ whom you are looking for."

The energetic youth, many wearing their native costumes, carried flags and banners from different nations and danced and sang together in the grassy area in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, along the banks of the River Seine.

"'Catholic' means universal. This event is universal, so I think it's as catholic as you can get," said George Sears, 17, of St. Joseph Parish in Middletown, N.Y. "It's great to see how worldwide the church is. It's alive, really alive! We're it — this is the church right here!"

Seated on the podium with young people all around him, Cardinal Lustiger

Cardinal Lustiger urged the youth to never give up and look to God as the source of all happiness.

"Do not choose mediocrity! God wants the greatest happiness for you!" Cardinal Lustiger said. "In the name of Christ I call you to the highest ambition — the ambition of love, love without limits. It is the only ambition that is not deceptive, it is the only one that is worthy of your deepest yearnings."

St. Therese had tremendous insight into how to make one's life successful, noted Cardinal Lustiger.

"At the cost of considerable spiritual labor, she realized that she was to ask for love," he said. "Love means learning to love, continuing to love, loving always more."

Archbishop J. Francis Stafford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, addressed the gathering at the conclusion of the Mass and relayed a message from Pope John Paul II, who was scheduled to arrive two days later and stay until the conclusion Aug. 24.

"The pope welcomes you to this World Youth Day and said, 'It is important for you to develop your conversation with Christ,'" Archbishop Stafford said. "This World Youth Day is open. Let us move on from here. Let us begin the conversation, 'Master, where do you live? Come and See.'"

Separated only by the barrier of different languages, the young people shared their enthusiasm with one another.

Tom Szyclik, a 20-year-old seminarian from the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., called the Mass "a beautiful and prayerful experience."

A spiritual awakening is how Patrick Waugh, 15, from St. Therese Parish in Alhambra, Calif., described the beginning of World Youth Day.

"Just in the short time I've been here, my relationship with God has gotten so much better," he said.

## Summer Campers



MOORESVILLE — More than 50 children in grades k-6 gathered at St. Therese Church recently for the "Camp Courageous — Where God's Love is Contagious" annual vacation Bible school. The group, led by a camp director, four adult teachers and 11 youth counselors, learned ways of living by Christian example.



# Entertainment

## Sly Surprising As Second-Rate Sheriff In "Cop Land"

NEW YORK (CNS) — Sagging action hero Sly Stallone tries to work out his acting muscles alongside Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel and Ray Liotta in the gritty drama, "Cop Land" (Miramax).

Although the movie is not very satisfying, the surprise is that Stallone is believable as phlegmatic Freddy Heflin, the middle-aged and unfulfilled sheriff of a sleepy New Jersey town.

His two-bit turf is largely populated by very tight-knit New York cops with Keitel's Ray Donlan as their tough leader. Freddy always wanted to be one of New York's finest, but a heroic act in his teens saved a girl's life but left him deaf in one ear, disqualifying him from the big-city force.

And so Freddy is reduced to scolding bickering schoolboys, investigating garbage disputes and seeing the woman (Annabella Sciorra) he saved and came to love being mistreated by her faithless cop husband (Peter Berg).

The sheriff's sadness is as palpable as his steps are sluggish.

Setting in motion a chain of events that finally cracks Freddy's lethargy is a violent confrontation on the bridge connecting New York and New Jersey, between Ray's cop nephew (Michael Rapaport) and two black men shot dead under confusing circumstances that could get the young cop nailed — except that Ray and his buddies in blue immediately arrive on the scene, instituting a cover-up that includes pretending his distraught nephew committed suicide by jumping off the bridge, his body washed away.

In fact, Ray hides him back home and Freddy finds out, but plays dumb when internal affairs snoop Robert De Niro presses him to rat on Ray. That is, until the sheriff discovers Ray now deems it necessary to kill his nephew to quash the inquiry.

No longer able to deny to himself that Ray is one dirty cop, Freddy must

take a stand, but it seems every other NYPD cop in town is just as corrupt — and ready, willing and able to sacrifice anyone who makes waves.

To his credit, writer-director James Mangold stresses character over action in this tale of one man forced to open his eyes to the ugliness of compromised cops abusing their power.

With his newly bloated physique accentuating his hangdog expression, Stallone conveys an over-the-hill failure who feels second-rate, powerless and would just as soon look the other way than face the fact that his town may be controlled by the mob.

Yet many characterizations are superficial: Ray's cop is an unchanging hard case whose colleagues (also including Robert Patrick and John Spencer) tow the line, and De Niro's role is underwritten as a standard-issue internal affairs investigator.

A more interestingly complex character is Liotta's cop, Figgsy, who has always followed Ray's orders, but the strain is beginning to show, especially after his partner winds up dead. Befriending the sheriff, Figgsy seems capable of deceit, betrayal — and perhaps an unlikely heroism. Sciorra and Cathy Moriarty, in smaller but telling roles, register strongly as fed-up cop wives on the brink of desperate action.

However, when Stallone's sheriff is finally motivated to react to all the wrongdoing around him, the script surrenders to a simplistic shoot-out to resolve the conflict. For a movie with a lot on its mind — corruption, arson, adultery and murder — this is a distinct let-down.

Due to intermittent intense violence, sexual references, occasional profanity and much rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

## Videos

The following are home videocassette reviews from the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting. Each videocassette is available on VHS format. Theatrical movies on video have a U.S. Catholic Conference classification and Motion Picture Association of America rating. All reviews indicate the appropriate age group for the video audience.

*In light of the controversy surrounding the new ABC-TV fall series "Nothing Sacred," here's a sampling of movies now on video which have portrayed the lives of priests.*

### "Boys Town" (1938)

Sentimental but emotionally honest story of how Father Flanagan (Spencer Tracy) built his school for homeless and delinquent youths during the Depression. Directed by Norman Taurog, the Hollywood version centers in the conflict between the priest's charismatic powers of persuasion and a street tough (Mickey Rooney) who only thinks he's hard-boiled. Tracy's Oscar-winning performance was a credible blend of the idealistic and the pragmatic. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "The Devil at 4 O'Clock" (1961)

Turgid melodrama set on a small island near Tahiti where a convict (Frank Sinatra) helps a dyspeptic, worn-out priest (Spencer Tracy) save his flagging faith as well as the children in an isolated leper hospital after volcanic eruptions begin convulsing the island. Director Mervyn LeRoy sentimentalizes the flawed character of both priest and convict, then turns them into doomed heroes long after viewers have lost interest. Much menace and some sexual innuendo. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Fighting Father Dunne" (1948)

Inspirational tale of a Catholic priest (Patrick O'Brien) in 1905 St. Louis who starts a residence for homeless boys, then struggles to find adequate funding as his efforts expand in rehabilitating a growing number of youths, one of whom (Darryl Hickman) proves incorrigible. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff, the subject is

certainly worthy but the result suffers from a bland sentimentality which wears thin today. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison" (1957)

Lightweight but good-natured World War II yarn in which a shipwrecked Marine (Robert Mitchum) washes up on a Pacific island, meets an Irish nun (Deborah Kerr) who had stayed behind to care for a dying priest and, when Japanese troops set up a base there, the two take refuge in a cave to await the arrival of the Navy. Directed by John Huston, the story centers on the friendship forged in harrowing circumstances between two people whose very different outlooks on life are the subject of much earnest discussion and some humor. Some wartime violence. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**

### "I Confess" (1953)

Muddled thriller set in Quebec City, where a murderer (O.E. Hasse) confesses his crime to a priest (Montgomery Clift) who, bound by the seal of the confessional, refuses to answer certain questions of a police inspector (Karl Malden) and winds up on trial for the murder. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock from a play by Paul Anthelme, the situation is made all the more murky by involving a troubled woman (Anne Baxter) from the priest's youth but the suspenseful conclusion is handled with the director's usual flair. Stylized violence, menacing situations and romantic complications. **The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.**



### Catholic Musicians To Perform In An Evening Of Music, Prayer And Praise

CHARLOTTE — A tour featuring three popular Catholic musicians includes a scheduled stop in Charlotte for an Oct. 21 concert at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

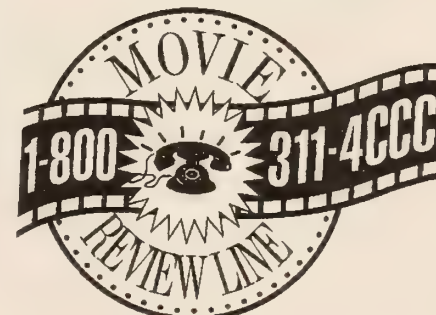
"The Table of Plenty Tour: An Evening with Catholic Musicians" features John Michael Talbot, Tony Melendez and Tom Booth. The Charlotte visit is one of 26 concert dates planned for the tour.

Talbot, whose experiences in the music world began 20 years ago, is also a nationally recognized author and speaker. His albums have sold more than one million copies, and his list of best-selling books includes "The Lover and the Beloved" and "The Fire of God."

Melendez has performed for Pope John Paul II, opened concerts for well-known Christian musicians and played before an audience of one million people. Physically challenged, Melendez is noted for his energizing abilities as a singer and guitarist.

In addition to his musical work, Booth is noted for his involvement with the Life Teen youth program, recognized throughout the United States for its vision of teen ministry. Like the other musicians involved in the tour, he hopes his work can touch the hearts of people of all ages.

General admission tickets for the Oct. 21 concert are \$15 each. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the St. Thomas Aquinas parish office, 1400 Suther Rd., and at Carolina Catholic Bookshoppe, 4410-F Monroe Rd. To order by phone, call (800) 521-0290.



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# FAITH alive!

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By Father John J. Castelot  
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**L**uke was a cultured gentile convert to Christianity. His use of Greek language approaches the classical style. He was also zealous and decided to write two volumes about Christian origins.

Luke's Gospel is a beautiful presentation of Jesus' ministry. The Acts of the Apostles, Luke's second work, is an account of the continuation of that minis-

**The overall message of Luke and Paul is the same: the good news of what God has done for humanity in Christ Jesus and, through the Holy Spirit, continues to do in Christ's faithful followers.**

try in the lives of the first generation of Christians.

Because Luke was also a serious historian, he prepared for his work by studying his sources carefully. In an exquisite prologue to his work he tells us he depended on "those who were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word." He decided, after "investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in orderly sequence ... so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received" (Luke 1:2-4).

Luke's purpose, then, was theological and historical, with his theology determining his selection and interpretation of events. Luke was a good historian, with an eye not just to recording events as he found them in his sources, but to discerning their significance.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Were you wondering whether you'd ever get to talk about the Bible with your child in a way that wouldn't feel awkward or sound like a lecture? So was I.*

*But my youngest daughter and I recently were presented a great opportunity to spend time with the Bible when her high school English teacher assigned the Book of Ruth.*

*When my daughter asked about Ruth, I quickly recalled some important points while simultaneously realizing I couldn't recall all the important points.*

*But I seized the moment, and we dove in.*

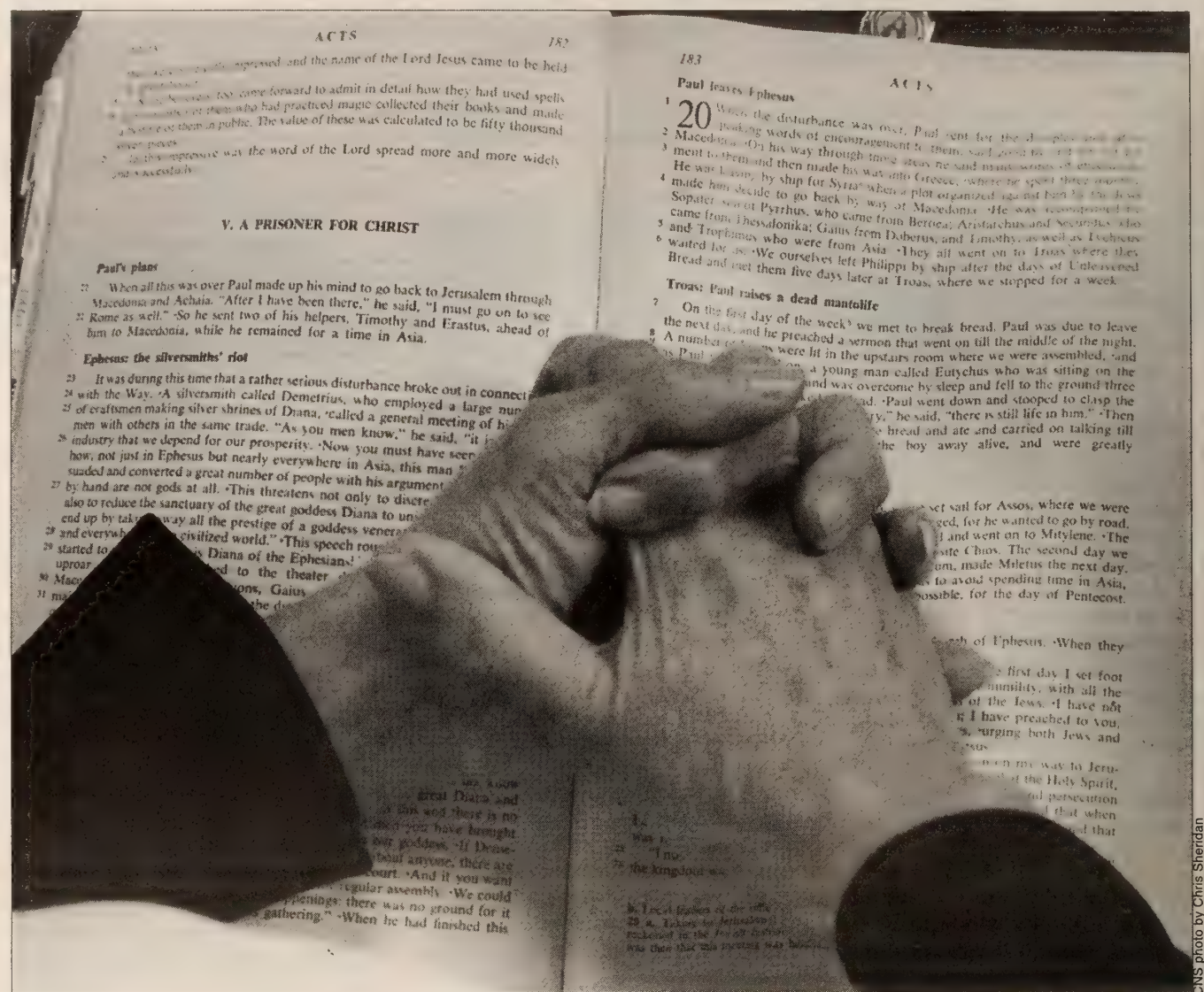
*We learned, for example, that Ruth, even when needy, always remembered the needs of others - like her mother-in-law. I find it noteworthy that in the weeks that followed, several very natural opportunities arose to talk further with my daughter about this key characteristic of people of faith.*

*Was my daughter bored by our foray into Scripture? I'd say she seemed intrigued by Ruth, who is a definite cut above many role models offered for youth consumption today.*

*And what did I learn from our experience? To be on the lookout for opportune moments to bring the people of the Bible into the conversation at home.*

David Gibson, Editor, Faith Alive!

# What do we need the Bible for?



St. Luke's "Acts of the Apostles is our primary source for the history of the primitive church," writes Scripture scholar Father John J. Castelot. Its overall message is "the good news of what God has done for humanity in Christ Jesus and, through the Holy Spirit, continues to do in Christ's faithful followers."

The Acts of the Apostles is our primary source for the history of the primitive church, but we must recognize that it was written by a theologian with a definite point of view.

In that view Jesus' career did not end

with his ascension but continues in his followers' lives through the Holy Spirit's action.

Luke expresses his outlook in his ascension scenario, where the disciples are told: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Acts, accordingly, is the story of the spread of the good news under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

A consummate artist, Luke portrays this profoundly spiritual reality in colorful tableaux, like the Pentecost scenario, conveying deeply spiritual realities. And his artistic flair led him to draw parallels between the lives of Christians and that of Christ.

Thus, just as Jesus was empowered by the Spirit at his ministry's beginning, so his followers are empowered at the beginning of theirs. Again, when the apostles are arrested they are arraigned before the same tribunal that tried Jesus.

The greater part of the Acts of the Apostles is devoted by Luke to St. Paul's amazing career, an account corroborated, in the main, by Paul's letters.

The overall message of Luke and Paul is the same: the good news of what God has done for humanity in Christ Jesus and, through the Holy Spirit, con-

tinues to do in Christ's faithful followers.

It is this message that is the important thing.

(Father Castelot is a Scripture scholar, author, teacher and lecturer.)

## IN A NUTSHELL

*Preparing for the Jubilee of the Year 2000, Christians "should turn with renewed interest to the Bible," Pope John Paul II said.*

*Is the Bible historical? The Acts of the Apostles is the primary source for the history of the ancient church.*

*In the Bible, there is no separating history from faith or faith from history.*



# How much history does the Bible contain?

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS  
Catholic News Service

**T**he Bible takes history very seriously. It also takes faith very seriously.

Take, for example, how Luke introduces the ministry of John the Baptist:

"In the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, ... and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, ... the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert" (Luke 3:1-2).

There is no mistaking Luke's intention to situate John the Baptist in history.

There also is no mistaking Luke's intention to speak from the point of view of faith.

In an ordinary historical statement, the subject of the sentence would have been "John the son of Zechariah." It would have said: "In the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, ... John the son of Zechariah appeared in the desert."

But in Luke's historical statement of faith, the subject is not "John the son of Zechariah," but "the word of God."

Luke's reference to "the word of God" transforms what could have been a mere historical statement into a faith statement.

In the Bible historical events are seen through the eyes of faith. In the Bible, nothing is an accident. God has a part in everything.

In the Bible every historical event is also a faith event.

God is revealed in history. Moreover, we respond to God from a historical vantage point.

In the Bible, there is no separating history from faith or faith from history. There is no separating temporal events from a God who is eternal.

The Bible views history very differently from the way the rest of the ancient world viewed it. In the Bible, history ultimately has meaning. We are invited to ponder that meaning through faith.

Outside the Bible, most people in the ancient world saw history as ultimately meaningless, with no rhyme or reason. Trying to account for events, ancient people spoke of fights among the gods or of gods getting together to amuse themselves with helpless humans.

The Bible also views history and faith differently than the modern world does. Today the tendency is to separate

history from faith — not that modern historians are necessarily atheists. Some modern historians can be great persons of faith, but they tend to keep history and faith separate and equal.

**"The historical books in the Bible are both fully historical and fully penetrated by faith. That does not mean every statement can be taken literally," explains Blessed Sacrament Father Eugene**

**LaVerdiere.**

**"We have to discern the literal from the figurative."**

In some ways we Christians of the con-

temporary world are influenced by this point of view in which nature enjoys autonomy from God and history follows its own natural and social laws, not reflecting God's intention for the human race.

That explains why we contemporary Christians even ask how much history we find in the Bible and how much it matters.

For secular historians using the Bible as a historical resource, the questions are important. But pursuing their art, secular historians often find the Bible disappointing from a historical point of view.

In the same way, scholars belonging to the Jesus Seminar, applying secular historical methods to the New Testament, find meager pickings for all their work.

But there is more history in the Bible than meets a secular historian's eye. And in the books that present themselves as historical, everything, in some way, is historical. In the New Testament, that includes the Gospels and the Book of Acts.

What we have in the Bible is the history of salvation, not secular history. There is no history of salvation apart from faith.

The Bible is the word of God. It is also a human word. The Bible is the word of God in human words.

The question is not where the divine leaves off and the human begins. For every word is both fully human and fully divine.

The Bible is like Jesus, who is fully divine and fully human. The historical books in the Bible are both fully historical and fully penetrated by faith.

That does not mean that every statement can be taken literally. Like modern historians, the ancient writers who wrote the history of salvation used metaphors, symbolic and figurative language. Using the art of interpretation, we have to discern the literal from the figurative.

Writing through the eyes of faith, biblical writers had to stretch the meaning of words to the limit. For it is a challenge to speak of God and God's part in

our human history, but that does not make it less historical.

The modern tendency is to rely on eyewitnesses. An eyewitness' report is considered primary evidence. But the story of Emmaus contains a salutary warning to that tendency (Luke 24:13-35).

The disciples of Emmaus are presented as eyewitnesses. The story assumes that they were present in Jerusalem and saw Jesus being condemned and crucified. They were also there afterward.

Having been there, they thought they really knew what had happened. Now Jesus showed them that they had no idea what really happened.

Jesus had to give them a lesson in salvation history and in interpreting events. Jesus does the same thing for us if we let him!

(Father LaVerdiere is a Scripture scholar, lecturer and senior editor of *Emmanuel magazine*.)

## FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

### How would you explain what the Bible is to a young child?

"I'd say it's the stories of Jesus' life, where he's trying to show us how to live and giving us help in our lives." — Cathy Fojtik, Victoria, Texas

"The Bible is the word of God, the rules, stories and examples God has given us to live by." — Bonnie Haegole, Alton, Ill.

"The important thing in explaining to a young child would be to say that the Bible is about the life of Jesus, how he lived it and how he wants us to follow his example."

— Thomas Duane, Pittsfield, Mass.

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## The history of Grandmother Murphy

By Father W. Thomas Faucher  
Catholic News Service

Grandmother Murphy's history was famous. As a young Irish girl, from a poor but good family, she had come around the horn of South America to San Francisco. By doing laundry and sewing she worked her way up to the mines of Idaho, met for the second time a young Irish trader she had known in California, married him and founded a dynasty.

In the pioneer days the priests and even the bishop lived at the Murphy home, and in her old age she was granted a special medal by the pope.

I saw her once when I was very young, and it was like seeing a living saint.

But when one of her great-granddaughters decided to do her college history thesis on Grandmother Murphy, another story unfolded.

Grandmother Murphy was the daughter of an unmarried mother raped by British soldiers. Grandmother came to San Francisco and worked in a brothel, getting pregnant herself.

After the baby was born she and her son traveled up to Idaho to find Mr. Murphy, the father, and force him to marry her. Only then did she begin a life of respectability.

Which "history" of Grandmother Murphy is true — the "actual facts" according to her great-granddaughter's account or the cherished story as Grandmother told it? (Of course, if some of the "actual facts" are wrong, Grandmother is no longer here to clarify things for us.)

Or should people combine the histories and know not only the "actual facts" of her life but the meaning her life came to have for her and for others?

Many historical parts of the Bible are like the history of Grandmother Murphy. There is one version that got printed,

other versions that get hinted at, and all are part of a larger story. Added to the mix is divine inspiration.

Biblical history is not like modern history. An old professor of mine used to say, "Biblical history is true like funeral sermons are true. People want to hear a funeral sermon that lets the true reality of the person be understood, a reality that sometimes goes beyond the facts themselves."

When the Bible was written, reality was conveyed in a narrative that reached beyond the limitations of factualism. Also, reality was expressed artistically, as we have done on television where in the past only good guys wore white hats or today villains smoke cigarettes.

In biblical history Elisha goes to heaven in a gold chariot while his arch-enemy Jezebel is eaten by dogs. Are those "actual facts"? What we know is that the account makes perfect moral sense.

Is the Bethlehem star a "white hat" symbol or not? We know for sure that what the star conveys about the marvels of Jesus' birth is certainly true.

In reading the Bible, it is good to bear certain points in mind. For example, to understand the meaning of a line in the Bible, we need also to look at its surrounding lines. Taking lines out of context is risky. (As, for example: "Judas went out and hanged himself.... Go therefore and do likewise.")

Bear in mind also that every biblical author's purpose was to share the truth of God for the people of that time.

What is the truth about Grandmother Murphy? One thing is clearly true: A long life's journey led her to become a woman of great love who transformed many people.

(Father Faucher is a priest of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho, on assignment in the Diocese of Baker, Ore.)

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## People In The News



**KING** — Members of Triad Assembly #2282 Winston-Salem recently provided an honor guard for the Very Rev. Mauricio West, vicar general and chancellor, at a confirmation ceremony at Good Shepherd Church. Pictured with him are Father Damien Lynch, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Consolation Church in Charlotte; Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt, pastor of Good Shepherd Church; confirmandi Amy Brock, Erin Jackson, Christy Kull and Matthew Rosenchance; and honor guard members Al Kapp, Phil Lamendola, John Pickles, Bill Dressman, Al Bruno, Al Nowak and John Logan.

### Maryknoll Priest Honored For Efforts To Close Army School

**MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (CNS)** — Pax Christi USA has named Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois as the recipient of its peace award for his efforts to shut down the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga. A Vietnam veteran and former missionary in Bolivia, the 57-year-old priest received Pax Christi's "Pope Paul VI Teacher of Peace Award" during the organization's Aug. 8-10 national assembly at The Catholic University of America in Washington. For more than six years Father Bourgeois has been leading fasts and nonviolent protests to close the school, which he has called the "School of Assassins" for training Latin American military officers later implicated in assassinations and human rights abuses.

### Vermont Bishop Says Church Can't Allow Same-Sex Marriage

**BURLINGTON, Vt. (CNS)** — In the wake of a lawsuit to force Vermont to recognize same-sex unions as marriages, Bishop Kenneth A. Angell of Burlington said that "there can be no confusion" about the Catholic Church's opposition to that idea. "The church's position on marriage is absolutely, clearly defined as a 'faithful, exclusive and lifelong union between one man and one woman, established by God with its own proper laws,'" Bishop Angell said. "The church's opposition to same-sex marriage has also been vocally and adamantly stated." He commented on the issue July 23. The previous day three same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses sued the state of Vermont and the towns of Milton, Shelburne and South Burlington for the right to marry.

### Number Of Catholics Creeps Toward 1 Billion

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The number of Catholics in the world is creeping toward an official 1 billion, according to the Vatican's Central Office

of Church Statistics. The newest edition of the office's "Statistical Yearbook of the Church" said the world's dioceses reported a Catholic population of 989.4 million. The statistics office estimated another 4.6 million live in China and North Korea, where government restrictions prevent reporting to the Vatican. The statistical yearbook, reflecting data valid for the year ending Dec. 31, 1995, came off the Vatican printing presses in early August.

### 69 Arrested At Pax Christi Protest Outside White House

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — A Pax Christi demonstration Aug. 9 in front of the White House observing the 52nd anniversary of the atomic bombing at Nagasaki, Japan, resulted in 69 arrests. All but one were arrested for demonstrating without a permit. A permit, which had been approved by U.S. Park Police, was revoked on the spot as demonstrators stopped moving and sat down on the sidewalk in the form of a cross. The 69th person was arrested for crossing a police line. Police took nearly three hours to arrest the demonstrators, who were released by evening. Among those arrested were three juveniles, two priests and at least 10 nuns.

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### Foes Of Assisted Suicide Say Governor Blurring Issue

**PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS)** — Opponents of doctor-assisted suicide say Gov. John Kitzhaber is blurring arguments surrounding the controversial issue, which this November comes up for a second vote. In early August, the Democratic governor, a former emergency room physician, told *The Oregonian* daily newspaper that he supports assisted suicide, even though he voted against 1994's Measure 16, which legalized the practice in the state. The governor cast assisted suicide as a matter of patient choice, saying he thinks it unethical to prolong a death. Suicide foes counter, saying that Oregon's Death with Dignity Act calls for ending a patient's life, not simply halting medical procedures.

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# Churches Host Backyard Bible Club

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

Correspondent

HICKORY — During the summer, most kids try to avoid school, but not three youths from St. Aloysius Church.

Shauna Durhman, Wes Keller and Sally Stone volunteered to be "teachers" for an ecumenical effort to bring Jesus to the "backyard" of underprivileged children. The program, "Hickory Youth Working Together, Backyard Bible Club," was the idea of Mark Menhinick, youth minister of First Baptist Church in Hickory, who invited area churches to participate.

St. Aloysius youth minister Marie Martino could not resist the opportunity to be a part of this ecumenical outreach, which also involved Resurrection Family Church and First Assembly of God, both in Hickory as well.

"When we bring Christ to the church and unchurched, we are doing mission work," said Martino, who recruited participants from St. Aloysius's current confirmation class. The activity will complete the service hours required before the students receive the sacrament.



More than 150 children from Hickory took part in the recent "Backyard Bible

Gigi Fraily, St. Aloysius youth volunteer and catechist, also assisted in the project. She attended the organizational meetings where the youths decided the grade they would teach. They also delegated the normal tasks associated with vacation Bible schools such as Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and refreshments. She and Martino shared suggestions and motivated the youths with their own enthusiasm.

"Often we think mission work has to be out of the country, but it's right here," said Fraily, who attributed the good attendance to the accessibility of the program, literally in the backyard of a low-income apartment complex. The privately owned facility on the outskirts

of northwest Hickory is a multi-cultural community filled with more than 150 children. Some residents receive federal subsidies for rent. Many are also faced with the challenge of learning a new culture and language.

Wes Keller helped rally reluctant teen-agers from the complex to participate by inviting them to play soccer. He was surprised by all the opportunities to witness, even on the field. Keller also enjoyed teaching the Bible lesson to the first graders. "The reaction from the kids was great!" he said. "They really wanted to learn about Jesus and meet new people."

Valuable lessons were being taught not only by the volunteers willing to share their faith, but by the young children who were even more eager to learn it. In a young Hmong teen, the seeds of faith were planted. When asked what he learned, the youth replied with a huge smile: "God loves all colors. He loves me."

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husband and I have gained a stronger and more independent sense of who we are. They are a reminder that what matters most is the person we grow up to be rather than the profession we choose.

As Teresa steps into her new world, I'll be stepping into mine. For both of us the possibilities of new beginnings will be endless. Each of us will be doing a lot more reading, writing and learning. She'll be in a new classroom and, thanks to my husband's hard work, I'll be in a newly refurbished home office. Still it's difficult to stop the ache that surfaces anytime I wonder how different my day will be without hearing her burst into song each time we hop into the car. My office may have a new look but I'll miss my old cheerful assistant who made me paper clip necklaces and ceremoniously put them around my neck. I will miss our lunch time walks around the block and the way her hand slipped so easily into mine. Most of all I'll miss all her hugs, kisses and expressions of love throughout the day.

Going off to kindergarten certainly doesn't represent the end of parenting, but anyone who's had a child go off to school knows that there's a seismic shift in a parent's relationship with a child once she is in school full-time. While I'm excited about the changes the year will bring in our family's life, I know that there will never be a time as sweet as these past seven years spent at home with my children.

During our vacation last week, Joe and I enjoyed watching the heart-warming scene of toddlers exploring the sand and sea. I asked him if he remembered what Teresa was like when she was a baby at the beach. We were both having difficulty remembering. Then I looked over at a baby sleeping peacefully under a beach umbrella. Her floppy sun hat hid most of her face except for the thumb locked securely in her mouth. I reached for Teresa who was burying my feet in the sand and plopped her on my lap. I pointed to the baby and told her that the baby reminded me of her when she was little. Teresa smiled and I started hugging her, kissing her and rocking her back and forth. For a few brief moments she was my baby again. "I don't want her to grow up," I thought. "I want her to be little forever."

# Retrouvaille Brings New Life to Marriages

By REV. MR. NICK FADERO

The old cliché says: "Marriages are made in heaven." However, experienced



Rev. Mr. Nick Fadero

married couples will tell you that it takes a lot of work to make marriages successful.

We may ask, "Why do so many marriages fail?" There are a variety of reasons, but essentially what

happens is that couples stop working as a team. In many cases, husbands and wives become competitors, with one winning and one losing on every issue in their lives.

A study by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops shows divorce rates for Catholic women, ages 18-44, rose from 14.3 percent in the early 1970s to 35.6 percent in the late 1980s. Rates for non-Catholic women increased from 21.1 percent to 41.3 percent. Rates for African-American women increased from 42.5 percent to 57.9 percent, and rates for Hispanic women increased from 26.8 percent to 43.3 percent. Although Catholic women had the lowest divorce rates, the trend was up dramatically for all groups.

Couples who are married in the Church enter into a sacramental union. Those who continue their relationship and include God in their daily lives have much better marriages because they are better able to cope with life's ups and downs.

The *Chicago Catholic* reported the findings of a study related to church attendance, prayer and marriage stability. Researchers found that nearly one in every two marriages in the U.S. ends in divorce. However, among couples married in a church who continue to attend regularly, the figure drops to one in every 50. For couples who also have a prayer life at home, the number decreases to one in every 1,105. This is convincing evidence that families that pray together stay together.

The amount of marriage preparation a couple receives and their maturity at the time of their marriage are two important factors for marital longevity.

Couples learn far more about themselves and each other through programs like Focus and Engaged Encounter, in addition to the counseling they receive from a priest or deacon.

The Greek word "agape" best describes the true meaning of love — the kind that Jesus taught. "Love is the total dedication to the welfare of another, regardless of sacrifice or personal cost." When husbands and wives dedicate and commit themselves to their spouses in this way, the physical part of the marital relationship celebrates that love to its fullest.

Many couples who struggle to keep their marriages going have trouble communicating their feelings to one another and resolving conflicts as they arise. Over time, some marital relationships develop into no more than convenient living arrangements.

For couples who know their marriages need improvement but don't know how to do it on their own, "Retrouvaille" is a program available to help them get back on track. For marriages that have become unloving and uncaring; for relationships that have grown cold and distant; for couples who engage in little or no meaningful communication and feel only disappointment or even despair, "Retrouvaille" — rediscovery — can help.

A Catholic program open to all faiths, "Retrouvaille" emphasizes communication between husbands and wives. It consists of a weekend gathering and several follow-up sessions. The weekend session is not group therapy, a

spiritual retreat, a sensitivity group, a seminar, or a social gathering. It is tough work for couples who want their marriages to be happy again. Maturity and commitment to one's marriage is important to each couple's success, but so is giving the program top priority in one's life. Children, jobs and outside activities all have to take a secondary role to achieve success.

Remember: God helps those who help themselves.

The next "Retrouvaille" program begins Oct. 17. For information, call Nick and Irene Fadero, (800) 470-2230 or (704) 544-0621.

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One can assume, I believe, that no bishop would allow a Eucharistless service on Sunday unless a very serious reason prevented the people in that community from getting to Mass.

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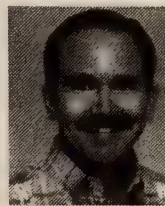
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## Diocesan News Briefs

### Retrouvaille

CHARLOTTE — Retrouvaille, a program for couples who want to improve their troubled marriage, works to build relationships between husbands and wives. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program, but it is open to people of all faiths. For information, call Nick and Irene Fadero, (704) 544-0621, or (800) 470-2230. The program begins Oct. 17.

### Catechetical Conference

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Diocese of Charlotte co-sponsors the province-wide "Visioning Discipleship" catechetical leadership conference Oct. 17-18 at the White Oak Baptist Conference Center. The schedule includes Mass presided over by Bishop Kenneth Untener of Saginaw, Mich.; keynote speeches by Bishop Untener and liturgical composer and recording artist Grayson Warren Brown; a concert by Brown; and group processing sessions. Father James Hawker and Joanne Frazer of the Diocese of Charlotte will take part as facilitators. The cost of the conference is \$35 until Sept. 15, and \$45 thereafter. Single-occupancy rooms are available for \$46, double-occupancy rooms for \$40 per person. All meals are included in those rates. For meals only, the cost is \$15. For the Brown concert only, the cost is \$15. For more information or to register, contact the Diocese of Charleston, Dept. of Christian Formation — Attn.: Conference, 1662 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407.

### Life Chain

GREENSBORO — The annual Life Chain event in Greensboro is Sept. 28 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. along Battleground Avenue. For details or to offer assistance, call Kameren Lowery, (910) 288-9709.

### Separated, Divorced, Remarried Support Group

CHARLOTTE — St. Ann Church hosts a support group for separated, divorced and those married outside the church on Sept. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the activity center. Refreshments and child care will be provided. Call (704) 376-1503 for details.

### Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group focusing on the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the basis of the faith and spirituality meets at St. Vincent de Paul Church every second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the faith formation building. Call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563, for more information.

### Creed Program

TRYON — Father Lawrence Heiney, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, leads a seven-session program on the Creed starting Aug. 26 from 7-9 p.m. in the church hall. Call (704) 859-9574 for more information.

### RCIA

CHARLOTTE — Sessions focusing on the Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (RCIA) are each Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church in the parish center. The program is for any adults wishing to become Catholic, learn more about the faith, or — for Catholics who have not yet done so — receive the sacrament of confirmation. Sessions are currently underway. For details, call Rev. Mr. Keith Kolodziej, (704) 543-7677.

MOORESVILLE — St. Therese Church sponsors a program for anyone interested in inquiring about becoming a Catholic and who lives in south Iredell County. Sessions are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the parlor at the church. The program begins Sept. 4. For more information, call the parish office, (704) 664-3992.

### Annual Fall Festival

DENVER — The Holy Spirit Church Seventh Annual Septemberfest is Sept. 13 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. The event features a wide variety of food, crafts and family entertainment including bingo, a petting zoo, horseback rides and games for all ages. Holy Spirit Church is located on Hwy. 16 one mile north of Hwy. 73 in Denver.

### Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The annual St. John Neumann Church craft bazaar is Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For information, call Colleen Neider, (704) 573-1994.

### Group Rosary

NEWTON — A group rosary is prayed at St. Joseph Church the first Sunday each month following 10 a.m. Mass.

### Vicariate CRISM Event

GREENSBORO — A Day of Reflection for senior Catholics in the Greensboro Vicariate is at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 9:30-3 p.m. Events include Mass, rosary and catered lunch. Call (910) 294-4696 for details.

### Alzheimer Support Group

CHARLOTTE — The Alzheimer Support Group meets the second Monday each month at St. Gabriel Church. The next meeting is Sept. 15 from 2:30-4 p.m. Suzanne Bach will continue a "Reminiscence Group" activity for people with memory loss. For details, call Bach at (704) 331-1720.

### Spirituality Gathering

CHARLOTTE — An introductory gathering for office workers, teachers and health care workers focusing on spirituality in the workplace is Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Books related to spirituality will be available for purchase. Cost for the event is \$15. For reservations, call (704) 523-5524.

### Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every first Saturday at St. Joan of Arc Church from 2-4 p.m. in the chapel area. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

BELMONT — Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is at the Belmont Abbey chapel. For information, call Marie Siebers, (704) 399-2701.

CHARLOTTE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Friday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Call (704) 549-1607 for details.

### Silver And Golden Celebration

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at the 18th Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. All couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 1997 are encouraged to contact your parish office to register for the celebration, which includes Mass and renewal of marriage vows.

### Ultreya

WINSTON-SALEM — Ultreya is the fourth Saturday each month following 8 a.m. Mass at St. Leo Church.

CHARLOTTE — Ultreya meets the fourth Saturday each month at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation Church. Leaders' School follows.

A Charlotte Cursillo Community Ultreya is the fourth Sunday each month from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church. The event includes a potluck lunch. Baby-sitting is available. For information, call Joe and Sandy Farrelly at (704) 846-2913.

MORGANTON — Ultreya for the Morganton/Hickory areas meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Leaders' School follows.

### Young Adults Group

ASHEVILLE — The Catholic Young Adults Group of Asheville (C'YAA) for single or married people in their 20s-40s gathers after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Eugene Church in the social hall. Call David Hill, (704) 252-7118, for more information.

### Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

### Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. For more information call Michael or Stacey Holcomb, (704) 844-8181; for reservations call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424.

### Ecumenical Association Gathers

HENDERSONVILLE — LARCUM of Henderson County hosts "We're All

Church — Generations for Christ," an ecumenical event for youth and adults, on Sept. 28 from 3-8:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1245 6th Ave. West.

Adult workshops will be facilitated by Anne Trufant, a musician, songwriter, retreat facilitator and co-director of Camps Kahdalea and Chosatonga in the Brevard area. The Christian band Second Story! will perform in concert and will lead youth workshops and a worship service as well.

Cost is \$5 and includes an evening meal. For information or registration, call Van C. Kussrow Jr., (704) 693-1490.

LARCUM of Henderson County comprises Grace Lutheran, St. James Episcopal, St. John-in-the-Wilderness Episcopal, Immaculate Conception Catholic, Etowah United Methodist, and First United Methodist churches. They celebrate 17 years of association in 1997.

### Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — Help build Living Waters Endowment Fund. Attend a \$100-a-plate dinner at the center Oct. 12. Call (704) 926-3833.

"Drink the Living Water" is a Sept. 24-10 nature retreat directed by Father William Fickel, SSS, and Sister Patricia Froning, OSF, focusing on an active, interactive experience with nature and liturgy in a prayerful, healing atmosphere. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

"Francis Falls In Love" is an Oct. 3-5 retreat directed by Father Lewis Canino, OFM, exploring St. Francis' favorite prayer, "My God, My All." Celebrate his feast day and take part in the "Transitus" (passing over). Cost is \$90, \$160 for couples.

"I Lift Up My Eyes" is an Oct. 13-19 nature retreat directed by Father David Valtierra, CO, and Sister Jeanette Stang, OP, using Psalm 121 to set the tone for a closer relationship with God inspired by the splendor of the brilliance in the autumn leaves. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

To register for these retreats, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

### Liturgical Musicians Gathering

MCDONOUGH, Ga. — A gathering for liturgical musicians featuring liturgist, musician and author Dr. Lorenzo Florián is Sept. 12-13 at St. James the Apostle Church, 1000 Decatur Rd. (Hwy. 155N), McDonough, Ga. The schedule includes a multilingual concert by Florián to benefit his evangelical work in Cuba (Sept. 13); music demonstrations, workshops and prayer (Sept. 14). The advance registration fee is \$10 per person, or \$25 for each choir or music group. For details and complete schedule, call Josefina Bush, (770) 477-2075.

The Catholic News & Herald welcomes parish news for the diocesan news briefs. Good photographs, preferably black and white, are also welcome. Submit news releases and photos at least 10 days before the publication date.



# World And National News Briefs

## German Catholic Leaders Applaud Upholding Of Law On Crucifixes

ROME (CNS) — Catholic Church leaders in Bavaria welcomed a ruling by the German state's constitutional court which upheld a law practically requiring the display of crosses in public school classrooms. On Aug. 1 the court rejected three challenges to the December 1995 law, which stated that crosses should be displayed in classrooms except where parents have made a formal complaint and school authorities have supported it. The challenges were brought by a coalition of civil rights activists, a group of nine state legislators and the parent of a 10-year-old student. They could appeal the ruling.

## U.S. Cardinal Warns 'Right To Die' Will Become 'Duty To Die'

MOUNT ANGEL, Ore. (CNS) — If Oregon voters this fall again approve of legalizing physician-assisted suicide, the consequences of their action are dire, warned Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster, England. "If you give people a right to die, it soon will become a duty to die," said the cardinal, who was in Mount Angel for a summer family conference sponsored by the Benedictine community here. If the measure is again approved on the November statewide election ballot, he predicted an escalation of assisted suicide, identical to the proliferation of legalized abortion worldwide.

## First Catholic High School To Open On Hawaiian Island

HONOLULU (CNS) — Fifty years of prayers were answered with the Aug. 4 opening of the first Catholic high school on the island of Kauai in the Honolulu Diocese. St. Francis School Kauai Campus, a satellite of the all-girls St. Francis School on Oahu, is also the first new Catholic high school in the state since Damien Memorial opened in Honolulu in 1962. The new school is coed, year-round and opened the academic year with grades nine and 10 and about 12 students. Grade 11 will be added next year and grade 12 the following year.

## California Supreme Court Overturns State Parental Consent Law

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS) — Legislative or constitutional initiatives may be necessary to reverse an Aug. 5 court decision overturning California's parental consent law. In a 4-3 vote the California Supreme Court stuck down the law, which required consent from a parent or approval from a judge before a minor could get an abortion. The court said the law violated the state constitution's right to privacy, which was

approved by voters in a referendum in 1972. The parental consent law had been scheduled to take effect nine years ago, but was never enforced after it was blocked by a court order.

## Church On Strikers' Side In UPS Dispute, Priests Say

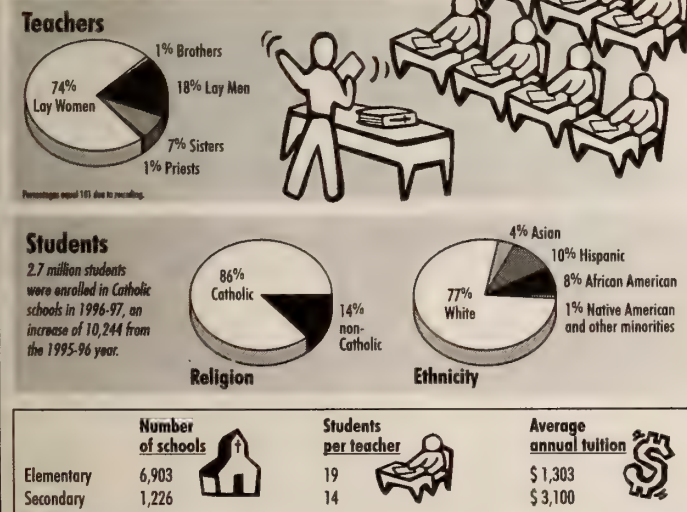
LOS ANGELES (CNS) — The Teamsters' strike against United Parcel Service may have raised questions about its effect on the economy and the role of unions, but Catholic labor experts say there's no doubt about where the church stood on the most fundamental question — workers' rights. "Church teaching is quite clear. Workers have the right to organize and the right to strike," said longtime Washington labor activist Msgr. George Higgins. He said the UPS workers' strike was justified by concerns about job security, pension security and safety issues.

## Twenty-One Catholic Schools To Receive Blue Ribbon Award

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Twenty-one Catholic elementary schools have been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive its Blue Ribbon Schools awards, the nation's highest honor presented to schools. The Catholic schools are among 262 public and nonpublic schools nationwide selected for the awards, which will be presented later this year. "These schools serve as an example of the excellence that Catholic schools contribute to our nation's educational system," said Robert Kealey, executive director of the elementary school department of the National Catholic Educational Association.

### Catholic School Stats

Some facts and figures on U.S. Catholic schools



About 2.7 million students will be attending Catholic schools in the coming 1997-98 school year. Here are some statistics on U.S. Catholic Schools, teachers and students.

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# Parish Profile

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**Mail: P.O. Box 1197**  
**Reidsville, NC 27323-1197**  
**(910) 342-1448**

Vicariate: **Greensboro**

Parochial  
 Administrator: **Father John T. Putnam Jr.**

Masses: **Sat.: 4 p.m.;**  
**Sun.: 9 a.m.;**  
**Spanish: 1 p.m. Sun.**

Number of parishioners: **126**



Mass. But by the late 1910s, locals began to host liturgies in their homes.

As the Catholic population in the area grew, such celebrations became more common, and families no longer traveled elsewhere for Mass as often. In addition to homes, a slowly growing congregation gathered for liturgies in a funeral home chapel, a courthouse and a washerette from time to time.

In the late 1930s, Bishop Eugene McGuinness of Raleigh founded and dedicated Rockingham County's first Catholic church, St. Joseph of the Hills in Eden. The Catholic community in Reidsville became a mission of Eden as a result.

Two decades passed before Reidsville Catholics

began realizing plans for their own church facility. In 1960, land was purchased for a chapel. The present church resides on that same site.

A Connecticut couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaetano, donated funds for construction of the church. Other contributors added financial support, and building was underway. Mrs. Ashby Penn and Mrs. Felix Fournier gave the church tower and tower bell as gifts, and in June 1962 Bishop Vincent Waters of Raleigh dedicated the new Holy Infant Church.

Father Thomas Clements celebrated

the parish's first midnight Christmas Mass in 1964, although the congregation did not have its first resident pastor until 1968. Father Edward O'Doherty, whom Bishop Waters had previously met at the Vatican II Council, held that designation. Father O'Doherty remained as pastor of Holy Infant Church until 1978.

The year 1972 was a significant one for the parish. Not only was Holy Infant incorporated into the newly formed Diocese of Charlotte, but it also welcomed a major expansion: Lufty Hall, a parish hall named for its primary benefactor, Napoleon Bonaparte Lufty.

In 1985, Mercy Sister Pauline Clifford became the diocese's first person other than a priest to be appointed to the administrative care of a parish. During her tenure at Holy Infant Church, the pastor of St. Joseph of the Hills assumed sacramental responsibilities for the Reidsville parish.

The Holy Infant community maintains a close relationship with St. Joseph of the Hills Church. Mercy Sister Bernadette McNamara is administrator

of St. Joseph parish, and Father John T. Putnam Jr., parochial administrator in Reidsville, serves the Eden congregation through sacramental ministry.

A highlight of the Reidsville community's ministerial life has been the migrant ministry that was established in 1981 and continues today. With other parishes throughout the Greensboro Vicariate, Holy Infant Church provides weekly meals for the ever-increasing numbers of migrant farm workers.

Many Hispanics are making the area their permanent home as well, thus enhancing the continuing need for outreach. Holy Infant Church celebrates a Mass in Spanish every Sunday, and the parish hosts bilingual Christmas and Easter liturgies.

In addition to his work as sacramental minister in Eden, Father Putnam serves a community of 126 parishioners in Reidsville, where in 1997 Holy Infant parish celebrates the 35th anniversary of the dedication of its church.



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## Bishops, Young People Discuss Faith Experience In Paris



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Above — Pope John Paul II blesses the estimated 1 million people who gathered at Longchamp race track near Paris for the final Mass of World Youth Day Aug. 24.

Inset — U.S. pilgrims to World Youth Day cheer as Pope John Paul II leaves Longchamp race track in Paris Aug. 23. They were among tens of thousands who waited overnight for a Mass the next day closing the worldwide youth gathering.

By MAUREEN LEONARD

PARIS (CNS) — Bishops, cardinals and young World Youth Day pilgrims asked questions and shared their faith experiences in several morning catechesis sessions held throughout Paris.

"Follow the voice of Christ," Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York told thousands of World Youth Day pilgrims who filled Sacred Heart Cathedral for one session.

He was speaking to youths at one of the catechesis sessions, conducted in different languages Aug. 20-22 and led by various cardinals and bishops from around the world.

"Jesus says to each of us, 'I know you can get weary and frightened along the way. I know there are times when you don't know which way to turn,'" Cardinal O'Connor said. "Jesus says 'Follow my voice, don't be afraid and I will bring you home.'"

Cardinal O'Connor addressed about 4,000 youths from several dioceses around Canada and the United States.

He recounted an experience he had while serving as a military chaplain several years ago.

"I was flying through a terrible fog, a very eerie feeling, like we were lost in the sky," he said. "We could land nowhere because of the fog, and we were running out of fuel."

The pilot had to send out a distress signal, the cardinal recalled.

"Suddenly we heard a strong, firm, unshaken, unseen voice that said, 'Don't worry, follow my voice,'" he said. "Isn't that what Jesus says to each of us?"

Another catechism session at the Paris Expo, a large convention center, was led by Archbishop Francis E. George of Chicago. He spoke with about 3,000 young people from Guam, United

Arab Emirates, Philippines, Wales, Great Britain, Ireland and other countries.

David Fischer, 19, of St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud, Minn., asked the archbishop what teens could do to spread the word of Christ and to make other people know about their church.

Archbishop George, admitting he was only half-joking, said: "Sometimes I think what we need to do is train bartenders and barbers and taxi cab drivers to talk about Jesus Christ. Those places where people talk is where we have to be."

"You don't beat somebody over the head" with your beliefs, he added.

During the catechesis with Cardinal O'Connor, loud cheers and applause erupted when it was announced from the altar that Pope John Paul II had landed in Paris.

Carlos Rosas of the Bronx told the congregation, "The last words I remember hearing from Pope John Paul II during World Youth Day in Denver (in

1993) were 'Be in prayer always and don't be afraid.'"

He said those words had a long-lasting effect on his life, and he asked the congregation, "What does it mean to be in prayer always?"

"To live a joyful life full of love is the answer," Rosas said. "If we share these qualities with other people, then we share life with them."

Kinan Ventura, 25, from Holy Cross Parish in the Bronx, also shared her thoughts about her Catholic faith.

"Think of the faces you have seen in

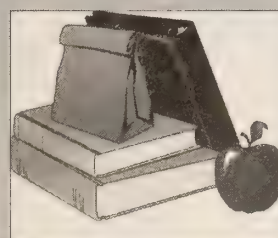
the streets of Paris, in the churches or in the Eiffel Tower," she said. "How blessed you are to see the face of God during this World Youth Day."

She remembered her experience during the previous World Youth Day in 1995 in Manila, Philippines.

"I saw the awesomeness of our church. I realized the church is not just in my own community in the Bronx, but it reaches the four corners of the earth," she said. "I knew what it meant to be-

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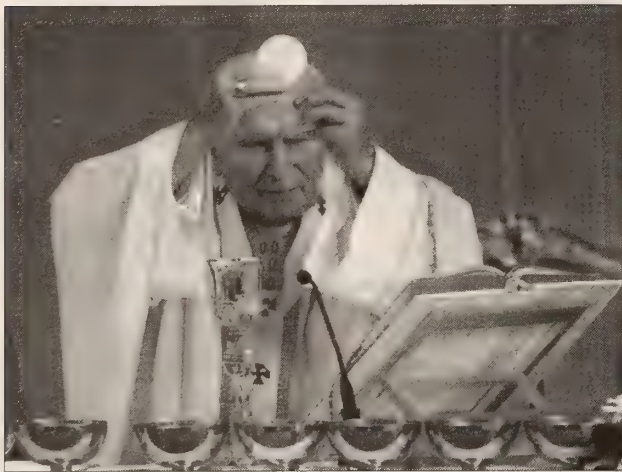


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# Pope Has No Plans For New Marian Dogmas



CNS photo from Reuters

Pope John Paul II raises the host during Mass for the feast of the Assumption in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 15.

By CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite continuing requests for Pope John Paul II to proclaim new Marian dogmas, a Vatican spokesman said no such proclamation is planned or even being considered.

"This is not under study by the Holy Father nor by any Vatican congregation or commission," Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the papal spokesman, told Catholic News Service Aug. 18.

The pope will not solemnly proclaim Mary "Corredemptrix" (Co-redeemer),

***"It is always necessary...to safeguard the infinite difference existing between the human person of Mary and the divine person of Jesus."***

"Mediatrice" (Mediator) and Advocate, Navarro-Valls said. "This is crystal clear."

Navarro-Valls made his remarks Aug. 18, after publication of a *Newsweek* magazine article reporting on the number of requests sent to the Vatican requesting that Mary be declared Co-redeemer.

At the Vatican's request, an international theological commission studied the question beginning in August 1996.

Its unanimous recommendation against such a move was published in early June by the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

"The response of the commission, purposefully brief, was unanimous and precise: It is not opportune to abandon the road marked out by the Second Vatican Council and proceed with the definition of new dogma," the newspaper said.

Marianist Father Johann Roten, who served on the commission, said Aug. 18, "We simply talked about the Co-Redemption at this point."

Father Roten, who heads the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton, said the commission met two or three times in one week. He described it as "an impromptu con-

sultation more than anything else."

He said he was not aware of any Vatican commission studying Marian dogma, but added if the pope were to make a declaration about Mary, he would be likely to appoint a more formal study commission.

In June, *L'Osservatore Romano* published lengthy commentary on the theological commission's re-

sponse.

Father Salvatore M. Perrella wrote that the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul's 1987 encyclical "Redemptoris Mater" and his recent audience talks explain why the term "Co-Redeemer" has been avoided for 50 years in papal teaching.

They all point out "that no creature, not even by her active cooperation, can be named on the level with the Word of God in his particular redemptive function," said Father Perrella, a professor at Rome's Marianum Theological Faculty.

In September 1995, Pope John Paul began an exhaustive series of weekly audience talks on the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role in salvation history. He delivered the 59th installment of the ongoing series at his Wednesday audience Aug. 13.

The Vatican newspaper headline over the text of the 10th of his talks summarized a key point in the whole series: "Mary's place is highest after Christ."

During that Jan. 3 address, the pope said his series would sing the Virgin's praises, but in "the proper context."

"With regard to the measure and balance to be maintained in both Marian doctrine and devotion," he said, the Second Vatican Council "strongly urges theologians and preachers of the divine word 'to be careful to refrain ... from all false exaggeration.'"

"This exaggeration," the pope said, "comes from those who adopt a maximalist attitude which seeks to extend systematically to Mary the prerogatives of Christ and all the charisms of the church."

Pope John Paul seemed to rule out the new Marian dogmas when he said, "It is always necessary in Marian doctrine to safeguard the infinite difference existing between the human person of Mary and the divine person of Jesus."

At an audience in April, the pope said, "The church's teaching makes a clear distinction between the Mother and the Son in the work of salvation, explaining the Blessed Virgin's subordination — as cooperator — to the one Redeemer."

Contributing to this story was Barb Fraze in Washington.



Photo by Jimmy Rostar

WINSTON-SALEM — Dr. Cris Villapando, diocesan director of faith formation; Sister Jeanne Morgan, SSJ, faith formation director at St. Leo the Great Church in Winston-Salem; and the Very Rev. Joseph Kelleher, vicar of the Winston-Salem vicariate and pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Lexington, look over catechetical materials at the annual Northern Region "Lighting the Fires of Faith" catechist training conference. About 140 catechists attended the event held at Bishop McGuinness High School, which featured sessions on skills and theory, Scripture, the sacraments, and morality.

## St. Patrick Cathedral

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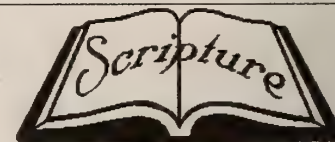
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## Bread of Life



Jesus said to those gathered around him, "Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died.... I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:49-51)



*Readings for the week of  
August 31 - September 6*

Sunday	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Luke 4: 16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11 Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1: 1-8 Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1: 9-14 Luke 5: 1-11
Friday	Colossians 1: 15-20 Luke 5: 33-39
Saturday	Colossians 1: 21-23 Luke 6: 1-5



# In Interview, Pope Tells Young Catholics To Make A Better World

By LYNNE WEIL

ROME (CNS) — In a rare written interview with a French newspaper on the eve of World Youth Day, Pope John Paul II called on young Catholics to be active participants in the betterment of the world.

"I know that (the young) are often preoccupied by their professional future, that many of them have a hard time finding unity and sense in their lives," the pope told the French Catholic daily paper *La Croix*.

"(But) I expect them to mobilize their generosity, their intelligence and their energy to make the world more hospitable for all; that they put themselves at the service of the happiness and dignity of their brothers and sisters ... that they fully play an active and responsible role in the church and in society, (and) that they are convincing witnesses of the love of God."

During his pontificate, Pope John Paul has given only five other exclusive interviews; two of them were published as books.

*La Croix* said it received permission for its exchange with the pope only after several months of sustained contact with the Vatican Secretariat of State. Given the green light, five of the paper's editors submitted a number of questions in writing at the start of July. Pope John Paul handed them his written answers in a private audience Aug. 13.

The result was published a week later in the Paris-based *La Croix*. The French paper is also on sale in Rome.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands



Young Catholics on a bridge over the Seine River form part of a 23-mile human chain encircling Paris Aug. 23 as part of World Youth Day.

of young people from around the globe were gathering in Paris for World Youth Day, which the pope was to attend Aug. 21-24.

"Young people carry within them an ideal of life," Pope John Paul said. "They thirst for happiness. By their progress and their enthusiasm, the young remind us that life cannot be simply a search for riches, for well-being or for honors."

In response to a question about Catholic faith in France, the pope said

he was aware that the numbers of priests and religious had been dropping there, "but you should experience this impoverishment as a purification and, in a sense, a stimulant."

Pope John Paul said "there is no lack of signs of vitality" and that he had "confidence in the Catholics of France because they know their heritage well."

In a discussion of the state of religious belief in Europe, the pope noted that evangelization does not replace re-

spect for individual conscience.

"Religious liberty is above all the reciprocal respect for the beliefs and religious practices of persons and of communities," he said.

"What is more, for a society to permit each person his own means to deepen his spiritual progress is a source of social development," Pope John Paul wrote, "because every person who develops his deeper self is, at the same time, attentive to his brothers."

Asked what message he would like to address to non-Catholic Christians in an increasingly pluralistic France, the pope pointed out that the Catholic Church was undertaking a program of "purification of memory" in anticipation of the year 2000, and that "to recognize the weakening of yesterday is an act of loyalty and courage which helps us reinforce our faith."

"Every Christian community is called to turn itself deliberately toward the future and to take concrete steps in the direction of communion and unity," the pope

added.

On the subjects of globalization and nationalism, Pope John Paul said all of humanity has a common patrimony in that human beings were created in God's image, and they all seek liberty and dignity. He said it was natural for people to base their identities in their language and traditions, but this should not keep them from welcoming other cultural influences.

## Thousands Gather To Celebrate Faith During World Youth Day, from page 1

lieve in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I left with a sense of pride that could fill this church of what it means to be a Catholic."

Later the gathering sang "We Are One Body," the theme song from World Youth Day in Denver, linking arms and waving state and Canadian flags as the catechesis session came to a close.

In an interview, David Melvin, 24, of Toronto, called the session "very enjoyable" and said it inspired him to share his faith with others.

"It has helped us to become a very spiritually minded group — talking, sharing our thoughts, and our beliefs," he said.

Jacob Hostetler, 16, of St. John's Parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyo., said the speeches were "very powerful."

"I am already more excited about my faith," he said.

Basia Wacinski, 23, of St. Peter's Parish in Greeley, Colo., said, "It's incredible and awesome that in this huge gathering and in Paris we can come together in unity and spirit."



CNS photo by Nancy Wiechec

**Hosts Prepared** — Priests and volunteers prepare hosts to be distributed to some of the more than 1 million worshipers attending Mass with Pope John Paul II at Longchamp race track in Paris Aug. 24. The Mass marked the closing of World Youth Day.



CNS photo from Reuters

Dozens of bishops in brightly colored vestments await the beginning of Mass at Longchamp race track in Paris Aug. 24.



## Pro-Life Corner



"The world is sleeping in the dark that the Church just can't fight, because it's asleep in the light."

Keith Green, Songwriter

Wake up!! We are the Church, and we need to proclaim that abortion is wrong.

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## Episcopal Calendar

Bishop William G. Curlin will take part in the following events:

**August 30 — 2 p.m.**

National Black Catholic Congress

Dedication of Our Mother of Africa Chapel

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Washington, D.C.

**August 31 — 10:30 a.m.**

Installation of Mercy Sister Carmelita Hagan as Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Church Mocksville

**September 3 — 2 p.m.**

Good Shepherd Home Health and Hospice Agency Board Meeting  
Charlotte

**September 6 — 7 p.m.**

25th Anniversary celebration of Catholic Hispanic Center  
Charlotte

**September 7-8**

National Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Priestly Life and Ministry Board Meeting  
Washington, D.C.

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



### Mary's Virginity An Example For All Christians, Pope Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — *Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks in English at his weekly general audience Aug. 20.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we note that the Second Vatican Council affirms that the church, contemplating Mary's sanctity and imitating her example, "preserves with virginal purity an integral faith, a firm hope and a sincere love" ("Lumen Gentium," 64). This is precisely what St. Augustine refers to as "virginity of the spirit" ("Tractatus in evangelium Ioannis" 13, 12). Mary constitutes a special model of the chaste life lived out of love for the Lord. Thus, she inspires all Christians — young and old, married and single — to rediscover the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and to respect its noble nature and purity.

"Virginity of the spirit" also means adhering to the faith in its integral fullness, resisting the temptation to accept only part of divine revelation or to give limited, personal interpretations to the word of God. Mary held fast, wholly and completely, to revealed truth. Through her intercession, the church herself will do likewise, ever walking the path of love in the light of faith.

I am pleased to extend special greetings to the En-

glish-speaking visitors present at today's audience, especially those from England, the United Arab Emir-

ates, India, Pakistan, Japan and the United States. As I prepare to leave tomorrow for the World Youth Day in Paris, I ask your prayers for this important event. Upon all of you I invoke the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pope Says He Will Declare St. Therese A Doctor Of The Church

PARIS (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said that for the first time in his 19-year pontificate, he will proclaim a doctor of the church: St. Therese of Lisieux. "Therese's teaching, a true science of love, is the luminous expression of her knowledge of the mystery of Christ and of her personal experience of grace," the pope said, announcing at World Youth Day in Paris that he would make the formal proclamation at the Vatican Oct. 19, World Mission Sunday. The French saint, known as "the Little Flower," will become the 33rd doctor of the church and the third woman to be recognized with the title in honor of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the church today.

## Guest Column

Antoinette Bosco



### The Prison Industry Is Booming

One of the saddest stories of the 1990s will be how the United States dealt with the nation's fear of crime. We simply incarcerated more and more people, built more prisons and never bothered to publicize the fact that more than half of these prisoners are doing time for crimes that involve no violence toward another.

More than half of those currently in prisons are there because they were convicted of a drug-abuse crime. Less than 1 percent of inmates are there for murder.

And here's one more statistic that needs reflection: An African-American man is seven times more likely to go to prison than a white man. Does this say something about race or about our criminal justice — injustice — system?

The boom in prison building is great for politicians. They can give speeches on how hard they are on criminals.

I know this subject is touchy for most people. Some will conclude that I am "soft" on crime. Not true.

I am a student of the criminal-justice system, having done much research on jails and prisons. I have been to many of these places, and I have met many prisoners. I correspond with some serving time.

I have seen that prisoners have sensitivities, feelings, and I believe many can learn from their mistakes and be redeemed.

I have also been the victim of the worst crime that can hit a family — the murder of loved ones. I believe that murderers should serve a life sentence, depending on the circumstances of the crime. I am not "soft" on violent criminals. I want them punished.

But we've seemed to gloss over the fact that the majority of convicts are not violent. Now, sadly, they are in a place where they can be subjected to brutality and learn how to become violent themselves.

As Ann Landers wrote in one column: "Many pris-

ons not only do nothing to discourage crime; they are 'graduate schools' where neophytes learn the real tricks of the trade. I welcome suggestions on what can be done to cure this sick and costly problem."

The National Crime Survey compiled data showing that there has been no significant increase in crime in the past 20 years, yet the incarceration rate has tripled! The escalation in prison building is the fastest growing industry in the country and I think we have to ask "Why?"

There's big money involved here, as last year's convention of the American Correctional Association showed. *The New York Times* reported that this was the world's largest prison trade show, with "more than 600 booths touting the very latest in prison innovation and technology." So many are profiting!

We also have to ask what gets shut out when big money is allocated by a state for more prisons. Last year New York Gov. George Pataki requested \$650 million to build more prisons. Yet the state made cuts in needed human services that might prevent young people from turning to crime: education, drug treatment, family support, child care, mental health and job training. Doesn't anybody care?

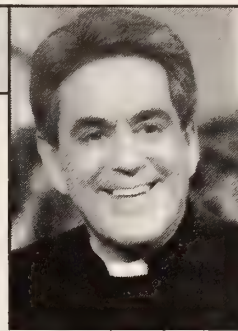
Building more prisons does nothing to discourage crime. What we urgently need is more concern and help for non-violent people who get in trouble for using drugs and doing petty crime.

Our humanity demands that we stop thinking of prisoners as "human garbage," a terrible term I have heard many times. For they, too, are children of God. We cannot simply discard them.



## Light One Candle

Father Thomas J. McSweeney



### On Being Human And Human Doing

"When You Stop, You Die." That's the unequivocal title of Tom Cottle's *Commonweal* article on the human toll of unemployment that appeared a few years back.

A forty-seven-year-old former manager of a small tool company told Cottle: "There's only two worlds: either you work every day in a normal nine-to-five job with a couple of weeks vacation, or you're dead! There's no in-between....Working is breathing. It's something you don't think about; you just do it and it keeps you alive. When you stop, you die."

What's really sad is that this man is not unusual.

William J. Byron, S.J., looked at the lives of men and women in mid-career who had lost their jobs in his book *Finding Work Without Losing Heart*. He discovered that most people cannot rebound quickly because they feel that they, not

their jobs, have been terminated.

That's particularly true here because of what he calls "the great American heresy: What you *do* is what you *are*." If you find yourself *doing* nothing, you conclude you *are* nothing. For some, termination of employment translates into self-termination. Byron believes that too many individuals "forget that they are a human *being*, and think and act as if all they have ever been is a human *doing*."

Peter Maurin, who co-founded the Catholic Worker movement, said that "Labor is related to thought and thought is a spiritual faculty, not a commodity." But where does that leave workers who feel more like a human resource than a human?

The Industrial Age brought with it the image of workers as cogs in a wheel. These days, microchips in a computer might seem more appropriate considering the changes the new technologies have wrought. Some are as useful as they are amazing, but are you supposed to be

happy that your boss can call you while you are driving home or beep you while you're at the park with your kids?

With Labor Day coming up, let's reflect on the importance of distinguishing between ourselves and our jobs through an exercise: Whether or not you currently have a job, imagine yourself looking for a job. Write a simple statement of who you are without reference to what you do, have done, or may do.

Then write a more extensive *work biography*. Include descriptions of what you have done. When you have both, cull from the personal values and principles that are yours whatever you do, the wisdom you have gained that becomes a window of your inner self. You will find that in a certain sense, you are what you value. You will also discover that you do not have to define your potential in terms of on-the-job achievements alone. When we

see ourselves strictly in relation to our occupations, we tend to develop a blind spot to the unexplored opportunities in our lives where skills and experience can fulfill our humanity and our human values.

Work is important, but it is only one of many ways we can express the highest values of the human spirit. It might be worth remembering something Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote: "God respects me when I work, but He loves me when I sing."

For a free copy of the *Christopher News Note*, "Making the Most of your Potential," write to *The Christophers*, 12 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Father Thomas J. McSweeney is director of the *Christophers*.

## Question Corner

Father John Dietzen



### The Goal of Healthy Spiritual Maturing

**Q.** We've had many arguments with our teen-age daughter about going to Mass, but she has always gone with us. Recently she was confirmed, says she can now make up her own mind about it and has decided not to go.

It's not that important, according to her, because she was never taught any such obligation in her weekly religion classes. I do know the director of these classes is opposed to "legalism." Do you have any insights that would help?

**A.** First, even if she didn't hear about an obligation to participate in Sunday Eucharist from anyone else, which I doubt, she certainly heard it from you.

It seems your daughter may be simply experiencing some not uncommon

spiritual growing pains of adolescence.

Being "opposed to legalism" can have many meanings, some of them good and some not so good. On the not-so-good side lies the spiritual crippledness of doing things solely out of legal obligation when we should be doing them eventually from inner convictions.

As children we may well view attending Mass and other obligations as something we ought to do because someone — parent, teacher, priest — says so.

As we grow through adolescence into adulthood, however, actions that flow from faith need to be more and more internalized until they become part of ourselves.

This process includes much reflection, questioning, asking reasons, even expressing disagreement with some points. Ultimately, making our faith

something inside, part of our personality, is the goal of healthy maturing.

Particularly is this true of our sharing in the Sunday eucharistic sacrifice. It is part of church law now, of course. But the church had no such rules at all for many centuries; it was simply taken for granted that, if peoples' Christian faith was genuine, they would be there.

Father William Sherzer puts it well in his entry in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. Church law in this matter, he says, is more a reminder of this obligation than the cause of one.

Sharing in the Eucharist is rooted in filial love of the Father, the virtue of gratitude and the spiritual needs of the

Christian life. "It is more like the need to eat than a duty arising only from positive law" (13:788).

Maybe you can help your daughter look at Mass a little more from this adult perspective, rather than as a younger child whose sense of responsibility arises only from rules and laws.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about cremation and other funeral regulations and customs is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.

## Spirituality for Today

Father John Catoir



### How Many People Are Holy?

In a video presentation about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a reporter called out to her: "Mother, some people think you're a living saint. How do you feel about that?"

Without missing a beat she replied, "You, sir, have to be holy in your position just as you are, and I have to be holy in the position God has put me in. So it is nothing extraordinary to be holy. Holiness is not the luxury of the pure. Holiness is a simple duty for you and me. We have been created for that."

What a marvelous answer. She defused the question without appearing to be boastful and stated a simple fact. We are all called to be holy, and by virtue of the Holy Spirit living in us we are indeed holy.

This is what is meant by the term "the common holiness of the faithful."

The reporter asked a good question,

but Mother Teresa refused to be drawn into a self-analysis. If he had more time he might have asked, "What is your definition of 'holiness,' Mother?"

Her answer to this question is just as simple. Holiness is God in us. Holiness is allowing God to use us as instruments of his love.

Of course, you and I know that some people, by the grace of God, are better instruments than others, but the essential ingredient, that is, the Holy Spirit, is there in every baptized soul.

The word "holiness" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "halig" or "hal," meaning whole and healthy. The English word "hale" (hale and hardy) comes from this root. Over the years it has acquired a religious significance coming to mean "one who is spiritually healthy, whole, well-integrated." A person who is heavenly minded is aware of God's presence in a way that is not self-con-

scious.

Consequently, there are many more holy people than we might imagine. Since all the baptized have the Holy Spirit in them, and since most Christians are aware of God's presence in them, they possess a kind of ontological holiness. If they are not yet saints they are at least saints in training.

Jesus is the perfect model of holiness. Compared to him we are all woefully inadequate.

The Little Flower dealt with this inferiority problem in a most creative way. She knew that compared to Jesus she was nothing and could do nothing, but she always had the good sense to pray with humility.

"Dear Lord, I will never be able to love my neighbor as you love her, but

you Lord living in me can love her for me." She just delegated her inadequacies away.

The word "sacred" is less important than the word "holy." Sacred things derive their sanction from human institutions. Churches are sacred places, church vestments are sometimes called sacred, but never holy.

Only people are holy because they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are holy because they contain the word of God and produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Mother Teresa named her community Missionaries of Charity. It captures perfectly the vocation of everyone who is called to be another Christ.

Holiness is everyone's vocation.



## Third Order Franciscans Gather In Hickory

By KATHY SCHMUGGE

**HICKORY** — By his imitation of Christ, St. Francis, a humble man dressed in a worn woolen garment tied with rope, inspires new generations of Franciscans with a message for all Christians: "Hear these words of our Lord Jesus Christ, in a spirit of humility and love, putting (them) into practice with all gentleness, observing them perfectly."

Eight centuries after his death, St. Francis of Assisi continues to attract followers by his example of living the Gospel. Recently his influence was seen by participants of the Third Order Franciscans during the annual Regionalization Meeting Aug. 8-10 at the Catholic Conference Center. Sixty-seven Secular Franciscans representing 21 of the fraternities in the region came together recommitting themselves to St. Francis' rule of life — something he not only taught but lived.

Third Order Franciscans, a lay community of single or married men and women, are part of the "Franciscan family," a Christian family which adheres to St. Francis' example.

"We were introduced to the fraternity early in our marriage. We were impressed by the fact that St. Francis truly lived the Gospel with the motto, 'Gospel to life,'" said Bill Brockhoff, one of the region's local leaders. Arriving in North Carolina in 1954, Brockhoff was unable to connect with a fraternity until 1991, when the Fraternity of Brother Francis was founded at the Catholic Conference Center. He described the years without a fraternity like being in a desert and his new affiliation like a long-awaited oasis.

"At all the Franciscan gatherings, I have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is something which is hard to explain. You just have to experience it," said Ed Campbell, region minister.

This year, for the first time, Campbell invited a national formation team to present a workshop for the attendees during their annual meeting. Franciscan Father Richard Trezza from the Assumption Friary in Woodridge, N.J., and Secular Franciscans Therese and Dave Ream from Kirksville, Mo., composed the team. They lead several sessions designed to help fraternities with "formation," a continuing process where a fraternity member deepens his or her relationship with God and others.

Therese Ream shared events that occurred during a recent trip to Assisi with the group. During a Mass in Porziuncola, she was called to reflect on St. Francis' love for the Eucharist, which she urged others to do.

During a homily, Father Trezza challenged the fraternities to be like St. Francis and St. Clare. "Francis and Clare mimicked the Lord Jesus. In a real way they have shown us the Father. They stood, as each of us should today, in sharp contrast with the world, in all its preoccupation with things of the world," he said.

The fraternities also shared their activities and information regarding other members. One group proudly reported that a member of their fraternity has recently decided to become a Franciscan priest. "We gain strength by coming together for friendship and sharing with one another," Campbell said, adding that the fellowship has resulted in life-long friendships and even marriage.

"This meeting was a shot in the arm for me. I felt a rejuvenation of my commitment as a Franciscan," added Karen Dellinger of the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity in Charlotte.

In the United States, there are approximately 20,264 professed Third Order Franciscans and 804 canonically assembled fraternities. Throughout the world, the number of professed members is about 435,000, according to statistics from the International Fraternity Council. The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region Fraternity, which met in Hickory, represents fraternities from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Campbell, also a member of the Channel of Peace Fraternity in Tennessee, works to unite all the individual or "local" fraternities which make up his region, serving as the bridge to the national fraternity. Each local fraternity has its own name and council which is made up of an elected minister, vice minister, treasurer, secretary, and the non-elected position, director of formation and spiritual assistant. Local ministers for fraternities within the Charlotte diocese are: Helen Turek, Arden area; Don Dellinger, Charlotte; Sharon Edwards, Franklin; Peake Dana, Hendersonville; Frank Massey, Greensboro; Bill Brockhoff — Hickory/Newton; and Frank O'Neil, Winston-Salem.



During a break, Vincent Malloy of the Sacred Heart Fraternity in Columbia, S.C., and Bill Brockhoff of the Fraternity of Brother Francis in the Foothills discover they have more in common than being Third Order Franciscans. Both also lived in Ohio for some time.

Photo by Kathy Schmugge

## Annual Parish Stewardship Day Set for September

**CHARLOTTE** — The annual Parish Stewardship Day is scheduled for Sept. 12 or 13 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. The event is intended to be an inspiring and informative celebration of the planned, proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure in return for God's many gifts.

Local and national proponents of stewardship as a way of life are scheduled to speak at the event offered twice for participants' convenience. As elsewhere in the country, stewardship has become a priority for many in the Diocese of Charlotte.

"Stewardship is not a 'program' — it is a way of life," says Barbara Rohrman, associate director of development for the Charlotte Diocese. "It is a way of responding to Jesus' call to discipleship."

Guest speakers will focus on stewardship through various elements of parish life.

Presenting the keynote talk on the connection between stewardship and the Eucharist is Msgr. James T. Telthorst, rector of St. Louis Cathedral in St. Louis, Mo. Msgr. Telthorst holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Cardinal Glennon College and a master's degree in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame. He serves as a part-time instructor at Aquinas Institute and Paul VI Institute.

Father George Kloster, pastor of St. Michael Church in Gastonia and a guiding force in stewardship efforts, will discuss the importance of promoting stewardship in the parish setting.

St. Michael Church has produced a video, "Like a Mustard Seed," highlighting the life of a steward.

Pat Signs, director of development for the Savannah Diocese, will speak on creating, nurturing and maintaining the parish stewardship committee. This session is deemed especially vital to those parishes interested in establishing a stewardship effort.

The issue of promoting stewardship among children and youth will be addressed by Rohrman.

The session includes round-table discussions providing opportunities for sharing parish stewardship experiences and getting new ideas on such topics as coordinating time

and talent volunteers, parish tithing committees, and stewardship education for children, youth and adults.

The registration fee for the 1997 Parish

Stewardship Day is \$15 per person and includes materials, lunch and refreshments. The deadline for registration is Sept. 4. To register or for more information, call Barbara Rohrman, (704) 331-1710.

"When stewardship is promoted in the parish," Rohrman says, "the resulting fruits often include an increase in prayer life, Scripture reading, Mass attendance, parish and community outreach, parish volunteers and offertory."

"When we understand our role as stewards of God's many gifts, we tend to use our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the greater glory of God."



## Remember His Will In Yours.

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Bishop William G. Curlin

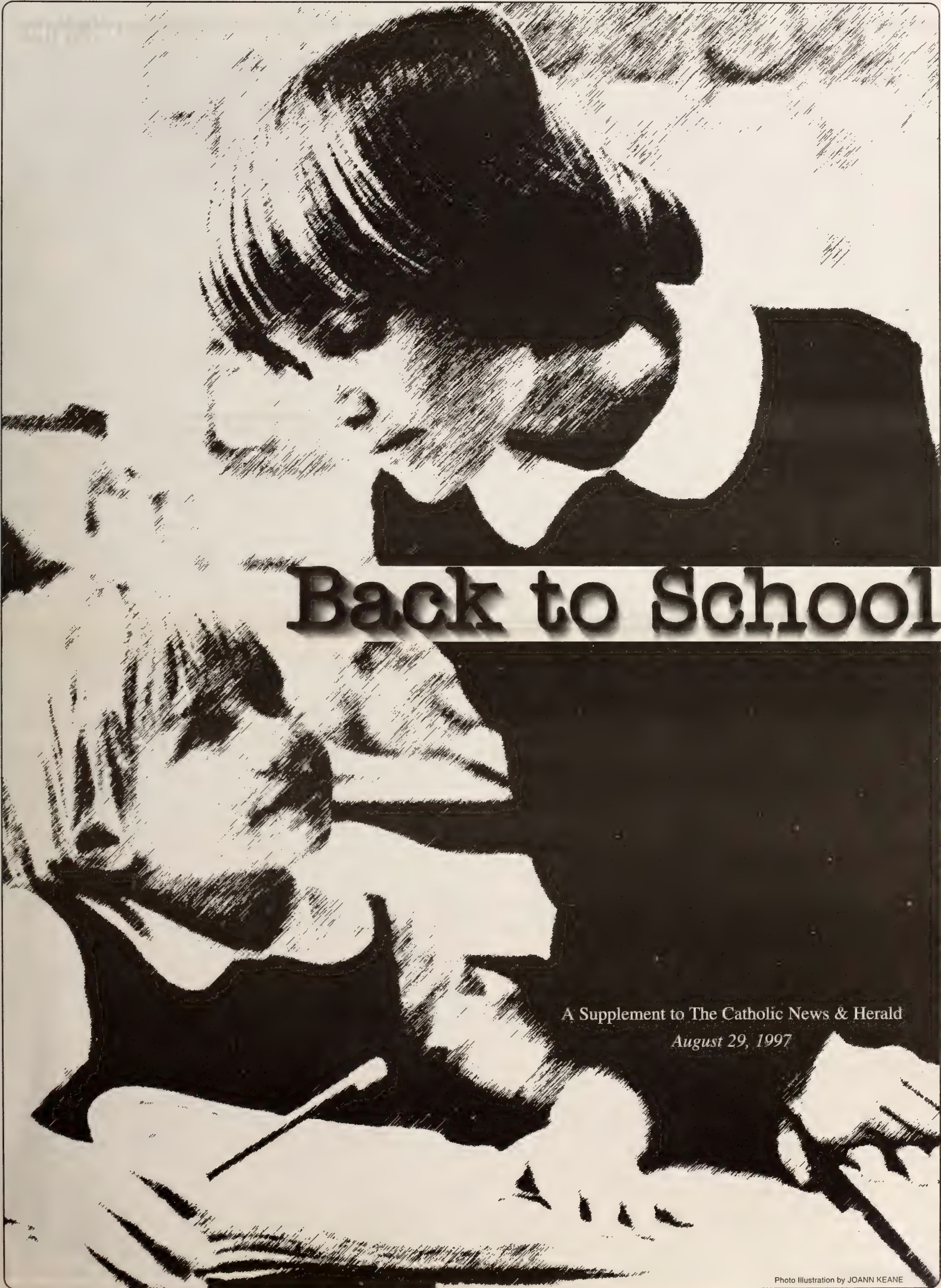
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# Back to School

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## Diocese Welcomes Four New Principals

Students at four Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charlotte were greeted by new principals when classes began for the 1997-98 year.

In Hendersonville, James Erdman took over as head of Immaculata School; Kathleen Miller is the new principal at Sacred Heart School in Salisbury; Georgette Schraeder is principal of St. Leo School in Winston-Salem. At St. Patrick School in Charlotte, Janice Ritter will lead the administration.

### James Erdman

James Erdman is no stranger to Catholic education.

The Wisconsin native attended Catholic grade school and high school before heading off to the University of Wisconsin where he obtained a bachelor of science degree in education; Erdman later earned a master's degree from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

Erdman spent the past 22 years in elementary and special education. Most

recently, he was a fourth grade teacher in the Asheville City Schools system.

"I made the change to a Catholic school because of the emphasis on Christian values and the family," he said.

At Immaculata, Erdman will oversee

a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade program that serves 200 students. "Our goals include working on our middle school program and improving extracurricular activities," he added.

The Erdmans have two sons, Carl, 12, and Michael, 10. They are members of St. Eugene parish in Asheville.

### Kathleen Miller

Kathleen Miller's journey to the Catholic schools system in the Diocese of Charlotte is proof that perseverance pays off.

The educator had been looking to further her career for "quite a while" when the principal's position opened up at Sacred Heart School in Salisbury.

"It was almost like it was meant to be. One day I picked up *The Catholic Virginian*, our diocesan newspaper, and there was an advertisement for Salisbury," she said. "Within a week, I had a new job."

Miller, who spent the past 18 years as a special education teacher in Virginia, attended Catholic schools as a youngster in San Antonio, Texas. A graduate of Old Dominion University, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in special education and a masters in education with emphasis on the learning disabled. She later obtained certification in administration/supervision.

The principal comes to the pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school with clear-cut goals for her 257 students.

"I believe in career education. We need to educate middle schoolers so when they get to high school they know what career they want to pursue and can take the appropriate courses," she said. "We must also teach students to be responsible for their actions and share their gifts and talents."

She and her husband have two sons, Jason, 17, and Jeremy, 16. The Millers are members of Sacred Heart Church in Salisbury.

### Georgette Schraeder

Georgette Schraeder is eager to tackle the challenges that come with leading a school.

"I will need to be even more creative (in this position)," said the new principal at St. Leo School in Winston-Salem. "There will be more people to love and care for and to help grow."

Schraeder, who is beginning her 20th year as an educator, most recently taught eighth grade at Our Lady of Grace School in Greensboro. She was also teacher representative on the diocesan school board and formation director for



Back row, from left: Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent; Bishop William G. Curlin; James Erdman. Front row: Kathleen Miller; Janice Ritter; Georgette Schraeder; Sister Mona Wingert, assistant superintendent.

## Religious Formation Office Enhances Mission

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Mercy Sister Maureen Meehan expresses excitement when discussing the new school year. Not only does she look forward to young people across the diocese growing in knowledge and faith, but she is optimistic that a recently launched instruction program will assist teachers in their role to make Catholicism more alive in students' hearts and minds.

Religion teachers across the diocese met in mid-August for an "in-service day," the first of several developmental tools sponsored by the office of religious formation through its new Catholic Identity Faith Formation program.

"The program was developed as one response to last year's 'Report on Catholic Identity,' a study conducted by Father James Hawker (diocesan vicar for education)," says Sister Maureen, diocesan director of religious formation for schools.

"His studies found that there was a need for updating teachers in passing down the Catholic heritage to their students."

Father Hawker's report, conducted during the 1996-97 school year, stressed the importance of instructing students according to diocesan and national standards in light of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church. His findings led Sister Maureen to explore the levels of certification and preparation of teachers within all 17 of the diocese's elementary and high schools.

"I reviewed the school records from 1992 to the present, met with our school principals and attended faculty meetings at our schools," Sister Maureen says. "These events convinced me of the need for a formal certification program of religious instruction for all of our teachers, especially those teaching the religious curricula."

Early this year, Sister Maureen presented a plan to school principals including three levels of instruction: two introductory levels exploring catechetical methods and theological studies, and a more detailed level focusing on understanding and conveying the tenets of the faith.

In March, the office of religious formation revised diocesan standards for teachers' formation to more closely mirror the guidelines prescribed by the

United States Catholic Conference Commission on Certification and Accreditation (USCC/CCA), the American bishops' official developmental agent for Catholic school teachers.

"These certification standards are intended to bring recognition and consistency to a professional church ministry that has steadily developed in the 30 years since the Second Vatican Council," says Sister Maureen.

She deems the program to be a collaborative one involving the efforts of the USCC/CCA, the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership, and a diocesan advisory committee composed of catechists, principals and faculty.

Teachers received a letter in April outlining the program. At the in-service day, conducted at six sites on Aug. 12-14 and Aug. 19, educators from 15 schools took the first step toward updated certification. Three sessions examining on the spirituality of the educator, Biblical studies and faith development provided opportunities for teachers to analyze methods of instruction through discussion, Scripture, media resources and visual aids.

Upcoming events include a principals' retreat in mid-September featuring guest speaker Dr. Elinor Ford of the National Catholic Education Association, an in-service day in October focusing on the sacraments, and sessions in October and November examining various elements of the church — its history, its catholicity, its spirituality.

Sister Maureen says the program, which will be a primary focus of the religious formation office during the next three years, is grounded in the belief that students and teachers are gifted through baptism to be active participants in the life of the church.

"The faith life of a child is an ongoing celebration of the life of Christ," she adds. "And as they grow older, they begin to question. That's fine, but we have to have the answers to give them."

"The greatest tool within the classroom is the teacher," she says. "Our educators have so many ways of helping students along in their journey of faith — through our sacramental life, our liturgies, our celebration of holy days. By better recognizing their Catholic identity, this becomes a formation process for our teachers, too."

the Secular Franciscans in Greensboro.

The Indiana native attended Catholic schools in Ft. Wayne and obtained a bachelor's degree in Biology Education from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. She earned a master's degree in junior high/middle school education from Ball State University, and later obtained her administrative certification from UNC-Greensboro.

As for goals, the principal wants St. Leo's to continue to maintain its identity. "The school's history and tradition are important," she said.

St. Leo currently serves 285 students in its pre-kindergarten through eighth grade program, but Schraeder knows that could change. "Regionalization of schools (in the Triad) is a big issue," she added. "I want to help make sure (that whatever is decided upon), those plans are fulfilled."

Schraeder and her husband have three sons, Abraham, 16, Anthony, 14, and Al, 12. They are members of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro.

### Janice Ritter

Janice Ritter knew she would always return to Catholic schools.

"I attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through graduate school," she said. "Since I had spent so many years in Catholic schools, I knew I would eventually go back."

The New York native obtained a bachelor's degree in fine arts and a master's of science in early childhood education from the College of New Rochelle. She also later earned her administrative certification from UNC-Charlotte.

Ritter, who is a 23-year veteran of education, moved to Charlotte with her family in 1988. She spent the past nine years at Sharon Elementary School, eight as a teacher and the final one as a teaching assistant principal.

At St. Patrick's, the principal will oversee a kindergarten through fifth grade program that serves 380 students. Ritter hopes to help the school move ahead into the next millennium. "I would like to keep the traditional values and move forward with the technology our children need for the future," she said.

In her short time at St. Patrick's, Ritter has noticed a difference in public versus Catholic education. "There is more of a family atmosphere at a smaller school like St. Patrick's where you can really get to know the children and parents," she noted.

The Ritters have three sons, G.P., 22; David, 18; and Keith, 14. They are members of St. Ann parish in Charlotte.



# We are Partners in Learning

By **MICHAEL SKUBE**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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## Breaking Ground

Bishop William G. Curlin; Dr. Michael Skube, superintendent of diocesan schools; Sister Mona Wingert, OSF, assistant superintendent, shovel topsoil during a groundbreaking ceremony at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School in Charlotte on Aug. 15. A three-story expansion project at the school will add 23 classrooms, two of which will be computer labs. The focal point of the building's entrance will be a chapel. Holy Trinity, in its third year of existence, opened its doors to 850 students for the new school year.



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## Gaining Perspective During The Teen Years

By AMY WELBORN

In the rocky journey toward adulthood, one of the most tempting detours is the one under the sign marked "But ..."

You can fill in the blank.

"I know I was rude, Mom, but you were rude, too. You started it. You kept nagging at me."

"I didn't understand the reading, but it was just too hard, anyway, and the teacher's supposed to explain things."

"I want to get all my work done, but I'm just too upset about my boyfriend."

It's the last category of excuses that really interests me.

As a teacher, I hear it on a weekly basis, along with the whispered plea, "Jenny's late to class because she's in the bathroom crying. Could I go make sure she's OK?"

One of my male students once reflected, in a puzzled tone of voice, "Why is it that every day there are sophomore girls crying in the hall?"

Who knows.

Adolescence is a rough time.

Someone said, "Your teen years are the best years of your life." I don't know who that person is, but I would be very frightened to meet him or her.

My own memories of my teen-age years are marked mostly by emotions of fear, anxiety, and deep confusion about who I was.

Most of the teens I know seem to feel the same way.

Every day is filled with ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies which are exaggerated in their effect because teens just don't have the life experience to understand that this, too, shall pass.

It's called perspective.

A 35-year-old who has been through a couple of broken hearts and several dating relationships has experienced the healing power of time and the sense of being able to look back and see how everything works out for the best, how we can bring positives out of negatives.

A 14-year-old can't see that.

And it shows.

In the tears, the distractibility, the temptation is to just stop everything in your life in order to wallow in emotion.

"I'm too upset. I can't come to class."

"My parents are going through hard times. I can't do any work at home."

Well, those situations are tough, but you're not in kindergarten anymore. The teacher can't take you aside, dry your tears and give you a lollipop to make it all better.

After all, when you're in the work world, are you going to be able to rush out of a meeting because you need to go to the bathroom and cry because you got stood up last night?

Is your boss going to accept a late report because your mind was on family problems?

Are you going to be able to be late to work every day because you have to work things out with a spouse or talk with a friend about a difficult situation?

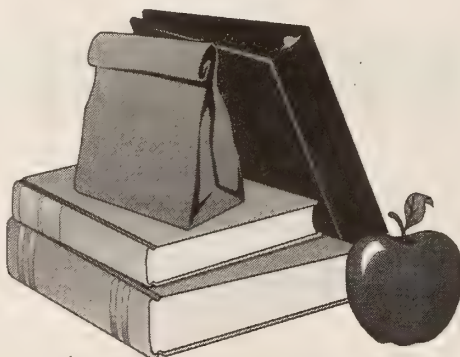
No.

You'll have to buckle down, swallow hard and be professional.

It's not easy, because sometimes whatever pain you have seems to fill up so much space in your brain, there's no room for anything else.

But if you want to be a responsible adult, you have to try.

Life goes on. Excuses or not, life does go on.



## Catholic Education Needed Today As In Jesus' Day

By GARY LONCKI

ERIE, Pa. (CNS) — Like the crowd depicted in the sixth chapter of Mark's Gospel, people today are like sheep without a shepherd in need of values offered by a Catholic education, Bishop Donald W. Trautman said Aug. 13.

The bishop — in a talk to pastors, principals and religious educators in the diocese — said today's crowd would include families without a father, the sick without a doctor, students without a teacher, young people without a role model and crowds without a leader.

According to the bishop, the Gospel says Jesus pitied the crowd, in which he sensed a hunger for inspiration and direction. Jesus responded to their needs by teaching them at great length, a ministry which continues today through Catholic education.

"The Catholic school and religious education program help students know Christ and make his message a way of life," said Bishop Trautman in an address at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

The bishop helped kick off the annual Catholic Education Collection to be taken in parishes Sept. 20-21. The collection helps raise money for parish religious education programs, the diocesan

Religious Education Endowment Fund and The Catholic University of America in Washington.

In his talk, the bishop said secular education was incomplete. "Knowledge without virtue is empty, even dangerous," he said. "Our culture needs Catholic schools and religious education programs, which are an extension of Christ, the teacher."

"We are involved in a quest for people's minds and hearts and souls," the bishop said. "To live and only superficially know Christ is a waste of a person's life."

The bishop said secular society has compromised today's family values. But, he said, Catholic schools and religious education programs can provide the values so needed by our culture.

"If we want our society, our faith, our families to survive, we must teach these Gospel values," he said.

Education, he said, is the church's most important ministry. "Save and strengthen our Catholic schools and religious education programs and you save and strengthen individuals," he said. "You save the individual and you save the family. You save the family and you save this country."

## BMHS Theology Department Welcomes Two New Members

WINSTON-SALEM — Two members have joined the staff of the Bishop McGuinness High School theology department for the new school year. Loretta Bedner and Ruth Fleming join current theology faculty members Tony O'Meara and Rev. Mr. Tom O'Connell.

In addition to teaching, Bedner will serve as department chair, and Fleming will be the director of campus ministry.

Bedner holds a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education and a master's in theological studies. She taught at John Carroll High School in Birmingham, Ala., and last year served as a substitute teacher at BMHS.

At BMHS, Bedner is teaching juniors and seniors in world religions, church history and Christian lifestyles. Her goal is to make the courses relevant to the students. "I want to make a connection between their lives now and their faith in Jesus," she said.

As department chair, Bedner hopes to develop a clear identity of the theology department and maintain communication between department members.

Ruth Fleming comes to BMHS from Iowa, where she worked in youth ministry for eight years and taught in Catholic schools. "I really like talking with young people about my faith," Fleming said. She will be doing just that as she teaches freshmen and sophomores in the courses Christian Faith and Morality.

Fleming's background is in elementary education and she has a graduate degree in community leadership. As director of campus ministry, she hopes to encourage BMHS students to be leaders in their faith. She would like to see stu-

dents involved with planning retreats, being active in their parishes and even training to be catechists.

"Their appointment reflects a con-

sistently renewed focus on religious education at Bishop McGuinness High School," said George Repass, principal.

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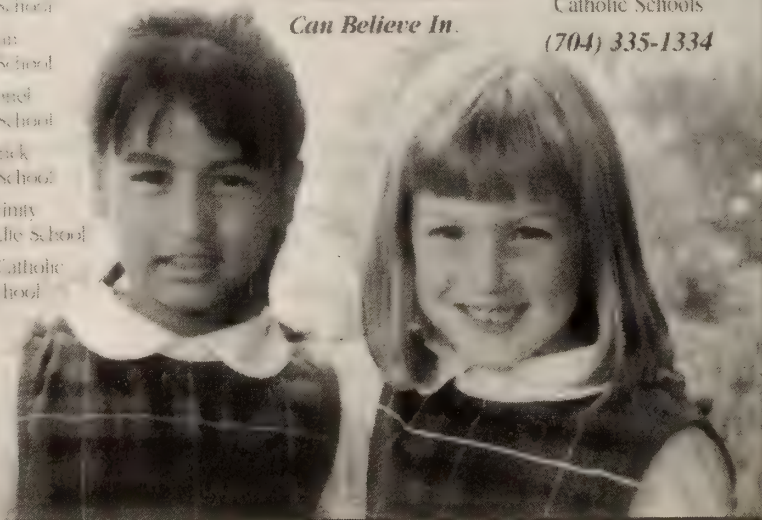
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## Miami Archdiocese Seeks Boat Cruise To Cuba For Papal Visit

By MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Miami has asked the U.S. government for permission to send a cruise ship filled with pilgrims to visit Cuba when Pope John Paul II goes there in January.

An archdiocesan official said he believes government approval is likely, especially after a White House spokesman indicated Aug. 19 that travel restrictions to Cuba would likely be suspended for the papal visit.

The Miami Archdiocese submitted its request for a travel waiver July 9. It wants permission to take 1,250 pilgrims on a Jan. 23-26 trip to Cuba, with its centerpiece being the Jan. 25 papal Mass in Havana.

According to Peter Coats, a special assistant to Bishop-designate Thomas Wenski, head of Miami Catholic Charities, all of Florida's bishops would be on the ship. The Archdioceses of Boston and Newark, N.J., have also asked to be part of the trip.

"We are already deluged with reservations" despite the lack of formal approval for the trip, Coats told Catholic News Service in an Aug. 20 telephone interview from Miami.

Coats had to continually correct himself in substituting the words "pilgrim" and "pilgrimage" for "cruise" in referring to the trip.

"It's not a 'Love Boat.' We want to

avoid any perception that this is a fun cruise. This is a spiritual pilgrimage," he said.

The trip's cost is still up in the air. Whether it will run into the hundreds or the thousands for the voyage depends not only on mundane matters like the size of the cabin chosen, but more expensive built-in costs like insurance from Lloyd's of London and how long it takes for the government to give its approval.

"We are expecting an answer shortly," Coats said. "We know what our deadlines are. They know what their deadlines are." The later they grant the waiver, he added, the more it will cost passengers.

"Once we have had official communication from the State Department ... for us to conduct this pilgrimage," Coats said, "we will then ... call a news conference on how to obtain passage on the pilgrimage."

He added that there are "no red lights anywhere, no red flags" that could derail approval.

In conducting Hurricane Lili relief efforts with Caritas Cuba, "we got a very good dry run" on how to deal with the government with waiver applications, Coats said.

In considering the "pilgrim ship" request, Coats said, "for the first time in 39 years, in one sense, the U.S. government is finding its way to establish criteria on how to do this."

Coats said he has worked with U.S. Catholic Conference and Catholic Relief Services officials on his request.

CRS' Cuba representative, Christopher Gilson, said that with the exception of two waivers granted to fly supplies directly to Cuba in Hurricane Lili relief efforts, CRS has had to route supplies through a third country ever since the Cuban military shot down two Cuban-American planes near Cuban airspace in February 1996.

Its most recent waiver request in April to send supplies directly to Cuba was turned down, Gilson told CNS. As a result, the cost of sending shipments has quadrupled.

Emergency supplies and perishable goods will still be flown to Cuba, he said, but all other supplies are likely to be sent to Canada for transport by ship.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv said the Clinton administration was also considering giving U.S. Catholic officials permission to ship supplies and equipment to Cuban Catholic leaders to help organize the papal visit.

As for pilgrimages to Cuba, "we'll consider their merit on a case-by-case basis," Toiv said.

Under current rules, U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba must obtain a government license to spend money there.

## Belmont Abbey College Maintains Stable Enrollment

BELMONT — Preliminary enrollment figures for the fall semester indicate stable enrollment at Belmont Abbey College, a private, coeducational Catholic liberal arts institution in Belmont, N.C.

The class is approximately equal in size to fall 1996, which was a good year for Belmont Abbey. Approximately 215 new traditional-aged students have enrolled to date, bringing the Abbey's total enrollment to approximately 950.

"This is the size group we were looking for," said Denis Stokes, vice president for enrollment management. "We're on stable ground," he continued. "The size of the class is representative of and in keeping with the school's mission of providing excellence in education while fostering students' philosophical and ethical growth. We are taking our Catholic identity seriously in that we have a greater responsibility to young people."

Belmont Abbey College offers undergraduate and graduate degree and continuing education programs to traditional and non-traditional students.

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## Liturgical Musicians Gather In Georgia

McDONOUGH, Ga. — A gathering for liturgical musicians featuring liturgist, musician and author Dr. Lorenzo Florián is Sept. 12-13 at St. James the Apostle Church, 1000 Decatur Rd. (Hwy. 155N), McDonough, Ga. The schedule includes a multilingual concert by Florián to benefit his evangelical work in Cuba (Sept. 13); music demonstrations, workshops and prayer (Sept. 14). The advance registration fee is \$10 per person, or \$25 for each choir or music group. For details and complete schedule, call Josefina Bush, (770) 477-2075.

## Award Winning Heart



Mr. Robert Gmur, center, receives the Steve Hamel Service Award of Caring Hearts AIDS Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Asheville. Father Morris Boyd, left, and the Rev. Pat Parker, right, Volunteer Coordinator with Western North Carolina AIDS Project, praised Mr. Gmur for his outstanding service to people with AIDS. Mr. Gmur, 87, the oldest member of Caring Hearts AIDS Ministry, was honored during the ministry's annual retreat for his active participation in ministry to people with AIDS. The Steve Hamel Service Award is named for the late Steve Hamel, a founding member of Caring Hearts, who died last March. The award is designated by Caring Hearts to acknowledge distinguished service to people with HIV and AIDS.

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### Study Finds Belief In Afterlife On The Increase

CHICAGO (CNS) — Belief in life after death is growing in the United States, even among people for whom it is not a strong element of religious beliefs. In a paper released in early August at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Toronto, Father Andrew Greeley said 81 percent of Americans believe in an afterlife, compared to 77 percent in the 1970s. The study of the views of 19,000 people between 1973 and 1994 showed significant changes in the number of Catholics and Jews who say they believe in life after death. For instance, in 1977, 74 percent of Catholics and 19 percent of Jews professed such a belief. By 1994, 81 percent of Catholics and 48 percent of Jews accepted the belief. An earlier study found that in 1910, just 65 percent of Catholics believed in an afterlife.

### 'Religion & Ethics Newsweekly' To Debut On PBS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After more than a year of preparation, a weekly half-hour religious news program is set to debut on public television. Anchor and executive editor of "Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly" is Bob Abernethy, who reported on religion and other topics as NBC's Washington correspondent for much of the 1980s and '90s, except for a 1989-94 stint as Moscow correspondent. While "Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly" had been slated for airing as far back as June 1996, the process of starting a show was slow until the Lilly Endowment furnished a \$5 million grant in January to fund 39 programs. The first show will be fed to PBS affiliates Sept. 5.

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## Pope Announces World Youth Day In Rome In 2000

PARIS (CNS) — While nearly a million exhausted but excited young people sweated under a midday Paris sun, Pope John Paul II invited them to start planning for their next international gathering, to be held in Rome in the summer of 2000. As is customary, the pope waited until the end of the Aug. 19-24 World Youth Day celebration to announce where he would next meet the world's young people. Announcing the appointment in Rome at the close of the Paris celebrations, the pope said: "In the course of the great jubilee of 2000 we will live together an experience of spiritual communion which certainly will make a mark on your lives."

## Book Review

*Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul (101 More Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit)* by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery & Nancy Mitchell.

Since the original *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book was published in 1993, over 7,000 stories were submitted for the long-awaited release, *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*. For years the co-authors poured over the incoming stories with the objective of finding the select few that could deepen readers' Christian faith and expand their awareness of how to practice Christian values in their daily life. After careful collecting and editing, they distilled the stories down to the magic number 101, resulting in an inspirational feast for Christians of all denominations.

Included in *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul* are stories from Corrie ten Boom, Charles Colson, Normal Vincent Peale, Dick Van Patten, Richard Lederer and Dick Van Dyke amidst submissions from lesser known yet equally important contributors. Stories are designed to open readers' hearts, enhance their sense of compassion, and inspire feelings of forgiveness. Most outstanding, perhaps, is how these stories will remind readers that they are never alone or without hope, no matter how challenging and painful their circumstances may be.

Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, coauthors of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, are professional speakers who have dedicated their lives to enhancing the personal and professional development of others. They are joined again by the coauthors of *Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul*, Patty Aubery, Vice President of The Canfield Group, and Nancy Mitchell, director of publishing for The Canfield Group.

## Chaplain Gains Insight From Conference

By JIMMY ROSTAR

Staff Writer

CHARLOTTE — Near the door of Chaplain Bill Matevie's office in Mecklenburg County Jail North hangs a poster lettered in black magic marker. Its message is simple, but one Matevie says is vital in a place that houses society's incarcerated.

The message: "Only God is in a position to look down on anyone."

It is a reminder that Matevie, prison ministry coordinator for the Charlotte Diocese and one of three chaplains at the Mecklenburg County Jail's two facilities, has assumed as something of a mission statement. And it is a theme that for him took on new life after attending the annual conference of the American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association (ACCCA), held earlier this month in Orlando, Fla.

"Because of its subject matter and its being such an intense, information-filled conference, I really had my eyes opened to some different ways of looking at things," Matevie says. "What came out of that is we should continue today to lead as a church of inclusion and not exclusion."

The program focused on areas of primary concern in the minds of the 50 chaplains who attended. While those areas involve very different groups of people, all had ministerial outreach in common.

The Rev. Bob Gutleben, executive director of The Covenant Connection in Sebastopol, Calif., explored ministry to sex offenders through spirituality and accepted psychological treatments. The Covenant Connection was founded in 1979 as a ministry to the Sonoma County (Calif.) Jail. Its board of directors has included superior court judges, clergy, business leaders, police officers and therapists.

Sister Anne Dougherty offered a track on ministering to people with HIV/AIDS. The Franciscan Sister of Allegany, N.Y., has worked since 1985 with men, women and children infected with and affected by the virus and disease, and is the founder and director of Francis House, an AIDS care center in Tampa, Fla. She also facilitates workshops around the country on the theme of AIDS and spirituality.



Chaplain Bill Matevie

Included in the program was a tour of the Florida Department of Corrections' Central Florida Reception Center, the first state-supported hospice center for inmates dying of AIDS. Matevie noted the poignancy of that visit, adding that many of the inmates he ministers to are infected with either HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B.

Throughout the five-day conference, which also featured an opportunity to discuss ministering to gays and lesbians, Matevie was reminded of how quick society is to label people. "What really hit me there is that when making decisions on complex issues, it's important to put a face on it," he said. "We can moralize all we want about any of these issues, but when it's our brother or sister or best friend who is involved, we begin to truly understand the compassion of Jesus Christ."

The conference stressed that the same is especially true in a prison setting, where a chaplain comes face to face with convicted murderers, robbers, sex offenders and countless other prisoners every day. "We're all challenged to remember that a person is not a crime any more than an invalid is a disease," Matevie adds. "We must stop putting labels on people. We can always choose not to condemn."

That choice, he feels, can reap tremendous yields for those involved on both sides of the cell bars. "I've found that when an inmate shares with a chaplain," he says, "this becomes not a time for judging, but a time for healing."

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## RAIN Golf Tournament

CHARLOTTE — The annual Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) Golf Tournament is Sept. 29 at Raintree Country Club. Foursomes and individuals are invited to register for 36 holes of golf, food, prizes and more. For more information, call the RAIN office, (704) 372-7246.

## Host Homes Celebration

WINSTON-SALEM — The 10th anniversary celebration of Host Homes, Inc., is Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Benton Convention Center. The keynote speaker is Father George Clements, creator of the "One Church, One Child" adoption program; the "One Church, One Addict" program for recovering addicts; and "One Church, One Inmate" program for the incarcerated. Host Homes, a non-profit agency, provides free counseling, placement and host families for young people in crisis and coordinates "Project Safe Place" whereby local organizations provide safe havens for youth.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 and available by calling (910) 725-4678, or sending a check to Host Homes, 621 W. Second St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

## Order of Hibernians

CHARLOTTE — The Mecklenburg Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a fraternal organization for Catholic men of Irish ancestry, hosts its annual "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" social Sept. 17 at Robin's Pub (2204 Park Rd.) at 7 p.m. Singer-songwriter Billy Mulligan will perform, and information about the order will be available. Call Pat Reilly, (704) 535-7479, or Tim Lawson, (704) 522-9728, for information.

## Separated, Divorced, Remarried Catholics Group

GREENSBORO — The Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics Group meet Sept. 7 for brunch at Applebee's on West Endover. Call Gerry, (910) 856-0390, or Lois (910) 855-8471, for reservations or information about the group.

## Social Services Cajun Dinner

ASHEVILLE — Catholic Social Services hosts a Cajun dinner Sept. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the CSS building. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under. Call (704) 255-0146 for details.

## Ecumenical Retreat

GREENSBORO — Our Lady of Grace, St. Paul the Apostle and St. Pius X Catholic churches are among the 15 churches co-sponsoring Christ's Healing Ministry, an ecumenical retreat, Sept. 26 and 27 at First Lutheran Church. The retreat will focus on prayer, forgiveness and bringing God's healing message to the world. Worship gatherings and small group sharing are included. The advance registration fee is \$5; \$10 if registering at the event. Retreat leader is Barbara Shlemon Ryan, a nurse and author actively involved in healing ministry for more than two decades. To register, call

First Lutheran Church, (910) 292-9125.

## Bereavement Support

CHARLOTTE — The Grief Group meets at St. Gabriel Church Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Anyone who has lost a loved one in death is invited.

The Widow/Widowers Bereavement Group meets at St. Gabriel Church Mondays from 6-7 p.m.

For information call B.J. Dengler, (704) 362-5047, ext. 212.

## Retrouvaille

CHARLOTTE — Retrouvaille, a program for couples who want to improve their troubled marriage, works to build relationships between husbands and wives. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program, but it is open to people of all faiths. For information, call Nick and Irene Fadero, (704) 544-0621, or (800) 470-2230. The program begins Oct. 17.

## Life Chain

GREENSBORO — The annual Life Chain event in Greensboro is Sept. 28 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. along Battleground Avenue. For details or to offer assistance, call Kameron Lowery, (910) 288-9709.

## Adult Study Group

CHARLOTTE — An adult study group focusing on the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the basis of the faith and spirituality meets at St. Vincent de Paul Church every second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the faith formation building. Call Mary Dore, (704) 393-7563, for more information.

## RCIA

CHARLOTTE — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions are Sundays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church. Adults wishing to become Catholic, learn more about the faith, or — for Catholics who have not yet done so — receive the sacrament of confirmation, call Rev. Mr. Keith Kolodziej, (704) 543-7677.

MOORESVILLE — The St. Therese Church program for anyone who lives in south Iredell County who is interested in becoming Catholic meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the church beginning Sept. 4. For information, call the church, (704) 664-3992.

## Annual Fall Festival

DENVER — The Holy Spirit Church Seventh Annual Septemberfest is Sept. 13 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The event features food, crafts and family entertainment including bingo, a petting zoo, horseback rides and games for all ages. Holy Spirit Church is located on Hwy. 16 one mile north of Hwy. 73 in Denver.

## Craft Bazaar

CHARLOTTE — The annual St. John Neumann Church craft bazaar is Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For details, call Colleen Neider, (704) 573-1994.

## Group Rosary

NEWTON — A group rosary is

prayed at St. Joseph Church the first Sunday each month following 10 a.m. Mass.

## Vicariate CRISM Event

GREENSBORO — A Day of Reflection for senior Catholics in the Greensboro Vicariate is Sept. 16 at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 9:30-3 p.m. Events includes Mass, rosary and lunch. Call (910) 294-4696 for details.

## Alzheimer Support Group

CHARLOTTE — The Alzheimer Support Group meets the second Monday each month at St. Gabriel Church. The next meeting is Sept. 15 from 2:30-4 p.m. Suzanne Bach will continue a "Reminiscence Group" activity for people with memory loss. For details, call Bach at (704) 331-1720.

## Spirituality Gathering

CHARLOTTE — An introductory gathering for office workers, teachers and health care workers focusing on spirituality in the workplace is Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Books related to spirituality will be available for purchase. Cost is \$15. For reservations, call (704) 523-5524.

## Eucharistic Adoration

ASHEVILLE — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every first Saturday at St. Joan of Arc Church from 2-4 p.m. in the chapel area. Call (704) 252-3151 for details.

DENVER — Nocturnal Adoration is the first Friday each month at Holy Spirit Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and concludes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with Benediction, followed by first Saturday rosary and Mass. For information, call Jim Kennedy at (704) 732-2673.

GREENSBORO — St. Paul the Apostle Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. every first Friday and ending at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by a prayer service. Call (910) 294-4696 for information.

HICKORY — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the first Friday through the first Saturday each month at St. Aloysius Church. For information, call Jean Marie Hirsch, (704) 495-4339, or Sonja Bjerg, (704) 328-5074.

NEWTON — St. Joseph Church hosts Eucharistic Adoration the first Friday each month following the 12:10 p.m. Mass and lasting until 10 p.m.

## First Saturday Devotions

BELMONT — First Saturday devotions are at Belmont Abbey beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m., confessions at 10:30 and Mass at 11:30. For details, call Terri or Phil, (704) 888-6050.

## Silver And Golden Celebration

CHARLOTTE — Bishop William G. Curlin presides at the 18th Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. All couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 1997

are encouraged to contact your parish office to register for the celebration, which includes Mass and renewal of marriage vows.

## 50+ Club Meets

CHARLOTTE — Dr. Max Greenman of Mecklenburg Eye Associates will speak on problems of the aging eye at the 50+ Club meeting Sept. 10 at St. John Neumann Church. Bring a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be served. Call Joanne, (704) 535-3745, for details.

## Healing Mass

CHARLOTTE — A Mass for healing mind, body and spirit is the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church.

## Engaged Encounter

HICKORY — The next Engaged Encounter is Sept. 5-7 at the Catholic Conference Center. Cost is \$150 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Marlo Wallace, (704) 331-1720.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

HICKORY — The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Sept. 19-21 at the Catholic Conference Center. For more information call Michael or Stacey Holcomb, (704) 844-8181; for reservations call Tom or Emilie Sandin, (910) 274-4424.

## Living Waters Retreats

MAGGIE VALLEY — Help build Living Waters Endowment Fund. Attend a \$100-a-plate dinner at the center Oct. 12. Call (704) 926-3833 for information.

"Drink the Living Water" is a Sept. 24-10 nature retreat directed by Father William Fickel, SSS, and Sister Patricia Froning, OSF, focusing on an active, interactive experience with nature and liturgy in a prayerful, healing atmosphere. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

"Francis Falls In Love" is an Oct. 3-5 retreat directed by Father Lewis Canino, OFM, exploring St. Francis' favorite prayer, "My God, My All." Celebrate his feast day and take part in the "Transitus" (passing over). Cost is \$90, \$160 for couples.

"I Lift Up My Eyes" is an Oct. 13-19 nature retreat directed by Father David Valtierra, CO, and Sister Jeanette Stang, OP, using Psalm 121 to set the tone for a closer relationship with God inspired by the splendor of the brilliance in the autumn leaves. Cost is \$250, \$460 for couples.

To register for these retreats, contact Living Waters Reflection Center, 1420 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751. For information, call (704) 926-3833.

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# World And National News Briefs

## Palestinians Face Crisis Under Israeli Closure, Priest Says

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS) — Bethlehem remained the only Palestinian city still under the closure imposed by Israel three weeks after two suicide bombers killed 14 people in a Jerusalem market. The city's Palestinian residents were enduring conditions nearing "crisis proportions" said Father Emil Salayta, general director of Jerusalem's Latinrite Patriarchate schools. The priest sent an Aug. 20 e-mail letter to a priest of the Arab-American Catholic community in California. "Food and supplies are not being allowed through the very area. The sick cannot move freely to reach doctors and hospitals. Last week a woman gave birth at checkpoint because soldiers would not let her go to a hospital."



Italian pilgrims are stopped by Israeli soldiers from entering Bethlehem as part of security measures following recent terrorism. Israeli government officials allowed them in a short time later.

CNS photo from Reuters

cluded that virtually every convent in the country had at some time sheltered fugitive Jews, mostly women and children.

## Nuns 'Strongly Object' To U.S. Film About Mother Teresa

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — The Missionaries of Charity say they "strongly object" to an "unauthorized" movie on their founder, Mother Teresa, by a U.S. entertainment company. The Missionaries of Charity superior general, Sister Nirmala Joshi, said the movie, "Mother Teresa: In the Name of God's Poor," "is not authorized by Mother Teresa and does not carry her endorsement nor that of the Missionaries of Charity." But a spokeswoman for Hallmark Entertainment, which produced the film, said that prior to filming, the script writer, Dominique Lapierre, had produced documents to Hallmark that he said were signed by Mother Teresa, indicating that she had read the script and approved it.

## Armed Gang Kills Two In Attack On Kenyan Mission

MOMBASA, Kenya (CNS) — Two people were killed and dozens injured when armed men attacked a Catholic mission in Kenya. The group ransacked the Consolata Missionary Sisters compound in the village of Likoni, south of Mombasa, Kenya, Aug. 22. About 3,000 people had taken refuge there from several days of ethnic violence along the country's eastern coast. Officials reported that most of the refugees were women and children.

## U.S. Joining Ottawa Process On Land Mines

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Clinton administration announced Aug. 18 that it will participate in the Ottawa process, a Canadian initiative seeking a

binding treaty by this December banning anti-personnel land mines throughout the world. The White House announcement drew cautious praise from ban advocates. John Carr, U.S. Catholic Conference secretary for social development and world peace, welcomed U.S. engagement in the process but said that decision "must lead to full U.S. commitment to a comprehensive and early ban." The Clinton administration's current policy calls for some major exceptions to a total ban.

## Covenant House Offers Education During School Delay

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Covenant House Washington has jumped into the city's education breach by extending a summer initiative into the first three weeks of the school year, when District of Columbia public schools will remain closed for court-ordered repairs. Even before the Catholic agency's weeklong "Jump Start for Success" began Aug. 18, Covenant House officials announced they would extend the enhancement program to cover the delay, Sept. 2-19. School officials announced Aug. 7 that schools would open, not on Sept. 2 as expected, but on Sept. 22, so repairs to the roofs of some school buildings could be completed.

## Caribbean Churches Urge U.S. To Abandon Cuban Embargo

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CNS) — The Caribbean Conference of Churches has called on the U.S. government to lift its 35-year-old economic embargo on Cuba. The call to end the embargo was the main resolution passed at the conference's Sixth General Assembly in Havana in late July. Jesuit Father Malcolm Rodrigues of Guyana said in a telephone interview that the resolutions were in the hands of the conference's Continuation Committee. "The committee will meet in September to work on these resolutions to make them more 'concrete,'" said the priest, who was recently elected to the committee. He said there were no objections from delegates when resolutions were proposed by the main body or the Resolutions Committee.

## Bishops Call For Financially Self-Sufficient South African Church

PRETORIA, South Africa (CNS) — The church in post-apartheid South Africa needs to become more self-sufficient and to help other countries in greater need, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference has said. The conference also reported it was working with Rwandans to investigate ways the South African church could help with legal procedures for priests and religious implicated or accused in the civil war that started there in 1994.

## Jews To Honor Nuns Who Protected Them During Holocaust

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — When Jewish survivors of the Nazi Holocaust gather in Warsaw in September, the occasion will have special poignancy. The Sept. 8 assembly, organized by former Warsaw Ghetto inmate Benjamin Aniolik, will be the first to bring together "Children of the Cloisters" — Jews saved by Catholic nuns during the Nazi Holocaust. The gathering highlights the role of the nuns who sheltered children during World War II. A 1962 survey con-

## Lebanese Maronite Bishops Urge Government To Listen To People

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Instead of trying to forcefully stop attempts at "insubordination," the Lebanese government should listen to the people's complaints and respond accordingly, said Lebanon's Maronite bishops. The bishops made the statement at their monthly meeting in early August. "The voices raised here and there appealing for insubordination and withholding from paying charges and taxes threaten to undermine the state and dismantle the country," the bishops said in their statement. "Such a situation cannot be dealt with only by suppression and force, but by granting rightful claims ... in an attentive way, free from selfish interests and prejudice, assuring a balanced development in all the areas."

## Lutherans Back Joint Declaration With Catholics On Key Doctrine

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The churchwide assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declared Aug. 19 that Lutherans and Catholics share a common understanding of justification by faith, the central doctrinal issue over which they split nearly 500 years ago. The vote came near the end of one of the most ecumenically significant national meetings in ELCA history.

## Cardinal Predicts Changes In Cuba After Papal Visit

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (CNS) — Pope John Paul II is expected to issue a strong call for the complete lifting of restrictions on religious practice in Cuba during his visit there in January, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York said in mid-August. The cardinal, during a series of wide-ranging interviews and news conference in Argentina, said he believes the U.S. government has taken a keen interest in the Jan. 21-25 papal visit, and that the trip could trigger "a new set of relations" between the United States and Cuba.

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### St. Benedict the Moor

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Vicariate: Winston-Salem

Pastor: **Jesuit Father Lawrence J. Hunt**

Masses: **Sun.: 9:30 a.m.**

Number of parishioners: **287**

Number of households: **128**

WINSTON-SALEM — The parish of St. Benedict the Moor was established in 1940 to serve the spiritual needs of Winston-Salem Catholics. Now one of four Winston-Salem parishes, it has helped shape the Catholic landscape in the Winston-Salem vicariate.

Bishop Eugene McGuinness of Raleigh established St. Benedict the Moor parish in response to the needs of African-American Catholics living in the Winston-Salem area. Placing it under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers, the bishop welcomed Franciscan Father Ronald Scott as founding pastor.

About a dozen local African-American Catholics made up the original parish family. The first Masses were celebrated in the home of a lawyer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Price. Working closely with Father Scott, parishioners began searching for a site on which to build a church. Property for that

church, along with a parish hall and rectory, was purchased in April of 1940 from a bishop of the AME Zion Church. The site is that of the present St. Benedict the Moor church building.

As construction proceeded, the congregation continued gathering for Masses at the Price home — and, in November of 1940, in a local funeral home. Bishop McGuinness dedicated the new church the following year.

Father Scott continued as pastor, and in August of 1943 he welcomed an associate pastor to assist in developing the parish. Parishioners found spiritual and social opportunities in a number of parish groups and organizations, including the Legion of Mary, Third Order of St. Francis, St. Monica's Guild and St. Benedict's Men's Club.

To enhance the educational aspect of the faith, the Sisters of St. Francis of Allegany, N.Y., arrived in Winston-Salem, and in early September of 1946 opened St. Anne Academy. Bishop Joseph Waters of Raleigh dedicated the academy, a convent and a residence for girls later that month.

In September of 1950, the Sisters of St. Francis helped found a parish grammar school with 116 students in its first year. In addition to educational and spiritual nourishment, the school also rendered championship basketball teams through the 1950s, '60s and '70s. The school continued operating until 1979.

St. Benedict parish assumed responsibility for its first mission, Our Lady of Fatima chapel in downtown Winston-Salem, in 1969. The following year, the Catholic community to the east in Kernersville became a mission and continued as such until 1973. Catholics to the north in King were also ministered to by St. Benedict the Moor clergy. That

community, now known as Good Shepherd Church, remains a mission of St. Benedict, while Our Lady of Fatima chapel is a mission of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem. The Kernersville congregation was given parish status in 1973, when Holy Cross parish was founded.

St. Benedict the Moor parish observed its 50th anniversary in November of 1990 with a Mass presided over by Bishop John F. Donoghue. Among the concelebrants were Jesuit Father Lawrence Hunt, pastor; and Father Frank O'Rourke and Father Thomas Gaunt, former pastors.

Parish formation continues during the pastorate of Father Hunt, who has served at St. Benedict Church since July 1990. Parishioners continue to be involved in such organizations as St. Monica's Guild, the Men's Club, the altar servers group, the youth group, the religious education program, the choir and a variety of commissions.

The parish also places a priority on community involvement. Local groups and efforts such as the Crisis Control ministry, the Red Cross Donor program and the Samaritan Soup Kitchen have benefited from St. Benedict parishioner support. The church building is host to Lions Club, Narcotics Anonymous, and Community Watch meetings.

Ecumenically, St. Benedict parish is active in co-sponsoring a summer day camp with a Presbyterian and an Episcopal church, as well as a Bible School sponsored by six local churches.

As pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Church in Winston-Salem and Good Shepherd Church in King, Father Hunt serves in ministry to hundreds of Catholics in Forsyth and Stokes counties.



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